



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

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**7th August 2022
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)**

Mass/Sacrament Times for the coming week:

Saturday 6th August – 19th Sunday OT
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 7th August – 19th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Monday 8th August – Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop
7:00pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Tuesday 9th August – Memorial of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale, followed by Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition until 10:30am (Italian Prayer Group)

Wednesday 10th August – Feast of St Lawrence
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale, followed by Rosary and Exposition until 10:30am (Rosary Group)

Thursday 11th August – Memorial of St Clare
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville

Friday 12th August – Ferial of 19th Week of Ordinary Time
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 13th August – 20th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 14th August – 20th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
- (First Holy Communions)
10:30pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:30pm Baptisms at St Brigid's, Healesville

For details relating to **Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick**, please contact the parish office.

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 AUGUST

John McDonald (03.08.93), Patricia Newell (06.08.07), John Youngberry (07.08.79), Barbara Pollard (11.08.09), Andrew Sotko (14.08.07), Fr Loughnan (15.08.02), Bernadette Hanley (18.08.09), Mary Thomas (19.08.07), Douglas Ireland (21.08.79), Zandor Hunka (22.08.06), Alison Snell (25.08.02), Maria Slawinski (25.08.82), Gerald Slattery, Derek Beeby, Tilly Blackburn, Thea Humphries, Maggie Lloyd-Smith, Margaret Pomeroy (23.08.19), Rosemary Fries (10.08), Albert Slawinski, Maureen Fogarty, Bob Barclay.

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!

Entrance Antiphon

Look to Your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend Your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

First Reading (Wisdom 18:6-9)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had
put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people, the saving
of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by
the same act with which you took vengeance on our
foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice
in secret and this divine pact they struck with one
accord: that the saints would share the same blessings
and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to
chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22)

R. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people He has chosen as His own.

R. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.*

The Lord looks on those who revere Him,
on those who hope in His love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.*

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in You.

R. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.*

Second Reading (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope
for, or prove the existence of the realities that at
present remain unseen. It was for faith that our
ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set
out for a country that was the inheritance given to
him and his descendants, and that he set out without
knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as
a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as
if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who
were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived
there in tents while he looked forward to a city
founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being
past the age, was made able to conceive, because she
believed that He who had made the promise would
be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one
man, and one who was already as good as dead
himself, more descendants than could be counted, as
many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on
the seashore.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Matthew 24:42, 44)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 12:32-48)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to His disciples: 'There is no need to be
afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to
give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves
purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail
you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no
moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will
your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your
lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to
return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door
as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those
servants whom the master finds awake when he
comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron,
sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in
the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy
those servants if he finds them ready. You may be
quite sure of this, that if the householder had known
at what hour the burglar would come, he would not
have let anyone break through the wall of his house.
You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is
coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or
for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of
steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the
master to place him over his household to give them
their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy
that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this

employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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

Communion Antiphon: (Ps 147:12, 14)
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

St Brigid's Healesville

31st August 2022

Thanksgiving: \$466.05

Presbytery: \$279.40

1st Collection is for Presbytery – *Orange envelope* – Fr Francis, plus priests & retired priests of the Archdiocese living expenses.

2nd Collection is Thanksgiving – *Green envelope* – Running expenses of the Church

If you would like to make a donation:

St Patrick's Presbytery Account

BSB: 083-347 Account: 63931 5513

St Brigid's Church Account

BSB: 083-347 Account: 65080 2080

Ref: Surname or Thanksgiving Number

St Brigid's Working Bee and BBQ

Saturday 20th 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

Care Group Notices

The next Care Group meeting will be held on Thursday 11th of August, 10am to 12pm, in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Care Group Friendship Lunch Report: Last Thursday parishioners and friends were welcomed by St. Brigid's Care Group, and Fr. Francis, to a lovely lunch of soups, sandwiches and endless cups of tea with a variety of cakes and slices. Everyone enjoyed a chat and catch-up with old friends. Lucky door prizes were handed out, completing a great afternoon. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped. It was wonderful to see old friends reuniting and chatting about old times and new.

