



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

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18th September 2022
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 17th September – 25th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 18th September – 25th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
5:00pm Mass at St Aloysius', Yarra Glen

Monday 19th September – No Mass

Tuesday 20th September – Memorial of St Andrew Kim
Taegon & the Korean Martyrs
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Wednesday 21st September – Feast of St Matthew
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Thursday 22nd September – Ferial 25th Week OT
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville

Friday 23rd September – Memorial of St Pious of Pietrelcina
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 24th September – 26th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 25th September – 26th 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

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading (Amos 8:4-7)

A reading from the Prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 112:1-2, 4-8)

R. Praise the Lord Who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
R. Praise the Lord Who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens His glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to His throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?
R. Praise the Lord Who lifts up the poor.

From the dust He lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap He raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of His people.
R. Praise the Lord Who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: He wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, Himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed

Himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 16:10-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to His disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

Communion Antiphon (Ps 119:4-5):

You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Please note – the Parish office will be closed on Friday, 23rd of September, for the Grand Final Public Holiday.

HICCI would like to extend a warm welcome to our 33rd Annual General Meeting at 2.00pm Sunday 25th September 2022. The event will be held at St. John's Anglican Church, followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP by 18th September 2022 via 5911 6000 or hicci@hicci.org.au

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

Care Group Raffle

The raffle will be drawn this Sunday (18th)! Results will appear in next week's newsletter. *A big thank you to all who supported us & purchased tickets. Good Luck!!*

Prizes: 1st Place - home-made crocheted rug; 2nd - Wine gift parcel; 3rd - Travel Rug; 4th - Murphy's \$50 gift voucher.

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

Safeguarding children news

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

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Tilly Vanderzee & Dolly Maher
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 September

Patricia Carey, Michael Scowen, Bernard Jansen, Frieddy Lasozewski, Moyra Donchi, Bruce Jarvis (14.09.11), Dorothy Amarant, Michael O'Dwyer, Les Humphries, Greta Dame, Betty Ireland, Henriette Sallay, Justin Perry, Sr Mary Fran Coburn, Peter Barnett, Laurie Fromholtz, John Duffy, Clare Lyons, Ashley Warton, Bill Howie

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

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.



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

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

www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne. **Come along to the Kick-off & Rally on 28th September** with pro-life speakers. Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr. Clarendon Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Public Rosary Procession

Saturday, 15th October, 10:30am, starting at the RSL in Monbulk. An Our Lady of Fatima statue will be carried – feel free to bring along flowers. A bite to eat will be had before the procession begins – please bring a plate to share. Enquiries – please call Don 9756 6946

March for the Babies 2022 will be held Saturday 8th October.

Come to show your support for the unborn. We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30pm and walking to Parliament House at 1:00pm. Come and help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn. Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue.

ANIMA EDUCATION is running *"The Greatest Story Ever Told: An Introduction to Scripture"* course for 5 consecutive Monday nights, 7-9pm, from September 19th to October 17th. This course will be run via zoom and is Presented by David Shutz & Natasha Petrakos. Cost is \$95. For more information, visit <http://animanetwork.org/anima-education/an-introduction-to-scripture/>

Catholic Influencer's Podcast – hosted by Fr Rob Galea, Alyssa Agius & Justine Cumbo, who study the weekly readings and break them down into lay man's terms, showing you how they are relevant to our life today. Whether you've been Catholic all your life, you're new to the faith, or outside of the faith, there is something for everyone! Available weekly, on all podcast platforms.

On **10 October 2022** (10-11:30am AEDT) the **ACU Centre for Liturgy** will host Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled **"Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?"** Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation. For more information and to register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend – 22-23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie. Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au for more information.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco - Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region – We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Celebrate Mary MacKillop's life and legacy with a commemorative prayer book that inspires us all to flourish with Mary's heart

MARY MACKILLOP today

Order your FREE copy of "Flourish with Mary's heart" today! Call 02 8912 2763 or scan the QR code.

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).

Saint of the Week – St Pius of Pietrelcina



Name: Francesco Forgione
(name in religious profession:
Pius)

Born: 25th May 1887;
Pietrelcina, Province of
Benevento (Italy)

Died: 23rd September 1968;
San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

Feast Day: 21st August

Patron Saint of: First
Communicants, catechists.

