



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

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4th September 2022

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

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

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

Monday 5th August – No Mass

Tuesday 6th August – Ferial 23rd 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 7th August – Ferial 23rd 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 8th September – Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
6:00pm Confirmations at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Friday 9th September – Memorial of Saint Peter Claver
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 10th September – 24th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession available, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 11th September – 24th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 119[118]:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First Reading (Wisdom 9:13-18)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for Your intention, who could have learnt it, had You not
granted Wisdom
and sent Your Holy Spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases You,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17)

R. In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To Your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.
R. In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.
R. In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is Your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.
R. In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

In the morning, fill us with Your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.
R. In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Second Reading (Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a
prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of
mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I
mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I
could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep
him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help

me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Ps 118:135)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 14:25-33)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on His way and He turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to Me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be My disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be My disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

Communion Antiphon (Ps 42:1-2):

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for You, My God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

Father's Day Appeal – September 4th

Wishing all the Father's in our Parish a very **Happy Father's Day!** This weekend we will also have a third collection for the Father's Day Appeal to aid the Priests Retirement Foundation.

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.

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 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

21st August:

St. Brigid's:

Presbytery \$ 561.10
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 406.20

St. Aloysius:

Presbytery \$ 130.10
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 142.00

28th August:

St. Brigid's:

Presbytery \$ 168.00
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 586.50

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

Safeguarding children news

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



In Praise of Courage

Last Thursday the students from St Patrick's Primary School celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Les Tomlinson, and next Friday it will be St Brigid's Healesville's turn. Among the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit is the gift of Fortitude (also called courage), which is also listed among the four cardinal virtues. The Catechism explains the virtue of fortitude thus:

"Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defence of a just cause." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n.1808)

There is in the world (and moreover in the Church) a chronic shortage of fortitude. We find ourselves so susceptible to peer pressure and the weight of public opinion, exacerbated by social media and the now familiar phenomenon of 'cancel culture'. We tend to want to 'fit in' at all costs, and avoid anything that might expose us to criticism. It takes great fortitude to be able to resist public pressure and persevere in doing what is right; living up to the demands of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and defending the principles at stake. Jesus himself was no push-over. He comforted the afflicted, but he equally afflicted the comfortable, and knew how to provoke a crowd to the point of murderous intent. He insisted on certain principles that shocked even his disciples. Jesus never acted like a politician seeking to win the crowd by telling them what they wanted to hear. He spoke the truth and insisted upon it, even if it meant rejection. Jesus was the personal instantiation of the virtue of courage, by doing what is right, not what is popular.

In the last few weeks Mount Lilydale Secondary College found itself in the news over a truly ridiculous incident. One of the students had made a short film that contradicted basic Christian sexual ethics by promoting homosexual acts. The College made the decision not to include the film as part of the students Year 12 exhibition. It was a prudential judgment that up until a few years ago would not have been remotely controversial. The Fairfax media's coverage of this, and the ensuing pile-on, sought to bully and shame the school into reversing its decision. This is now the legacy media's standard *modus operandi*, functioning as a lobby group to advance the cultural Marxist juggernaut of Anti-Christian leftism. The leadership of the College under the Principal, Mr Philip Morison, is to be commended for their courage under fire. We are so accustomed to organisations and corporations kowtowing to the mob, that it is encouraging to see that they have stood their ground, demonstrating fortitude's "firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good."

Cancel culture is a cancer in society. It takes advantage of our society's cultivated superficiality (where labels and insults have replaced evidence-based arguments from reason) and our culture's hyper-emotional impulsivity.

We no longer think, collect information, ruminate, assess and then act; instead we just *feel* and act impulsively. Social media fuels and rewards this tendency to erupt with rage. The force of our feelings offers us the false assurance of infallibility in our judgements. Cancel culture is the modern equivalent of the lynch mob. It has the effect of shutting down healthy debate, degrading public discourse to a screaming match, and fostering lockstep conformity to the opinion of the loudest (and best-funded) voices in the media. Cancel-culture promotes moral cowardice and timidity - the opposite of the Christian virtue of courage.