Raffle: The Care Group have a raffle for a crocheted knee rug, bottles of wine, and a travel rug. Beautiful prizes with tickets on sale after all St Brigid's Masses; \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. Raffle will be drawn in September. Please support our Angel's Purse raffle.

Many thanks, Joy (on behalf of Care Group)

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week

7 - 14 August 2022

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Saint of the Week: St Mary of the Cross



Name: Mary Helen Mackillop

Born: 15th January 1842; Melbourne

Died: 8th August 1909; Sydney

Feast Day: 8th August

Patron Saint of: Australia

Although better known by her baptismal name Mary MacKillop, this saint is referred to in the sacramentary by her professed religious name: “Mary of the Cross”. That ‘Mary of the Cross’ took this name is an insight into her spirituality, and a name that turned out to be biographically prophetic. The entire life of Mary MacKillop was characterised by the mystery of the Cross. Her upbringing was difficult on account of the instability of her father, Alexander MacKillop, who had a gift for bankruptcy that caused Mary from the age of sixteen to become the primary bread-winner for her family. From a very young age she acquired a strong sense of responsibility starting with her immediately family, and extending over the years to the wider needs of the community.

Mary’s inspiration to found a new religious order of teaching nuns was in direct response to a pressing need. Catholics had few opportunities to receive a Catholic education. The Victorian Government has a particular long history of anti-Catholic policy-making. In 1872 it issued the Stephens Act which clearly announced its intention to steam-roll any chance of Catholic education. The author of this act declared: *“In a couple of generations, through the missionary influence of the State schools, a new body of State doctrine and theology will grow up, and the cultured and intellectual Victorians of the future will directly worship in common at the shrines of one neutral-tinted deity, sanctioned by the State department.”*

One judge described the Stephens Act as “an endeavour to crush Catholicism under the heel of Authority.” The Catholics of the colonial era were accustomed to prejudice and discrimination, but they were not about to roll over and let the faith be wiped out through a State-directed *Kulturkampf*. Mary Mackillop was one of the champions who rose to the occasion, ready to roll up her sleeves and

set about establishing schools for those that the State considered unworthy of educating. Throughout her entire life Mary MacKillop fought tooth and nail to ensure that they *never* received a cent of government money. This may seem strange to modern-day Catholics who are used to fighting *for* government funding. Mary understood with prophetic insight that the moment the government starts funding Catholic schools is the moment that Catholics lose autonomy over the curriculum. Mary would later come to blows with the bishop of Brisbane who tried to force the sisters to accept government money. One wonders what St Mary of the Cross would make of the state of Catholic education in Australia today?

It’s hard to summarise the life of Mary because her enterprises were so vast over so many states and in so many domains: establishing convents, schools, orphanages, women’s refuges, to say nothing of the countless individuals she helped and counselled. There was the stress of constant debt, and anxiety of her ever-expanding apostolate, and the suffering caused by having to deal with unstable, envious and malicious personalities, including nuns, priests and bishops. When one considers everything that Mary undertook, not least the physical demands of trekking from one side of the country to another over the most inhospitable of terrain, it would be heroic for someone with full health to accomplish. Throughout her life Mary was plagued with chronic illness, in particular, debilitating migraines. Everything she undertook sapped her of what little energy she had. She was regularly bed-ridden for days or weeks at a time. Toward the end of her life she suffered from a stroke that left her confined to a wheelchair.

In spite of the trials Mary of the Cross faced on a daily basis, when we examine her life we see an astonishing serenity. Mary could see God’s holy Will being accomplished in everything that unfolded, good or bad. May we have the spirit of long-suffering patience to bear the crosses God sends us, trusting always in His holy Will and providential care.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps", Monday 22nd August, 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See Billings LIFE website (<https://www.billings.life/en/>) or Facebook page (<https://www.billings.life/en/>) for details/registration.

Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au

