



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

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**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)**

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

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
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Monday 29th August – No Mass

Tuesday 30th August – Ferial 22nd 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,
Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition until 10:30am (Italian
Prayer Group)

Wednesday 31st August – Ferial 22nd 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 1st September – Ferial 22nd Week OT

9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
6:00pm Confirmations at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Friday 2nd September – Ferial 22nd 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
9:45-10:30am – First Friday Adoration and Benediction,
Lilydale

Saturday 3rd September – 23rd Sunday OT

10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 4th September – 23rd Sunday OT

8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 86:3, 5)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading (Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67:4-7, 10-11)

R. God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to His name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at His presence.

R. God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in His holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
He leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

R. God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when Your people were starved You gave them new life.
It was there that Your people found a home,
prepared in Your goodness, O God, for the poor.

R. God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God Himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 11:29)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take My yoke upon you;
learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched Him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because He had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then He said to His host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

Communion Antiphon (Ps 31:19):

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that You keep for those who fear You.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

Sick: Mia, 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.

Care Group Raffle

Please support the Care Group fundraiser for the 'Angel's Purse'.

Prizes include: 1 home-made crocheted rug; 2 wine gift parcels; 3 travel blankets; 4 Murphy's gift vouchers worth \$50 each.

Ticket pricing: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Tickets on sale after each Mass until the raffle is drawn.

Raffle will be drawn mid-September.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

The Healesville collections for the previous two weekends will be noted in next week's newsletter.

Please note – the collections are counted fortnightly, therefore will be available for the bulletin every second week.

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

40 Days for Life

Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September to 6th November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit our website:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

To make a donation: 40 Days for Life Melbourne;
BSB: 063 167 ACC: 11053337

Please also consider attending a fundraiser screening of "Unplanned" on Monday 5th September at 7pm. Bookings close 7pm August 29th! Booking details can be found at the above website

Parish Updates

Having passed the half way point of the year, things are in full swing (in marked contrast to where we were this time last year!). For the previous two weeks St Brigid's Primary School had their grade three students make their First Holy Communion. Confirmations are now lined up for both St Patrick's Primary School (1st September) and St Brigid's Primary School (9th September). The parish Bingo afternoon was a great success – thanks to the Social Committee for organising this. The next social event is a parish picnic at the Rhododendron Gardens, Olinda, on Thursday 22nd September from 10am – all are welcome. On Sunday 11th September Fr Vito Pegolo SC will be offering Italian Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Grace at 1:30pm, followed by afternoon tea in the Community Centre.

At St Brigid's Primary School, Healesville, a process directed by MACS (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools incorporated) is underway to find a new principal. I am part of a specially formed consultative committee of six representatives, which has been meeting regularly to assist in this process. Please pray that the Lord can send us the right person to lead our school, as this is a very important part of the parish mission in Healesville. Our continued gratitude to Acting Principal, Julie Cooke, for her leadership. We also continue praying for former principal, Vicky Wissell, in her battle with cancer.

On the practical front, a number of works and upgrades are underway. The flooding of the office means the parish office has been relocated to the front of the presbytery. Hopefully in a couple of weeks we will have the downstairs office fully restored and operational. A new picket fence is being installed along the front of St Patrick's, which will help 'finish off' the presbytery and give a degree of privacy. The two entrance pergolas will remain open and inviting. The two weeping mulberries have been cleared since they were beginning to obstruct the pathways – the berries also left quite a mess on the path. This will open the way for some new landscaping to keep the church grounds looking picturesque. Into the future we are looking at upgrading the facilities in the Community Centre, notably the failing sound system. A number of dead trees around the Community centre will be cleared, which will hopefully alleviate our turf war with the local possums!

The Healesville working bee scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled due to the miserable weather. We will now have the working bee on Saturday 3rd September from 11:00am-3:00pm, which will include a BBQ lunch and bonfire. Many hands make light work so hopefully we can jointly make a big difference! The focus is to rejuvenate the Healesville presbytery to make it more marketable as a rental property. A carpenter will be coming to replace a number of rotting timbers around the house. If you have any trade skills and some spare time please make yourself known! Finally, a big thank you to Ziggy Michalski who voluntarily re-laid the brick fencing at the front of St Brigid's Church.

A huge thanks to all our volunteers who, in so many capacities, keep our parishes running so smoothly – God bless you!

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

St Brigid's Parish Hall for Hire

A reminder that the St Brigid's Hall is available for hire: for community groups and/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.

Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

An evening hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for young women to discover more about the religious life, and an opportunity to meet Mother Anna Grace on her first visit to Australia.

The night will provide opportunities for the sharing of vocation stories, large and small group questions and time for prayer together before the Blessed Sacrament. The event will also include the viewing of 'For Love Alone', the story of women religious giving their lives for Christ, by Grassroots Films.

