



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

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2nd October 2022
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME (Year C)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 1st October – 27th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 2nd October – 27th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Monday 3rd October – No Mass

Tuesday 4th October – Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30-9:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Wednesday 5th October – Memorial of St Foustina
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30-9:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Thursday 6th October – Memorial of St Bruno
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville

Friday 7th October – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30-9:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – First Friday Adoration and Benediction, Lilydale

Saturday 8th October – 28th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 9th October – 28th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am 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.

Entrance Antiphon

Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist Your will.
For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
You are the Lord of all.

First Reading (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while You will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in Your ear
and You will not save?
Why do You set injustice before me,
why do You look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
 'Write the vision down,
 inscribe it on tablets
 to be easily read,
 since this vision is for its own time only:
 eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
 if it comes slowly, wait,
 for come it will, without fail.
 See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
 but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9)

R. If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

R. If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for He is our God and we
the people who belong to His pasture,
the flock that is led by His hand. R.

R. If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to His voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put Me to the test;
when they tried Me, though they saw My work.' R.

R. If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being His prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (1 Peter 1:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 17:5-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "

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

Communion Antiphon (Lam 3:25):

The Lord is good to those who hope in Him,
to the soul that seeks Him.

Parishioners Beware: Parish Email Phishing Scam

It's come to my attention that there have been a number of parishioners emailed as part of a 'phishing' scam. Somehow the scammers have managed to find the personal emails of parishioners and have specifically written the email in my name, under a fake email address such as

"churchcare624@gmail.com". The message reads:

"Hello! Are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting in a few minutes, no calls so kindly respond back via mail.

Fr Francis Denton"

It then prompts you to help organise gift cards...and you can guess from there where it leads. This is not the first nor will it be the last of such cyber-crime. In a world where personal data has become its own currency (being bought and sold without your knowing) the methods of on-line fraud are becoming increasingly sophisticated, so please be aware.

Please note that neither I nor any Catholic priest would ever contact parishioners via any digital medium requesting payment for anything. If you receive any such emails delete, do not respond and do not click on any links.

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, 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 October

Michael O'Meara, Vincent Jones, Barbara Smythe, William Howie, Andre Smith, Florence Walker, Sarah Field, Ella Morley, Ronald Stevens, Robbie Ireland Jnr, Angelina Pretto (Mioni), Shirley O'Meara, Christopher Perry, Jacinta Chandler, Sam Galletti, Betty Ireland, Enid Jarrett, Frank O'Halloran, Filippo Mingerulli, Francesca Bellucci, Anne Ashdown

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

4th September:

St. Brigid's:
Presbytery \$ 244.80
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 601.50

11th September:

St. Brigid's:
Presbytery \$ 249.60
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 529.90
Father's Day Appeal Collection \$ 312.50

15th September:

Our Lady of the Snows:
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 87.00

18th September:

St. Brigid's:
Presbytery \$ 122.30
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 2,445.05
St. Aloysius:
Presbytery \$ 351.00
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 355.00

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.

CARE GROUP – The next Care Group meeting will be held on Friday 7th of October, 10am to 12pm, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Please contact Maree for any information 0417 087 199.



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

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.

40 Days for Life - Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. We will keep 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 hours and for more info visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

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

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.

Safeguarding children news

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

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au



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>.

125th Anniversary of Consecration – St Patrick's Cathedral

As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's –

Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral,

commencing at 1pm. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the *Mary Glowrey Museum*.

Veterans of the armed services who are former members of the

Young Christian Workers (YCW) movement in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are entitled to financial benefits under a patriotic fund established by the YCW in 1949. The fund includes coverage of former YCW members who were in the armed services in the 1960s and early 1970s. If you are, or know of, a Veteran who was involved in the YCW, or you know of a Veteran who may have been involved in the YCW, please contact Brian Lawrence at brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au

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

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** 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/

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, Berkeley CA, 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.