Although canonised as St Pius
of Pietrelcina, this most
beloved saint of the 20th

Century will probably forever be better known to the world as ‘Padre Pio’ (“Father Pius”). Francesco Forgione (his name at birth) was born into a poor but deeply pious family in Pietrelcina. Throughout his childhood and continuing into adulthood Francesco was plagued with ill-health. Even so, from the age of five Francesco had decided that he would consecrate his life to God. With the minimal education of three years in a state-run school, Francesco’s dream of becoming a Capuchin Friar required more study. His father travelled to the United States to help pay for Francesco’s private tuition, and at the age of fifteen he was able to enter the Capuchin novitiate. Upon making vows he was professed ‘Br Pio.’ Throughout his priestly formation Br Pio had bouts of debilitating ill-health that at one point prompted his return to Pietrelcina.

In spite of these set-backs Br Pio was ordained a priest in 1910, and finally appointed to the Capuchin Friary at San Giovanni Rotondo, where he would remain for the rest of his life. Padre Pio’s reputation for holiness at San Giovanni Rotondo grew, alongside reports of supernatural phenomena including ecstasies, levitation, bilocation and a growing stream of miraculous cures. But the phenomenon that was to bring him both enduring fame and his greatest suffering was his receiving the same stigmata (the five wounds of Christ) in his hands, feet and side that his spiritual father, St Francis of Assisi, had received some 700 years earlier. In a private letter Padre Pio wrote to his Spiritual Director Fr Benedetto of this experience which occurred on 20th September 1918:

On the morning of the 20th of last month, in the choir, after I had celebrated Mass I yielded to a drowsiness similar to a sweet sleep. [...] I saw before me a mysterious person similar to the one I had seen on the evening of 5 August. The only difference was that his hands and feet and side were dripping blood. This sight terrified me and what I felt at that moment is indescribable. I thought I should have died if the Lord had not intervened and strengthened my heart which was about to burst out of my chest. The vision disappeared and I became aware that my hands, feet and side were dripping blood. Imagine the agony I experienced and continue to experience almost every day. The heart wound bleeds continually, especially from Thursday evening until Saturday. Dear Father, I am dying of pain because of the wounds and the resulting embarrassment I feel deep in my soul.

Once the word got out Padre Pio became a local sensation drawing huge crowds of both the devout and the curious. The notoriety of the stigmata attracted the suspicion of the Vatican officials charged with investigating the matter, who placed Padre Pio under a virtual house arrest. The ‘gift’ of the stigmata was a profoundly personal sign of Pio’s union with Christ and its manifestation was also a matter of deep embarrassment to him. Consequently, Padre Pio’s reluctance to being ‘scrutinised’

by Vatican bureaucrats provoked their hostility and scepticism. Between 1920-1922 he was unable to celebrate public Mass or any sacraments, unable to reply to letters, to bless people, or to leave the Friary. This he accepted as his share in the cross.

The miraculous nature of Padre Pio’s stigmata is supported by multiple factors. 1) the wounds remained unchanged, being both open and unhealed for the duration of forty years, bleeding continuously; 2) the wounds never became infected or necrotic, but rather emitted a sweet fragrance of violets; 3) At his death all five wounds completely healed, without any trace of scar tissue (in spite of the sores being visibly open for forty years and having been examined by scores of doctors during his life).

The miracles attributed to Padre Pio are beyond counting and almost beyond belief were it not for the testimony of those who experienced them first hand, such as Gemma di Giorgio who was born blind (actually without pupils) yet had her sight given to her through Padre Pio’s intercession, *without the restoration of her pupils(!)*, making her vision medically inexplicable. Padre Pio also attained fame as a confessor, particularly for his charism of reading souls. He could be severe if he sensed insincerity or impenitence on the part of the penitent, and was even known to throw them out of the confessional without absolution on such occasions! He was, however, very tender-hearted and compassionate towards the suffering. He established a hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo called the *Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza* (House for the Relief of Suffering), which today is among the largest and best-regarded hospitals in Italy.

Padre Pio died in 1968 at the age of 81; His requiem Mass was attended by over 100,000 people. On 2nd September this year a new movie on the life of Padre Pio will be released, showing that the popularity of this extraordinary saint has in no way diminished in our own times.

St Pius of Pietrelcina, pray for us!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrTdSHc0Swc>

PALMS AUSTRALIA

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities.

Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who has engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th.**

[Palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/](https://www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/)

SACRED HEART GIRLS’ COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Sacred Heart Girls’ College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.