



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

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15th January 2023
2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 14th January

10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 15th January – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 16th January – Monday of the 2nd week of Ordinary Time

12:00pm Funeral of Vincenzo Pedula (St Patrick's)

Tuesday 17th January – Memorial of Saint Anthony

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
(8:30-9:00am – Confession available)
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Wednesday 18th January – Wednesday of the 2nd week of Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
(8:30-9:00am – Confession available)
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary, Lilydale

Thursday 19th January – Thursday of the 2nd week of Ordinary Time

10:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Snows, Marysville

Friday 20th January – Memorial of St Sebastian

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
(8:30-9:00am – Confession available)
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 21st January

10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 22nd January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

PLEASE NOTE – the Parish office will be closed Tuesday 17th January; usual office hours will resume Wednesday 18th January.

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before You, O God,
and shall sing to You,
shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

First Reading (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

He who formed me in the womb to be His servant,
to bring Jacob back to Him,

to gather Israel to Him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations
so that My salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10)

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord

and He stooped down to me;

He heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,

praise of our God. R.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do Your will.

My God, I delight in Your law

in the depth of my heart. R.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
You know it, O Lord. R.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together
with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church
of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ,
who are called to take their place among all the saints
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for
He is their Lord no less than ours. May God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and
peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 1:14, 12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted Him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel (John 1:29-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look,
there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of
the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A
man is coming after me who ranks before me
because He existed before me. I did not know Him
myself, and yet it was to reveal Him to Israel that I
came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw
the Spirit coming down on Him from heaven like a
dove and resting on Him. I did not know Him
myself, but He who sent me to baptise with water
had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit
come down and rest is the one who is going to
baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I
am the witness that He is the Chosen One of God.'

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

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my
thirst.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Pope
Benedict XVI, Bruno Schwarzler, Charles Galea &
Vincenzo Pedula
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 January:

Henny Puschmann, John Gentle, Giuseppe Panozzo,
Maria Jansen, Stephen Sotko Snr, Kathy Heath,
Stephen Sotko Jnr, Garry Sweeney, Ethel Lalor,
Philip Plant, Kathy Heath, Bern Porter, Judy
Robertson.

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

Reading Roster for Sunday 8:30am Mass:

15 th January	-	Josh Tilley
22 nd January	-	Andrea/Molly Houlihan
29 th January	-	Maree Jeffcott
5 th February	-	Anne Lehmann
12 th February	-	John Barrett
19 th February	-	Ed McGettigan
26 th February	-	Luke Houlihan

St Brigid's Gardening Group

This newly formed group is looking for new
members!

If you would like to be part of this dynamic,
enthusiastic, green thumb group, please contact the
parish office, Mollie Fields or Joy Bellizia. We plan
to meet once a month to keep the church gardens
bright and beautiful. *Everyone welcome.*

George Cardinal Pell (1941-2023)



There is a well-worn adage that you can tell a lot about a man by his friends and by his enemies. Popularly characterised as being a ‘polarising figure’, George Cardinal Pell certainly had won both the admiration of loyal friends and the loathing of the bitterest of enemies. Pell was in some measure a victim of the infamous Australian ‘tall poppy syndrome’ and in the ecclesiastical realm there were few poppies that came close to Pell’s heights. He was dux of his school and thereafter turned down an offer to play AFL for the Richmond Football Club so as to enter the seminary. He was sent to Rome for his seminary studies and later earned a PhD from Oxford University. Pell was appointed archbishop in succession to the Archdioceses of Melbourne and Sydney, made a cardinal of the Church and the Vatican’s first-ever Prefect of the Secretariat of the Economy, making him effectively third in command to the Pope. There is no bishop in Australian history that approaches Pell’s international prominence and this fact alone earmarked him for public scrutiny. Add to this charge the unforgivable crime of being an outspoken conservative, and (God forbid!) one who actually believed the teachings of the Catholic Church were true and you have a convenient punching bag for Australia’s liberal media upon which they could vent their outrage against the Catholic Church. Pell truly was their all-time favourite villain.

With any public figure of Pell’s profile, it will become nigh impossible to disentangle the real man from the cartoonish public caricature presented by the secular media, that of an insensitive, knuckle-dragging, ecclesiastical cave-troll. To those who actually knew Pell there is no correlation to the real man. Pell was a titan in every sense. His enormous frame made him physically imposing; and he was

blessed with a proportionately robust intellect. He was articulate and scholarly, yet never snobbish or priggish. He was allergic to nonsense and would call a spade, a spade. Pell possessed a refinement of character and sparkling wit married to that quintessentially Australian irreverent sense of humour. Pell was a visionary who made long term investments for the future of the Church because he believed the Church has a long term future: rebuilding Corpus Christi Seminary (Carlton), founding Notre Dame University in Sydney, and the Australian pilgrim centre *Domus Australia* in Rome, to name a few. Pell loved his footy and cricket, and attended games whenever he could; yet he was also a significant patron of the arts and a friend to many artists. Pell was a well-published author and columnist, an internationally sought-after speaker and appeared regularly in high profile public debates, such as his debate with celebrity atheist Richard Dawkins. In spite of Pell’s enemies’ attempts to portray him as heartless and sociopathic the opposite was true. Pell was the most warm and magnanimous of hosts, as anyone who had the good fortune to receive his hospitality will testify, courteous to all and reluctant to speak ill of anyone, including his detractors.

