



**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 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

Monday 22nd August – No Mass

Tuesday 23rd August – Memorial of St Rose of Lima
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 24th August – Feast of St Bartholomew
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 25th August – Memorial of St Louis
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville

Friday 26th August – Ferial 21st 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

Saturday 27th August – 22nd Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 28th August – 22nd Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

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 (Isaiah 66:18-21)

A reading from the Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness My glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of Me or seen My glory. They will proclaim My glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to My holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 116)

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim Him all you peoples!

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Strong is His love for us;
He is faithful for ever.

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12 :5-7, 11-13)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when He reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that He loves and He punishes all those that He acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (John 14:6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 13:22-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making His way to Jerusalem. Someone said to Him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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.

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.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

St Brigid's Healesville

7th August 2022

Thanksgiving: \$359.00

Presbytery: \$213.10

24th July 2022

Thanksgiving: \$294.30

Presbytery: \$235.35

Special Collection: \$209.75

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 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.

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!

40 Days for Life

From 28th September to 6th November you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil – location and other information, including how to sign up at this website: www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne. If you'd like more information please speak to Shobha Thomas, Parish Secretary. To make a donation: 40 Days for Life

Why Relics?

On Sundays and other solemnities you may have noticed the addition of two reliquaries placed on the altar at St Patrick's Lilydale. The two new reliquaries house first-class relics (ie. small fragments of bone) of two very popular saints that have long been the patrimony of the parish: St Francis of Assisi and Pope St Pius X. Since this Sunday happens to be the feast of St Pius X, I thought it valuable to explain the ancient Christian custom of venerating relics (a custom common to all the ancient apostolic Churches, Catholic and Orthodox).

The Church makes the distinction between three different classes of relics. First class relics are those bodily remains of a particular saint, usually a tiny fragment of bone or perhaps a lock of hair. Second class relics are those objects owned or perhaps worn by a particular saint. These are understandably more plentiful. Third class relics are objects that were either touched or blessed by a saint during their life time, or come into contact with first class relics. I have, for example, blessed rosary beads that were given to me by Pope John Paul II in 2002, who was canonised in 2014. So, technically these rosary beads are relics.

Why does the Church venerate relics? Although the practice of "keeping bits of dead people"(!) might sound macabre or outright bizarre there is a more natural explanation. When we lose someone very near and dear to us it's quite natural to want to hang onto a few items that remind us especially of them. It's also not uncommon for mothers to keep a lock of their child's hair from when they were a baby. These personal 'souvenirs' are treasured because they remind us of the person.

The second reason the Church venerates relics is that 2000 years of history testify to the occasional miraculous effect of intercessory prayer involving relics. When miraculous healings are being examined for the cause of canonisation of a particular saint, the postulator will often look to see if relics were involved, as a proof that it was actually through the intercession of 'that' particular saint.

It's important to remember that relics are not 'lucky charms', nor should we imagine them as possessing a magical power. We treat relics with honour and respect because they are a sacramental reminder of the presence of the saint. All miracles have God as their origin, although God can choose to perform miracles through the intercessory mediation of his saints. When we pray before or receive a blessing with relics of the saints, this clearly helps focus on the intercessory power of the saint. If there is a miracle worked, one can more clearly attribute the miracle to the intercession of the particular saint.

How does the Church venerate relics? In every altar there are relics of saints. The relics are mortared into a small cavity in an altar stone, which is inserted into the altar. Traditionally the relic for an altar would have to be those of a martyr/s (those who have died for the faith) but more recently the relics of any canonised saint can be placed in the altar. You may have noticed that at the very beginning and very end of Mass the priest goes up to the altar and

kisses it. Technically he is venerating the relics in the altar stone that is placed in the altar. Until 1970 the action was accompanied by a prayer (said quietly by the priest) that I still like to say: "*By these relics that are here and those of all the saints...*"

I recently heard a humorous but truthful anecdote about St Pius of Pietrelcina, better known to the Catholic world as 'Padre Pio.' Padre Pio was a stigmatist and one of the greatest saints of the 20th century whose miracles, even during his life, could fill volumes. On one occasion Padre Pio was being thronged by the crowds and one opportunistic admirer began tugging the poor unsuspecting friar's hair. Padre Pio, clearly irritated by the assault, cried out, 'what are you doing?' The assailant replied, "I was trying to get a relic." Padre Pio immediately quipped: "*Go, make your own!*" Of course, Padre Pio was right – it's not enough to want to *collect* saints: we should all be striving to *be* saints! That said, relics act as small physical reminders of the saints, who walked this same earth but are now with God in heaven to intercede for us.



