



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

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9th October 2022
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

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

Monday 10th October – No Mass

Tuesday 11th October – Ferial 28th Week OT
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary (Rosary), Lilydale

Wednesday 12th October – Ferial 28th Week OT
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45am – Rosary (no Exposition), Lilydale
11:00am Funeral of Josina Van der Ven (St Brigid's)

Thursday 13th October – Ferial 28th Week OT
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Healesville
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Healesville
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
2:00pm Funeral of Wayne Mills (St Patrick's)

Friday 14th October – Memorial of St Callistus I
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 15th October – 29th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 16th October – 29th 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

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

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with You is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 97:1-4)

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for He has worked wonders.
His right hand and His holy arm
have brought salvation.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

The Lord has made known His salvation;
has shown His justice to the nations.
He has remembered His truth and love
for the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end

they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with Him, then we shall live with Him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with Him.

If we disown Him, then He will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but He is always faithful,
for He cannot disown His own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,

because this is what He expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 17:11-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet Him. They stood some way off and called to Him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When He saw them He said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And He said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon (Ps 34[33]:10):

The rich suffer want and go hungry,

but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass offering envelopes will be available in the church from this weekend, in preparation for the month of the Holy Souls (November). Please return completed envelopes to the Parish.

Seeking: HICCI Parish Representative

HICCI provides amazing care supporting the needs of the local community across Healesville and Yarra Glen. HICCI are currently looking for a representative from St Brigid's Parish. If you feel called to serve in this capacity contact the Parish Office, Libby Prentice or Rod Hysted.

INVITATION TO THE FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

WHEN: Thursday 28th October; **TIME:** 11:30-1:30

WHERE: St Brigid's Parish Hall

All very welcome to come along and join us for some lunch and fun, chatting, laughing and being together.

There is no cost. For further information, please contact Maree (0417087199)

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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Josina Van der Ven, Wayne Mills, Andrew McMahon & Bishop Emeritus Deakin

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

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur 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

25th September:

St. Brigid's:

Presbytery \$ 230.65

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 473.10

2nd October:

St. Brigid's:

Presbytery \$ 182.85

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 458.65

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 APOLOGY: We apologise sincerely for any inconvenience caused by the late change of venue for our Kick-Off event. We had to make a call on the weather and thought it wise to move the event indoors. Unfortunately we could not let everyone know and a few people were affected by this. The event itself was well received and the prayer vigil is now underway. However, we still have plenty of open slots for people to volunteer. Please consider spending an hour at the vigil site in prayer to end abortion. All information here www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH –

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>.

Welcome to 2022: “Christians need not apply”

In 2005 before the conclave that would see him elected as Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger delivered these words in his homily: “We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as certain and which has as its highest goal one’s own ego and one’s own desires.” How does relativism, which claims to be universally tolerant and accepting of every view and value end up becoming a dictatorship? Benedict had long reflected on this looming problem and saw with prophetic insight where the demands of secular relativism would lead society.

In an essay published in 2006 *Without Roots*, Ratzinger wrote: “In recent years I find myself noting, how the more relativism becomes the generally accepted way of thinking, the more it tends toward intolerance. Political correctness ... seeks to establish the domain of a single way of thinking and speaking. Its relativism creates the illusion that it has reached greater heights than the loftiest philosophical achievements of the past. It presents itself as the only way to think and speak — if, that is, one wishes to stay in fashion. ... I think it is vital that we oppose this imposition of a new pseudo-enlightenment, which threatens freedom of thought as well as freedom of religion.”

When the Pope wrote these words the expression ‘cancel culture’ did not even exist, yet fast-forward to 2022 and we see the ripe fruits of this ‘Dictatorship of Relativism’, with all the characteristic tyrannical malevolence to be found in every dictatorship. This week Andrew Thorburn, former CEO of two major banks, a man with a distinguished professional career, was compelled to resign within 24 hours of being made the Chief Executive of Essendon Football Club under the weight of public pressure. His crime? Solely this: because of his association with a Christian Church that teaches basic Christian morality regarding the sanctity of human life and the purpose of human sexuality. To be clear, the forced resignation was not based upon anything that Andrew Thorburn *himself* had said – it was rather on account of his tenuous association with a sermon from a pastor back in 2013 (namely, at a time, lest we forget, when the Victorian Government did not permit same sex marriage). What is so telling about this furore is the Woke mob’s refusal to acknowledge any injustice regarding Mr Thorburn’s situation.

With Thorburn’s head now prominently on display on the pike of media-induced hysteria, the lesson for all to learn is very clear: If you are a Christian who actually dares to publicly adhere to fundamental Christian beliefs then, be warned: you know your fate! It is quite clear that those who do not conform to the new morality should be driven from the public and excluded from positions of leadership in the community. Corporations and government institutions might as well advertise in advance: “Christians need not apply.” Unless of course your one of the enlightened, progressive ‘Christians’ who vociferously denounce every tenant of Christian morality that is opposed to the new secular orthodoxy.

As both sides of this debate correctly recognise, the implications of this issue extend far beyond one man. This is a battle regarding an irreconcilable set of values: two competing systems of morality, and in effect, two competing religions. The claims of Christianity hold that God is the foundation and end of human fulfillment. The claims of secularism hold that the pursuit of sexual pleasure is the foundation and end of human fulfillment. This is a cultural war being played out on a global scale, a battle for the very soul of our culture.