Saint of the Week – St Francis of Assisi



Name: Giovanni ('Francesco') di Pietro di Bernadone
Born: 1181/2; Assisi, Umbria
Died: 3rd October 1226, Assisi, Umbria
Feast Day: 4th October
Patron Saint of: Franciscan Order, animals, ecology, merchants.

There is quite possibly no other saint in the history of Christianity whose life has inspired such a vast body of literature and art as St Francis of Assisi. His short but remarkable life is a mix of history and legend that is at times impossible to disentangle. Born Giovanni di Bernadone, his father was a cloth merchant, whose business travels to France influenced Giovanni to such a degree that he was given the nickname 'little Frenchman' or 'Francesco' in the local Italian dialect. In his youth, Francesco was a true romantic, enchanted by the troubadours whose songs espoused the ideals of chivalry and courtly love. The success of his father's business as a cloth merchant enabled Francesco to dress well and live a rather indulgent youth. His involvement in a war with the neighbouring city of Perugia saw him captured and imprisoned for about a year. His dreams of knightly honour dashed, he was released and returned to Assisi. Having lost his former *joie de vivre* Francesco became almost sullen and introspective as he reassessed his entire life's ambitions. In one encounter with a leper he succeeded in over-coming his repulsion and in bestowing a kiss of brotherly affection. It marked a significant reordering of his life's priorities, and the first inkling of his ability to fall in love with 'Lady Poverty.' By now he was living a life of radical prayer, fasting, and penance. Francis began begging for alms to the horror of his parents who severed ties with him, following an incident where he sold some of his father's cloth to provide alms for poor beggars. It was at the neglected church of San Damiano, just outside Assisi, that Francis distinctly heard the voice of Christ from the Cross: "Go, Francis, rebuild my church which as you see is falling into ruin." Francis took this quite literally and set about rebuilding the dilapidated building stone by stone. In time, as more and more followers flocked to him to imitate his life of radical evangelical poverty and charity, he understood the fuller sense of those words.

Francis was always a devoutly loyal son of the Church. When it became clear that he was unwittingly the founder of a new religious

movement, his first instinct was to go to Rome to seek the approval and blessing of the Pope. The night before meeting Francis, Pope Honorius III had had a strange dream of a poor beggar holding up a church on the brink of collapse. Upon seeing Francis the Pope immediately recognised him as the figure he had seen in his dream, and received the 'poverello' graciously. In due course Honorius III gave his approval for the Order of Friars Minor, known popularly as the Franciscans. The order spread like wildfire across the European continent shaping the course of Christianity for the next eight centuries like few other movements in Church history.

In 1224, two years before his death, St Francis received the stigmata in an ecstasy while on retreat on the remote mountain of La Verna, a sign of his perfect configuration to Christ Crucified. He died on 3rd October 1226 at the age of about 44. He was immediately venerated as a saint by the faithful, and formally canonised less than two years later. St Francis is a reminder that the greatest reformers of the Church are never revolutionaries or angry and well-funded lobbyists, but always saints, who begin not by wanting to change everybody else, but by seeking to change their own lives. St Francis lived the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience with an assiduousness and passion rarely rivalled, because he knew and experienced the love of Jesus Christ.

The feeble, two-dimensional Franco Zeffirelli caricature of St Francis as a medieval, environmentalist hippy skipping through the fields, entirely misses the depth and complexity of his character. Francis was a living exemplar of the paradox of the Christian Gospel, holding together in tension apparent opposites. He was carefree yet deeply serious; he was unconventional and yet thoroughly orthodox; He appeared to have no clear plan for his life, yet none sought to live more strictly according to the rule of the Gospel; He was coarse and dirty in appearance, yet flawlessly refined in character; he had a profound love for the beauty of creation; yet he was utterly detached from material possessions; he was a deeply introspective mystic, yet drew thousands to himself with his warm, charismatic personality; he was a rigorous ascetic, and yet the most passionate of lovers; his life was marked by the radiant joy of a troubadour, yet also the suffering of a stigmatist; he renounced the world and actively sought the lowest place, yet ended up among the most popular figures in human history. In his perfect conformity to Christ he became one of the most brilliantly original saints of all time.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for us!