RCIA 2022-2023

Is God real? Why do I exist? Did Jesus intend to establish the Catholic Church? What are the sacraments and what difference do they make? These are just

some of the questions many people are wrestling with in the search for meaning...and which we will endeavour to answer.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a forum for enquiry and exploring the core beliefs of Christianity with a view to Baptism/reception into the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith please contact the parish office to enrol now. Classes directed by Fr Francis Denton. All are welcome!

Who: Anyone 18+ who is curious to find out more about Catholicism

When: Wednesdays at 7:00pm (October 5th 2022-April 5th 2023)

Where: Moira Tanks Room, St Patrick's Community Centre, Lilydale

Cost: None

Contact: Parish office – 9739 5977 or email Healesville@cam.org.au

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.

Saint of the Week – Pope St Pius X



Name: Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto (Pope Pius X)

Born: 2nd June 1835; Riese, Kingdom of Lombardy-Venezia

Died: 20th August 1914; Rome, Italy

Feast Day: 21st August

Patron Saint of: First Communicants, catechists.

Giuseppe Sarto was the second eldest of ten children in a poorer working-class family; His father

was the village postman. Giuseppe's parents sacrificed to ensure their children were educated. Giuseppe would walk 6km to school each day, but not before he had served early Mass. His clothes were shabby and often he would walk without his shoes to make them last longer. Despite the hardship of his circumstances, Giuseppe was a very bright student, and being drawn to the priesthood, attained a scholarship to study at the seminary in Padua.

Giuseppe was ordained a diocesan priest in 1858. In each of his parish assignments he was quickly revered for his personal holiness and pastoral effectiveness. He personally instructed the children of his parish in their sacramental preparation and taught the catechism to ensure they knew the Faith. During an outbreak of Cholera in the 1870's Fr Sarto won the admiration of his flock by the care he showed to the sick. He was appointed rector of the Treviso Seminary, and in 1884 was appointed bishop of Mantua where he manifested his gift for reform, particularly reform of the clergy. Ten years later Pope Leo XIII appointed him Cardinal Patriarch of Venice.

When, to his horror, Giuseppe Sarto was elected Pope in 1903, he took the name Pius X explaining, "As I shall suffer, I shall take the name of those Popes who also suffered." His papal motto, *Instaurare Omnia in Christo*, "to restore all things in Christ" would be descriptive of his entire pastoral programme. The political and social turmoil of the 19th Century had left the Papacy and the Church weakened and disoriented. An even more serious internal problem which Pius X confronted was the spread of theological liberalism in the Church. His Encyclical *Pascendi Domini Gregis* (1907) condemned what he termed "Modernism" in no uncertain terms, denouncing it as "the synthesis of all heresies." With prophetic insight he understood that if the theological foundations of Church doctrine were corrupted the whole edifice of the Church would be imperilled. It was a pastoral obligation to preserve the purity of Catholic doctrine free of distortion or novelty. Pius X oversaw major reforms and consolidation of Canon Law and sought to restore the liturgy, by favouring Gregorian chant over modern compositions (a theme which would be taken up in the Second Vatican Council and, subsequently, completely ignored). He promulgated a Catechism noted for its brevity and clarity of teaching. He died on 20th August 1914, three weeks after the outbreak of World War 1.

When in 1944 Pius X's body was exhumed as part of the beatification process, he was found to be incorrupt.

It's a strange fact that throughout the history of the Church relatively few popes have been canonised as saints. Many popes have been ordinary, and more than a few have been downright scoundrels. When one examines the life of Pope Pius X one sees all the hallmarks of heroic virtue and personal sanctity. Pius X was an outstanding pastor of souls and an exemplar of the three-fold priestly office to teach, to govern and to sanctify. He was impervious to the temptation to favouritism or cronyism that corrupts many who attain to high office. St Pius X never forgot his humble origins, yet he always fulfilled his office as Pope with serene dignity, practical wisdom and fatherly warmth. Few popes, before or since, have better modelled the pastoral role of the Successor of Peter to "to restore all things in Christ".

St Pius X, pray for us!

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

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Lifeboat Geelong Foundation is seeking any unused vehicles that can be donated. Please contact Fr Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

Safeguarding children news

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

