



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

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**25th September 2022
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)**

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 24th September – 26th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, 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

Monday 26th September – No Mass

Tuesday 27th September – Memorial of St Vincent de Paul
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 (Italian)

Wednesday 28th September – St Wenceslaus
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
9:45am – Rosary (no exposition)
11:00 Rosary and Requiem Mass for Mary 'Dolly' Maher (St Patrick's)

Thursday 29th September – Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
11:00 Requiem Mass for Tilly Vanderzee (St Brigid's)

Friday 30th September – Memorial of St Jerome
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

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
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

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

Entrance Antiphon

All that You have done to us, O Lord,
You have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against You
and not obeyed Your commandments.
But give glory to Your Name
and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

First Reading (Amos 6:1, 4-7)

A reading from the Prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:
"Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145:6-10)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord Who keeps faith for ever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is He who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, Who sets prisoners free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord Who gives sight to the blind,
Who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord Who loves the just,
the Lord, Who protects the stranger.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and

spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, Who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the Blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Who alone is immortal, Whose home is in inaccessible light, Whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to Him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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: 19-31)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

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

Communion Antiphon (Ps 119:49-50):

Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

CARE GROUP RAFFLE – the Winners were drawn on Sunday 18th, as follows:

1st prize (Crocheted blanket) – Carol Brudenall (ticket Blue D61); 2nd prize (3 x Soumah wines) – Tracey (ticket Blue B63); 3rd prize (Picnic rug) – C Bowker (ticket Blue B11); 4th prize (\$50 Murphy's voucher) – Sandy (ticket Orange F80); 5th prize (\$55 Bluegum Metalworks voucher) – Vicky Sam (ticket Orange F91).

The total of funds raised was \$896. Many thanks to all those who participated and to those who sold tickets!

Funeral Notice

With regret, Mrs Tilly Vanderzee has passed away this week. Mrs Vanderzee's Requiem Mass will be held at St Brigid's, Healesville on Thursday the 29th of September, 2022, at 11:00am.

Refreshments will follow in the hall. The Care group are catering and would be grateful for donations of cakes/ slices, or help with the hall clean-up. Contact: Maree 0417087199.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May Tilly rest in peace.

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 Laszozewski, 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 weekends will be noted in next week's newsletter.

Please note – the collections are counted sporadically, therefore will be available as soon as possible.

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.

Some reflections on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

On Monday I watched the live-coverage of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. So did an estimated 4 billion other humans. This is remarkable for a number of reasons and flies in the face of all the standard dictates of our culture as to what it is that appeals to 'modern society'. If popular culture is any gauge, then we are supposed to be drawn to the brash, glitzy, trashy, vulgar and secular: think Big Brother, Masked Singer, Love Island and all the other mindless garbage that floods our screens. Yet this funeral which held the attention of the whole world was the antithesis of popular culture: it was ordered, dignified, stately, cultured, deeply respectful of tradition, and profoundly and unashamedly Christian. In other words, it was all the things the funeral of a Christian Monarch ought to be. Far from being denounced as boring or anachronistic everyone was glued to their screens, utterly enchanted and moved by the occasion, the beauty of its pageantry, the grace of its choreography, the dignity of the music, and the ordered serenity of the mourners all united in a common purpose. It was not only a moment of evident national pride for the UK, it also served as a reminder of what true leadership looks like – namely, the capacity to unite disparate people to a common vision and purpose. That the people of England loved their Queen is beyond all doubt.

In a culture like the West where humans seem to be incentivised to act more like debased, wild animals than humans endowed with reason, the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II was a refreshing reprieve from the cultural sludge of the Yahoos, reminding us of the long-forgotten values from another seemingly distant age: values such as compassion, gratitude, the beauty of order, respect for tradition and the honour of duty. If there was a common theme to all the commentary of the past two weeks it has been an acknowledgement of Queen Elizabeth's tireless service to her country.

Given that the cultural Marxists who dominate all our institutions are forever fomenting intersectional resentment between one class of people and another, one might have expected a digital up-rising against the Queen. One can imagine the rhetoric: "down with the monarchy and the rest of the *ancient regime* who are perpetuating the systemic injustice of our society, and delaying the creation of our utopian state of social egalitarianism!". When one looks at the life of Queen Elizabeth II it would be hard to imagine a more privileged and entitled life than that of a monarch who inherits an entire Kingdom simply on the basis of birth. Elizabeth is the antithesis of the Trotskyite socialist comrade. Yet far from being the object of hatred and resentment, Queen Elizabeth was loved, esteemed and respected by people of every social strata in a manner that virtually no democratically elected head of state is, in the UK or anywhere. It's a curious paradox of modernity that never has there been so little trust or respect for the elected political caste and so much love for the Monarchy, on a global scale.

It's worth posing the question: why is this? What is the secret to Elizabeth's popularity?