On Tuesday 6 September 6:00pm-8:00pm at JP II House, 169 Grattan Street, Carlton VIC

For more information, please visit the facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/4nkkgfQZQ>

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: Please consider leaving an eternal legacy by remembering *Aid to the Church in Need* in your will. This gift will ensure that the light of faith continues to shine brightly throughout the world and that persecuted, and suffering Christians will be cared for and given a voice. When you leave a gift in your will to ACN you can also rest assured that ACN will arrange Masses for the eternal repose of your soul. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/legacies

Saint of the Week – St Margaret Clitherow



Name: Margaret Clitherow (*née* Middleton)
Born: 1556, York, England.
Died: 25th March 1586; York, England.
Feast Day: 25th March; 30th August (England)
Patron Saint of: Businesswomen, converts, Catholic Women's League.

Margaret Middleton was born during the brief five-year reign of the Catholic Queen Mary I. The reprieve of English Catholics following the persecution under Henry VIII and Edward VI was short lived.

When Queen Elizabeth I succeeded her half-sister, Mary, in 1558 the Church of England was sufficiently well-established institutionally and culturally that there was a significant proportion of the population with no memory of pre-Reformation Catholic England.

Margaret was raised in a respectable middleclass Anglican family; her father was the Sheriff of York. At the age of 15 Margaret married a well-to-do butcher, John Clitherow, and together they had three children. In 1574, at the age of 18, Margaret converted to Catholicism, impressed by the willingness of priests, particularly the Jesuit missionaries, to suffer persecution and death for the sake of preserving the faith in England. Their clandestine mission was completely outlawed and captured priests were sentenced to death by being hanged, drawn and quartered. Although her husband, John, never converted to Catholicism he was sympathetic to the Catholic cause and moreover had a brother who was a Catholic priest.

John was content to pay his wife's crippling recusancy fines (the government's fine for the 'crime' of not attending Church of England Sunday services). Beginning in 1577, Margaret was imprisoned on three occasions for her 'recusancy'. Her third son, William, was in fact born while she was in prison. As heroic as this was, even more daring was her willingness to shelter priests. She had her own home fitted out with a 'priest hole' (an ingeniously concealed compartment in the house) into which the priests could hide in the event of a police search. These raids were sudden and exhaustive – sometimes lasting for days in a single home. Margaret also rented a separate lodging for the use of priests.

An Act of parliament in 1584 made the harbouring of priests a capital offence. Margaret was resolute in her determination to help priests, knowing that without such places of safety the entire mission would collapse. Her eldest son was sent to Reims to study for the priesthood, furthering the suspicions of the authorities. In March 1586 the Clitherow home was searched and an empty priest hole discovered. Even so, Margaret was charged and sentenced to death for harbouring priests. At her trial she refused to enter a plea, stating "I know of no offense whereof I should confess myself guilty. Having made no

offense, I need no trial." This plea automatically sentenced her to death but it meant her husband and children avoided having to testify (and likely be tortured in the process) in a trial by jury. Margaret was in fact pregnant with her fourth child.

The timing and manner of her execution (the infamous penalty of *peine forte et dure*) caused a sensation. Margaret was blindfolded, stripped naked and made to lie with her back upon a sharp rock about the size of a fist. Her own front door was removed and placed upon her, and then slowly piled up with weights, until she was crushed to death. The execution day was 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, which that particular year also happened to be Good Friday. The two sergeants assigned to oversee the execution were so appalled that they paid four desperate beggars to carry out the ugly deed, whereby Margaret and her unborn child were killed before a crowd of horrified spectators.

St Margaret is an outstanding example of heroic fortitude and self-sacrifice. Aptly nicknamed the "Pearl of York" on account of the lustre of her flawless character, Margaret Clitherow herself renounced everything for the sake of 'the pearl of great price', namely her faith in Jesus Christ.

St Margaret Clitherow, pray for us!

National Intercessions for Australia – 'Rosary to the Shores'

All are invited to gather to pray the Rosary and the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy, or other prayers, in unity with other communities, for Australia on Saturday, 3 September at 2-4 pm at Port Melbourne Beach near Station Pier [Melway 57 A4] or Edithvale Beach, Sinclair Ave., Edithvale [Melway 92 K9]. You are welcome to bring pictures of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Divine Mercy picture, or St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It is a special opportunity for us to intercede for our nation on the Feast of St Gregory the Great and be witnesses of faith to many walkers who may also be present there. If you are unable to join us at the beach, please unite in prayer from wherever you may be at the time. Praying on the coast has been initiated by Poland and followed by Britain and Ireland with great support. Our nation needs many prayers and we appreciate your support. Please refer to our webpage at www.auiip.org.au or email us at auiip@tpg.com.au. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them." (Matt 18:20)

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