In spite of these qualities, there are few (if any) public figures in modern Australian history who have been subjected to such a sustained barrage of reputational assault as George Pell. The leftist establishment media were permanently incensed that Pell was prepared to publicly and unapologetically defend the Church’s teaching on sexual morality, bioethics, anthropology and theology. Pell’s willingness to engage in the culture wars and to critique the ‘progressive’ secularists’ war on the Christian foundations of Western culture marked him out for public execution early on. As Archbishop of Melbourne, Pell made headlines after denying Communion to gay-rights activists who were attempting to use the Mass as a political statement. In 1997 Pell made a legal challenge to the blasphemous (and publicly-funded) exhibition of Andres Serrano’s ‘Piss Christ’ (a provocative photo of a crucifix immersed in urine) at the NGV. The injunction failed but the ire of the leftist establishment was raised against Pell for daring to defend Christianity in the public square. Pell had squarely kicked the progressive hornet’s nest and from this point the media anointed Pell as public enemy number one. The role played by the media (particularly the ABC and The Age) in the subsequent trial against Pell is hard to exaggerate (see Gerard Henderson’s *The Cardinal Pell Media Pile-On and Collective Guilt* (2021) or Keith Windschuttle’s *The Persecution of George Pell* (2020)). They had cultivated an image of Pell as a bully and a villain for well over twenty

years. Their smear campaign was effective in thoroughly poisoning public opinion against Pell. The media had effectively established the guilty verdict in the minds of the public long before Pell had been accused of any crime. Following the High Court's verdict to quash Pell's conviction, the media's absence of any remorse for the part they played in putting an innocent man in prison for 404 days, sheds light on the unrelenting bias of the secular media for whom the end always justifies the means.

No individual is perfect and no leader is beyond criticism, Pell being no exception. The fact that bishops are as flawed as the rest of us doesn't mean we cannot honour their achievements or express gratitude for their lives of service. I am personally grateful to Cardinal Pell for his courage and strength of leadership in the Church in Australia, especially on doctrinal and moral matters. His attempts to reform a Church in crisis both locally and internationally has inspired an entire generation of Catholics in Australia and beyond. Pell could easily have avoided engaging in the battles that he fought for the honour of Christ and His teachings. As a Pastor of souls, Pell understood well his obligation to proclaim the truth in season and out of season, not simply telling people what they want to hear. As our culture becomes increasingly hostile to Christianity I think Catholics will find themselves hungering for Church leadership that conveys those qualities of strength, courage and deep personal conviction.

There is perhaps one even more important example that Cardinal Pell left us: the grace of being able to endure suffering, humiliation and injustice with a serene sense of resignation and trust in the will of God. One priest who went to visit Pell in prison returned astonished since it was Pell who ended up comforting and encouraging the priest in his struggles rather than the other way around! That Pell could endure such an ignominious humiliation at such immense personal expense and emerge from prison without a trace of bitterness or desire for recriminations was something extraordinary to behold. This is a mark of genuine holiness and a potent sign of Pell's conformity to Christ who was, likewise, falsely condemned and crucified by the mob. In 1Corinthians St Paul writes *"For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men... When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things."* (1 Corinthians 4:9,12-13).

May the Good Lord who sees all, knows all and rewards all, grant Cardinal Pell his eternal reward. May he rest in peace.

WINNERS OF ST BRIGID'S CARE GROUP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

- 1st prize – Hamper – Tiffany White
- 2nd prize – \$50 Herd Voucher – Sarah J
- 3rd prize – Two bottles of wine – Megan H
- 4th prize – Gift Pack – Carlie E
- 5th prize – Gift Pack – Rose P
- 6th prize – Gift Pack – CA Barber

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who bought tickets and to the tireless efforts of those who sold tickets.

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.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

25th December:

<u>St. Brigid's:</u>	
Presbytery	\$ 785.95
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 394.25

1st January:

<u>St. Brigid's:</u>	
Presbytery	\$ 271.90
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 726.15

8th January:

<u>St. Brigid's:</u>	
Presbytery	\$ 673.45
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 701.55

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

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding, contact Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au