That answer lies in the Queen's understanding of the principle of *noblesse oblige*. Put simply: Elizabeth understood that with great privilege comes great responsibility. For the entire duration of her seventy-year reign, Queen Elizabeth understood and fulfilled unstintingly the duties of her office, with grace and dignity. She understood that the Crown was much greater than herself, and therefore to be lived out as a life of service. Impressive as they are, the crown jewels and the ceremonial robes of state are not worn for pleasure, but to remind those who wear them of the weight of the office they carry. As Christ taught his disciples, true leadership *is* service. The corrupted institutions of the West, especially in education and academia, reject this premise. They cling to the Marxist

doctrine that leadership exists for power: 'Dominate or be dominated' they argue. They have fomented a toxic culture of entitlement, one that is completely severed from duty. The civil rights activist types will scream about their rights, yet they have no sense of their responsibilities. We are taught to think "what am I owed?" rather than "what are my duties?" forming a mindset that is all 'take' and no 'give'. The result is the necrotic decay of society we see all around us: the collapse of morals, the decline in faith practice and vocations, the breakdown of marriages and family life, the shrinking of volunteer-based services, the escalation in civic violence, a decaying work-ethic, widespread financial malfeasance, political corruption, and the rest. The cause of the civilisational collapse can be summed up in one word: selfishness.

Against this, is the example of a Sovereign Queen who by respecting the great dignity of her Office, became an exceptional model of statesmanship, integrity and service. She knew how to reign as Queen because she learnt from the King of Kings:

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matt 20:25-28)

Queen Elizabeth II – Requiescat in pace.



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.

Safeguarding children news

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

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au



Saints of the Week - St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



Name: Archangel Michael
Patron Saint of: Soldiers; Police
Name: Archangel Gabriel
Patron Saint of: Messengers; Postal workers
Name: Archangel Raphael
Patron Saint of: Travellers; the blind
Feast Day: 29th September

"I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels, who present the prayers of the saints, and who go in and out before the glory of the Holy One." (Tobit 12:15)

The communion of saints who adore God in heaven, include not only human beings but also angels (see for example Revelation 5:11). Although God can enable angels to be seen by humans in what appears to be a bodily form, angels are pure spirit with no material substance. Although in art and popular culture we imagine them as being beautiful, winged humans, in reality angels have no 'form' at all. Given this fact the nature and existence of angels remains mostly shrouded in mystery. What we know of angels comes predominantly through revelation. The references to angels in both the Old and New Testaments is so vast as to be impossible to summarise here. Most of the angels who appear in scripture have no recorded name. There are three notable exceptions: the three archangels Michael (Rev 12:7; Jude 1:9), Gabriel (Daniel 8:15-26; Luke 1:11-38) and Raphael (Tobit 3:17-12:15). They are called 'arch'-angels because they are ranked among the seven 'chief' or 'principal' angels. As angelic beings, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are without chronology, lineage, or (indeed!) relics.

Each of their names is a clue to their role in the Divine Economy. The name Michael is derived from the Hebrew *Mikha-el* meaning 'Who-is-like-God?' His name is a rhetorical question (since no-one is equal to God) and a rebuff to the hubristic diabolical narcissism of Satan who sought to make himself God's equal. St Michael is usually represented as an angel dressed in a soldier's armour subjugating Satan, on account of the description in Revelation 12. Gabriel's name (*Gavri-el*) means 'God-is-my-strength'. He is most prominent in Luke's Gospel appearing firstly to Zechariah in the temple before appearing to Mary to announce that she is to be the Mother of God. The name Raphael (*Rafa-el*) means 'Healing-of-God'. Raphael appears as the heaven-sent guide to Tobias in the Old Testament Book of Tobit where he brings God's healing to Tobias' father, Tobit, who has been blinded. Thus, we observe that each of these Archangels find his mission and purpose in glorifying and serving God. This is true of all the saints and for each of us: we find our truest purpose and identity in 'losing' ourselves and seeking to glorify and serve God first. The lesson is all the more important for a culture that is perpetually fixated on the 'self' – and consequently completely miserable and depressed.

In the old liturgical calendar Michael, Raphael and Gabriel each had their own feast day. In the revised 1970 calendar, Pope Paul VI lumped all three into what was previously the Feast of St Michael on 29th September (known as *Michaelmas*). Three days later the Church celebrates the feast of the Guardian Angels on 2nd October. The texts of the Sacred liturgy frequently remind us of the presence and intercession of angels (eg. they are mentioned in the 'Confiteor' of the penitential Rite, in all the Prefaces, and the First Eucharistic prayer). May the feast of these holy archangels inspire us to more actively seek out the intercession of the angels.

Below is Pope Leo XIII's well-known prayer to St Michael, seeking his protection:

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who roam the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Holy archangels, Saints Michael, Raphael and Gabriel: pray for us!

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. **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

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.

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.

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>.

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).