



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

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**14th August 2022
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)**

Mass/Sacrament Times for this week:

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
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:30pm Baptisms at St Brigid's, Healesville

Monday 15th August – Solemnity of the Assumption
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
12:00pm School Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
7:00pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Tuesday 16th August – Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary
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 17th August – Ferial 20th Week OT
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 18th August – Votive Mass for Our Lady of the
Snows
9:15am Mass at Our Lady of the Snows, Marysville

Friday 19th August – Memorial of St John Eudes
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 20th August – 21st Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 21st August – 21st Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
- (First Holy Communions)
10:30pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
5:00pm Mass at St Aloysius, Yarra Glen

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Noel Biddiscombe

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
Biddiscombe

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE
IN AUGUST**

John McDonald, Patricia Newell, John Youngberry,
Barbara Pollard, Andrew Sotko, Fr Loughnan,
Bernadette Hanley, Mary Thomas, Douglas Ireland,
Zandor Hunka, Alison Snell, Maria Slawinski,
Gerald Slattery, Derek Beeby, Tilly Blackburn, Thea
Humphries, Maggie Lloyd-Smith, Margaret
Pomeroy, Rosemary Fries, Albert Slawinski,
Maureen Fogarty, Bob Barclay.

First Eucharists this weekend

Children from St Brigid's Primary School will be
celebrating their First Eucharists at Sunday Mass this
weekend. May they be continually nourished by our
Eucharistic Lord.

Baptisms

We welcome Nora Catherine Wolff who will be
baptised at St. Brigid's this weekend.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of Your anointed one;
one day within Your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 39:2-4, 18)

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay!

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:1-4)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (John 10:27)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 12:49-53)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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

Communion Antiphon: (Ps 130:7)

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

Safeguarding children news

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

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au



WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Due to flooding of our Parish Office, last week's Thanksgiving was unable to be counted. Next weekend's bulletin will note the two previous weekend's collections. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend 13/14

August

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Care Group Updates

Care Group 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.

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.

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

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

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

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.

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!

Solemnity of the Assumption

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)



Monday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of a small handful of ‘holy days of obligation’, outside of Sundays. Given the low practice rate in Australia it is worthwhile refreshing ourselves on what is meant by a ‘holy day of obligation.’

Firstly, some background. The common sense of the word ‘holiday’ derives historically from those ‘Holy Days’ set aside in the Church’s calendar. In Christian nations these religious feast days were protected by the civil authorities as days of religious observance and therefore no one was permitted to work. This freed up Christians to be able to observe these religious feasts and, specifically, enabled them to be able to take the time to participate in the Church’s liturgical celebrations. Bear in mind that many of the more ancient forms of the liturgy would go for two or three hours, as we see, for example, in the Byzantine Liturgy even to this day. It’s a curious irony that for many the word ‘holiday’ seems to imply being free from any obligation, including those religious obligations binding upon the faithful. As a bare minimum, observing these ‘holy days of obligation’ means (practically speaking) that the Church expects the faithful to attend Mass on these days. Indeed, the perennial teaching of the Church insists that the “obligation” is so grave that to miss even one such day (without due cause) would be a mortal sin.

The Church ranks her feast days according to a hierarchy of importance. First-class feasts, which today are called “Solemnities”, have the highest rank. The Church’s liturgy for these solemnities is the fullest and most embellished as a way of emphasising the importance of the occasion. Below this were second-class feasts (today, simply called “Feasts”), followed by third-class feasts (“Memorials”) and fourth class feasts (“Optional Memorials”). Most Solemnities in the past used to be holy days of obligation. The 1917 Code of Canon Law listed 10 holy days of obligation that were not Sundays. The

revised 1983 Code of Canon Law granted to national episcopal conferences the right to adjust which solemnities would be observed as Holy Days of obligation. Rather predictably, one by one, the National Bishops Conferences struck off the list many of the feasts formerly observed as holy days of obligation. The viciously pruned list of the Australian Bishops Conference left only two survivors: Christmas Day and the Assumption of Mary. Almost no other country in the world has such a reductive list of Holy Days of Obligation. As a point of comparison Austria still has nine holy days of obligation: Feast of the Mother of God, Epiphany, Ascension, Corpus Christi, Assumption, Corpus Christi, All Saints, Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

Every Sunday is automatically a Solemnity (ie. a first class feast) because it is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The Sunday observance by going to Mass on either the Sunday or the Vigil (i.e. on the Saturday night) fulfils the third precept of the Ten commandments (“keep holy the Lord’s Day”). Contrary to popular opinion it is still the teaching of the Catholic Church that every Catholic is expected to attend Mass on every Sunday. The obvious caveat is for those who are unable to attend due to grave reasons (sickness, care of a dependant, immobility, etc.). It’s extraordinary how few Catholics seem to realise this. They assume that Mass attendance is an optional extra, or that children’s sport exempts one from the obligation. The Book of Exodus does *not* say “Keep holy the Sabbath...unless your child is playing footy!”

The obligation to attend Mass is not simply a rule in a book; rather it proceeds from the demands of the love of God. We should want to come to Mass on these holy days to give glory and honour to God and His saints.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need*

Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home.

Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world?

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/construction