With Wokeism enshrined as the new State Religion, an idol before whom all shall bow in deference, the Left’s claims on

liberalism are definitively dead. As Greg Sheridan observes “This sordid, ugly episode points to a profound social transformation” one that “represents a dark new phase in cultural intolerance”. It’s a strange and not-so-subtle irony that those who most emphatically promote ‘diversity’ and ‘pluralism’ insist on excluding, silencing and ostracising anyone who fails to publicly profess to their secular Creed. Archbishop Peter Comensoli posted these comments: “If the Essendon situation is a litmus test of the value and place of people in faith in Victorian society, then we are in big trouble. It is outrageous that a person of good character has felt that he must choose between a public leadership role and being an active member of a Christian community... Sadly this situation sends a chilling message to ordinary faith believers in Victoria, that they can’t be trusted to exercise leadership and service in the community.”

The fate of Andrew Thorburn should ring alarm bells not just for people of faith, but even for true libertarians who still value freedom of speech and belief. Now is the time for people of faith to rise up and resist against this Woke tyranny, and defend the rights of Christians to simply exist in the public square.

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.



RCIA kicked off this last week, however it is not too late to join – especially if you find yourself pondering these questions:
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 in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please contact the parish office if you wish to enrol. 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

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

Saint of the Week – St Teresa of Ávila



Name: Teresa Sanchez de Cepeda y Ahumada
Born: 28th March 1515; Ávila, Castile (Spain)
Died: 4th October 1582; Alba de Tormes, Salamanca (Spain)
Feast Day: 15th October
Patron Saint of: Spain; sufferers of migraines; lacemakers.

Those who imagine that women have only had minor positions of influence in the Church, have clearly never

encountered St Teresa of Ávila. Reformer, foundress, writer, mystic and doctor of the Church, Teresa was a proverbial ‘force of nature’ and a spiritual giant who was among the most important figures in the Counter-Reformation of the 16th Century. Her spiritual director was St John of the Cross, the Carmelite priest and mystic who was her key ally in the work of reforming the Carmelites.

Teresa’s story is all the more interesting because she did not begin her religious life as a Carmelite with any intention of being anything more than an ordinary nun. Indeed, it’s suggested that Teresa joined the convent at Avila precisely because it was known to be comfortable and lax. Following her solemn profession Teresa fell seriously ill and very nearly died. In the years that followed, Teresa’s experience of suffering prompted her to examine herself more deeply, and take seriously the interior life of prayer. In 1555 Teresa experienced what she called her “second conversion”. Her experience of prayer coupled with her spiritual reading (particularly St Augustine) helped Teresa to recognise her own laxity and that of the convent. The convent was filled with worldly distractions, not least of which was the constant influx of visitors whose purposes were social rather than spiritual. Teresa came to see that among this Order of ‘contemplative’ nuns, there was scant concern for their own spiritual growth. This realisation increasingly disturbed Teresa and her attempts at reform were met with growing resistance and hostility.

In 1562 Teresa founded a convent of “discalced” (ie. shoeless) Carmelites. The decision of the nuns to go bare foot was a sign of their commitment to poverty and austerity. As Teresa’s work of reform grew and attracted more followers the response of the unreformed Carmelites was to attempt to have Teresa and her convents suppressed by force. They used every possible means in their attempt to obstruct her work of reform, even denouncing her to the Spanish Inquisition for investigation. She found a welcome supporter in King Philip II and many others who saw clearly in her work the hand of God. In the meantime, Teresa began to experience more intense mystical experiences, which included levitation, visions and ecstasies. She recorded in detail her spiritual progress and experiences of prayer which have come to be considered masterpieces in the canon of Christian spirituality. Besides her autobiography, Teresa’s most famous works are “The Interior Castle” and “The Way of Perfection,” both detailed treatises on the interior life of prayer, of which subject she is considered the undisputed master.

Among the many lessons we could draw from Teresa’s life, is the interplay between the contemplative and active life. Teresa’s life was an irrepressible torrent of activity, yet this was wholly sustained by the depth of her interior life of prayer. Her commitment to the work of reform sprang from her deeply

personal experience of her own need for personal conversion and growth, which came through rigorous attention to her spiritual union with Jesus Christ. Teresa came to realise that in the spiritual life there is no such thing as plain-sailing. We are either advancing or regressing along the path. Just as consistent bursts of heat from jet-burners are required to keep a hot air balloon aloft, so too, we need frequent bursts of prayer to sustain our spiritual ascent to God. The moment we stop, we start to descend. Spiritual laxity and lukewarmness is a serious spiritual malady of our times, just as it was of Teresa’s. Many Christians imagine that they can live ‘good’ Christian lives without ever having to do anything more than occasionally think of God. Attentiveness to one’s interior life enables the grace of God to help illuminate one’s conscience and better recognise the place one accords to Christ in one’s life.

The following lines, which were found scrawled in Teresa’s breviary after her death, have become among the best-known words she ever wrote:

*Let nothing disturb you;
Let nothing frighten you;
Everything passes.
God does not change.
Patience obtains all things.
Those who have God,
Lack nothing.
God alone suffices.*

St Teresa of Ávila, pray for us!

A message from **Aid to the Church in Need Australia**: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing aid to over 5000 families in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must also be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan

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



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.