



**CATHOLIC PARISH OF HEALESVILLE, INCORPORATING HEALESVILLE (ST BRIGID'S),  
YARRA GLEN (ST ALOYSIUS) & MARYSVILLE (OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS)**

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**31<sup>st</sup> July 2022  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Year C)**

**Entrance Antiphon**

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading: (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!  
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17)**

**R. In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.**

You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To Your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night.

**In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades.

**In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is Your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants.

**In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.**

In the morning, fill us with Your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.

**In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.**

**Second Reading: (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and He is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with Him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: He is everything and He is in everything.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation: (Matthew 5:3)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

**Gospel: (Luke 12:13-21)**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Communion Antiphon: (Wis 16:20)**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Thanksgiving**

**St Brigid's Healesville**

**17<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Thanksgiving: \$496.75  
Presbytery: \$217.30

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Thanksgiving: \$441.90  
Presbytery: \$196.65  
Special Collection: \$223.15

**St Aloysius Yarra Glen**

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Thanksgiving: \$26.00  
Presbytery: \$27.00  
Special Collection: \$100.00

**If you would like to make a donation:**

**Running expenses of the Church**

St Brigid's Church Account  
BSB: 083-347 Account: 65080 2080  
Ref: Surname or Thanksgiving Number

**For Fr Francis' living expenses**

St Patrick's Presbytery Account  
BSB: 083-347 Account: 63931 5513

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Sick:** Babies Emmett, Noah Glen Christie, Tedi and Santi; Roman, Blake Smith, John Snell, Peter Munro, Megan, Bernie Jansen, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Glen, Fred Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Annie, Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, James, Mitchell Wilson, Veronica Ireland, Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, John Wray, Lynn Doensen, Elsa Gianforte, Fiona M, Louise Jansen, Carol & Noel Biddisombe

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN JULY**

Ann Maris (03.07.07), Julie Ann Ward (03.07.86), Nick Pitt (03.07.13), Margaret Brown (06.07.07), John Jansen (06.07.04), Ulick O'Boyle (07.07.11), Stenya Laszczewski (11.07.15), Jan Kisala (15.07.07), George Youngberry (18.07.67), Derek Beeby (18.07.11), Keith Chandler (20.07.13), Ronald Hosie (23.07.06), Theresa Humphries (25.07.11), Bernie Morrisey (26.07.00), Terry Fromholtz (28.07.12), Rev McCarter (30.07.96), Kevin Leahy, Jackie De Koning

**St Brigid's Working Bee and BBQ**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 10:00am-3:00pm - Save the date!

Come along if you can help with any of the following:

- Cleaning
- Gardening
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Cooking the BBQ

**Attention: parishioners at St Brigid's Church –** Please avoid driving on the grass behind the church. It's very boggy (causing unsightly damage to the lawn) but also slippery and therefore dangerous to drive on!

## New Principal for St Brigid's

Many would be aware that Vicky Wissell, the former principal of St Brigid's Primary School, Healesville. Vicky has been on sick leave following a cancer diagnosis in 2021. Earlier this year she resigned as her health declined. We continue to remember Vicky in our prayers.

We're very grateful to Julie Cooke for stepping up the role of acting Principal. Ultimately, however, the school requires a new principal and so a process is now underway to . MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools) is the new body that oversees the process for selecting new principals. The Eastern Region representative of MACS John Corkill has consulted extensively with both parents and staff and has put together a consultative committee consisting of representatives from the parish, the school's Parents and Friends Association, the School Advisory Board, a principal of another Catholic Primary School and myself. We are now well underway in the process of drafting criteria that will serve as the basis for interviewing applicants. With the current schedule, interviews should be underway by the end of August.

## Saint of the Week – St John Vianney, the 'Curé of Ars'



**Name:** John Baptiste Marie Vianney

**Born:** 8 May 1786; Dardilly, France

**Died:** 4 August 1859; Ars-sur-Formans, France

**Feast Day:** 4<sup>th</sup> August

**Patron Saint of:** Parish priests; confessors.

There are countless extraordinary saints in Church history who were priests, yet St John Vianney is uniquely venerated as the patron saint of priests. It is only when one looks into the circumstances of his seminary formation and eventual ordination that one understands how miraculous this is. Vianney's seminary superiors regarded him as a pious, well-intentioned but thoroughly unpromising candidate for ordination. His academic struggles saw him ejected from the seminary, yet a kindly priest-mentor oversaw his rather irregular process of formation in a parish. None could have guessed that Vianney would

one day be revered as a living saint, and eventually upheld as the patron and model of the diocesan priesthood. The difficulties he faced in getting ordained prepared him for his priestly mission, especially his attainment of the virtue of humility.