The sometimes-thorny truths of Jesus Christ cannot be watered-down or ignored to accommodate those who have openly rejected them. We must propose the perennial truths of Christian morality with a Gospel boldness, in season and out of season. As our culture becomes more and more hostile toward Christianity let us ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of Fortitude.

For one editorial on this subject see:

<https://www.spectator.com.au/2022/08/christianity-told-to-bow-to-woke/>

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.

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.

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.

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. Available weekly, on all podcast platforms.

Saint of the Week – St Peter Claver



Name: Peter Claver
Born: 26 June 1580; Verdù, Catalonia (Spain).
Died: 8th September 1654; Cartagena, Colombia.
Feast Day: 9th September
Patron Saint of: Slaves, Race-relations, seafarers, Colombia.

Peter Claver was born into a prosperous and pious family in Verdù, Catalonia. He was academically gifted and completed his studies at the University of Barcelona, before pursuing the priesthood with the Jesuits. He felt an increasingly strong call to work as a missionary in the “New World.” His superiors eventually granted his request and in 1610 at the age of 30 he left Spain never to return, arriving in his new home of Cartagena (in modern day Colombia).

By the time Peter arrived, the African slave trade had been operating in the Americas for about a hundred years. Pope Paul III and later Pope Urban VIII had unequivocally denounced and even prohibited the slave trade by papal decree. Nonetheless, the lucrative industry grew alongside the demand for labourers in the booming gold and silver mines, and the various agricultural plantations. The appalling abuse of the poor souls lured into the enterprise is a scandal on account of the many Christians who were complicit in the slave trade, yet there were various priests and religious dedicated to alleviating the sufferings of these slaves. One pioneer of this ministry was Fr Alfonso de Sandoval, who became Peter Claver’s mentor. From this time Peter declared himself to be “the slave of the slaves forever.”

As soon as any slave ship entered the port, Peter and his band of assistants would bring the slaves food, medicine, and much needed encouragement. The conditions on these slave ships were horrific beyond comprehension, filled with the suffocating stench of human misery. Disease and sickness were rife on the over-crowded and insanitary ships; many died on the journey. Peter did all he could to help the survivors and bring them hope. Nor did he neglect their spiritual needs, ensuring that none were denied the opportunity to receive the sacraments. Estimates suggest that throughout his life Peter baptised as many as 300,000 slaves. In one year, he is said to have heard 5,000 confessions. He consoled, catechised and helped as many as he could, teaching them hymns and reminding them of the glorious reward that awaited them in heaven. The care and attention that Peter gave to the slaves irritated the business operators and civil authorities alike. Whenever he visited the plantations he refused the hospitality of the owners preferring to lodge in the slave’s quarters in solidarity with them.

In his last years Peter’s strength gave way and sickness left him weakened and unable to continue his ministry. He remained inactive in his cell, for the most part forgotten, and even ill-treated. He died in 1654 at the age of 74 having spent all his life and energy in the service of his beloved slaves. Following his death, the magnitude of his apostolate became clear. His funeral saw the city of Cartagena flooded with mourners wanting to honour the life of this saint. Peter Claver’s saintly renown reached Europe, and he was canonised by Pope Leo XIII in 1888.

Although it was beyond the power of Peter Claver to stop the slave trade, his ministry had a profound effect on the treatment of slaves in the region. Conditions improved on account of his indomitable advocacy, and through his missionary endeavours

countless slaves came to recognise, in spite of their present circumstances, their fundamental dignity and worth as beloved children of God, made in His image and likeness. The acceptance (or at least tolerance) of the slave trade shows that many Christians ignored official Church teaching on slavery, in much the same way that many Christians today ignore official Church teaching on abortion, to the detriment of the unborn. We look back in horror at the inhumanity of slavery, and yet many today seem wilfully blind to the horrors being perpetrated by our own culture, particularly the exploitation of the unborn, of children and women, the neglect of the elderly, and so on. What we do to the least of our brethren, for better or worse, we do to Christ (cf. Matt 25:40). St Peter Claver, like so many saints before and since, recognised this truth and sought to honour Christ above all in those the world had most forgotten. May we be inspired to do the same.

St Peter Claver, pray for us!

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>



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