He was assigned as the *Curé* to the small, provincial town of Ars. The parish was in a state of total disrepair, and virtually no one came to Mass. He set about putting things in order, and was immediately met with hostility and opposition from those who preferred the *status quo*, especially the local publicans. A petition was circulated demanding Vianney's removal from the parish, which he discovered and actually signed in agreement, since he considered himself a most unworthy priest. In spite of many difficulties, with heroic self-sacrifice, charity, perseverance (and much prayer and penance) he began to win over the townsfolk and restore order and piety to the town. In time they came to realise that their priest was in truth a living saint, who demanded holiness of them because he loved them as his spiritual children.

Before long the spiritual fruits of this saint began to manifest themselves. His sermons, though plain in style, could pierce the most hardened hearts. The miracles attributed to Saint John Vianney within his own life time could fill volumes, yet one gift emerged above all: the ability to read souls which he used to direct souls back to the path of salvation. One might say that the greatest miracles worked by John Vianney occurred in his confessional. Crowds in the tens of thousands began flocking to Ars, most with the sole purpose of going to confession to him. Vianney would hear confessions for up to 18 hours per day. Such were the queues, that Pilgrims to Ars could expect to have to wait up to a week to have their confessions heard. It was worth the wait though, and most left Ars changed for life, deeply affected by their encounter with this man of God.

The paradox of his life is that to the end, John Vianney considered himself a failure. Humility is the foundation of the spiritual life, and the root of all the virtues. The heroic sanctity of John Vianney flowed from his humility and culminated in his indefatigable pastoral charity. His love for the priesthood sprung from his understanding of the sacrificial character of Christ's own Priesthood. Vianney preached: "*O, how great is the priest! ... If he realized what he is, he would die... God obeys him: he utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host...After God, the priest is everything! ... Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is.*"

Although broken and limited in so many ways, Christ uses his priests as his chosen instruments to lead souls to heaven. May St John Vianney inspire in us a deep love for the priesthood of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Sacrament of Confession.

St John Marie Vianney, pray for us!

#### Welcoming our new parish secretary, Stephanie Johnson!

Sad as we are to say farewell to Sharon Jacob, we can now welcome Stephanie Johnson as the new parish secretary for Lilydale and Healesville parishes. We're especially grateful for the training provided by Sharon in the past few weeks allowing for a more seamless transition. Big shoes to fill but I'm sure Stephanie is up to the task!

A reminder that the new office hours are:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00am-2:00pm at Lilydale. Feel free to drop by, introduce yourself and offer Steph a warm welcome!

5 Minutes with Stephanie

**What are you looking forward to most working in Lilydale and Healesville parishes?** *I'm most looking forward to meeting the lovely parishioners, and hopefully being helpful to Fr Denton and the parishes.*

**Do you have any hobbies/special interests?** *Reading, movies, and spending as much time at the beach as I can!*

**What would be your dream travel destination?** *I have been to a few places already, but I would love to visit Ireland.*

**What is your favourite movie?** *Too many favourites to list! I would at least have to mention The Lord of the Rings & The Shawshank Redemption.*

**Who is your favourite saint?** *Like movies, I have many favourite saints. But to try to narrow it down somewhat...St Joseph, St Peter, St Joan of Arc, Padre Pio and St Maximilian Kolbe.*

#### HICCI News from Rod

Hello everyone, I will be retiring from the HICCI committee at this year's AGM. I am hoping that someone in the St Brigid's Parish community may be interested in nominating as our parish rep on the HICCI Committee of Management. Please contact me on 0409 523 031, or at church, if you would consider it. It really is a great honour to serve our community in this way.

God bless you all  
Rod Hysted

HICCI - Your  
Faith in Action



#### June 2022 Closeup

- Emergency Relief provided 381 occurrences, including 131 food hampers and 14 new clients
- Social Transport provided transport for 52 individuals, 110 individual trips and travelled 4351kms
- Dinner at Darron's served an average of 60 meals per week

An example of one of our volunteer's going way and beyond expectations. An elderly client needed transport to the airport. Her son had paid for a Business Class flight for her to travel to visit him after not having seen each other for over five years. The client had never flown before and was extremely anxious about the trip!

HICCI arranged one of our Volunteer Drivers and partner to take the client to the airport. The Driver parked out the front and the partner accompanied the client with baggage to check in and go to the Business Lounge in a wheelchair. Way and beyond our expectations!

The Healesville Football Netball Club facilitated a food drive for HICCI as part of their ethos to care and respect. There was an overwhelming amount of food items donated! Sending a heartfelt thank you to all concerned.

#### Register to be a volunteer

E: [www.hicci.org.au/contact](http://www.hicci.org.au/contact)

P: 59116000

#### St Brigid's Parish Hall for Hire



A reminder that St Brigid's Hall is available for hire for community groups or private functions.

It's a great, versatile space with access to industrial kitchen.

Very reasonable rates: \$30 per hour or \$250 per day.

Make your enquiries via the Parish office.

#### Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding

[Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au)

