



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

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**22nd January 2023
3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)**

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

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

Monday 23rd January – No Mass

Tuesday 24th January – Memorial of St Francis de Sales

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 25th January – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

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 26th January – Australia Day

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

Friday 27th January – Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus

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 28th January

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

Sunday 29th January – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

PLEASE NOTE – Fr Francis will be away from
**Thursday 2nd of February to Friday 3rd of
February**. There will be no Mass at Lilydale or
Healesville on these two days.

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 96:1-7)

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In His presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in His holy place.

First Reading (Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun
and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will
confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of
Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? R.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold His temple. R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! R.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord
Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you,
and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be
united again in your belief and practice. From what
Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear
brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences
among you. What I mean are all these slogans that
you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am
for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been
parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you?
Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach
the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of
philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot
be expressed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 4:12-17)


A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back
to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth He went and settled
in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of
Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of
Isaiah was to be fulfilled:
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.
From that moment Jesus began His preaching with
the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is
close at hand'.

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: Fortunata Magagna, Shayne
Tanton & Cardinal George Pell
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:

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.*

Saint of the Week – St Francis de Sales



Name: Francis de Sales – Doctor of the Church

Born: 21st August AD 1567; Duchy of Savoy

Died: 28th December 1622; Lyons, France

Feast Day: 24th January

Patron Saint of: Journalists, Catholic Press

St Francis de Sales was born premature and very nearly didn't survive infancy. Both his mother and father were from nobles in the Duchy of Savoy (France) which meant that Francis' father had great expectations for his son. Francis was gifted with a keen intellect and studied both at the University of Paris and thereafter completed a doctorate in Law from the University of Padua. By this time he was resolved to pursue a priestly calling, and finally won his Father's reluctant consent. He was ordained priest in 1593 after just 6 months of preparations and immediately appointed the provost of the Chapter of Geneva. Geneva at this time was a Calvinist stronghold, and there he faced considerable local opposition and dangers. He was accused of sorcery and had multiple attempts on his life from would-be assassins. In spite of these tensions, Francis' preaching was very effective and he even won the attention of the French King Henry IV who had him preach the Lenten sermons for the court. His mission to the vehemently Calvinist region of Chablais was another example of his pastoral effectiveness. He wrote to Pope Clement VIII that before he arrived in the Chablais he struggled to find 100 Catholics; thereafter he struggled to find 100 Protestants!

Francis was appointed bishop of Geneva in 1602 and took up the task with great seriousness. Although Francis suffered from poor health throughout his life, this had little effect in slowing him down in his pastoral ministry. He lost no time in visiting the 450 parishes of his diocese and the various monasteries and convents to ensure order and propriety prevailed. He personally taught the catechism to children and

adults alike, he promoted the education of his clergy, and gave himself to long hours in the confessional. To his clear preaching, Francis de Sales added a new weapon in his attempts to win back the Calvinists and lapsed Catholics to the Faith: the pamphlet. He devoted considerable efforts to producing many such pamphlets which could be distributed to homes, in an attempt to reach the hearts and minds beyond the confines of his congregation. Understanding the need to lead by example the Bishop of Geneva undertook dramatic public penances, walking through the streets with a coarse rope around his neck. Slowly but surely his efforts at reform and renewal of his diocese were rewarded. By the time of his death the diocese of Geneva had the reputation of having zealous and well-formed clergy and no less devout and well-catechised laity.

Francis de Sales formed a profound spiritual friendship with St Jane Frances de Chantal with whom he helped found the Order of the Visitation (the 'Visitandines'). She was well advanced in the spiritual life and proved instrumental in leading Francis to strive more assiduously for the heights of sanctity. Notwithstanding his prodigious talents and competence, Francis' pastoral success was in no small measure owing to the model of pastoral charity he gave. He sought to win souls by gentle persuasion not by force of argument: he proposed that "a spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrel full of vinegar!" The good bishop understood that souls are more willingly persuaded when they are convinced that the pastor loves them and wants the best for them. Much of Francis de Sales' pastoral approach emerges in his most famous work 'Introduction to the Devout Life' which was immediately recognised as a Christian spiritual classic. It is notable for its common-sense approach to cultivating a serious devotional life that is in accord with the individual's particular circumstances and state in life.

In our own times we seem to find ourselves increasingly uncertain about the evangelising mission of the Church. As a Church are we still trying to "make disciples of all nations" (cf Mt 28:19) or is that finished now? Is it possible (or indeed 'wrong') to even suggest that someone's erroneous religious views are in need of correction? When one reads the lives of saints like Francis de Sales it becomes obvious that not only *can* the Church desire the conversion of souls to come to faith in Christ, but that this desire necessarily lies at the heart of her entire mission, as an expression of her pastoral charity. It is estimated that St Francis de Sales converted over 70,000 Calvinists to Catholicism, and that's to say nothing of the innumerable lapsed and lukewarm Catholics who were converted by his

example to live a truly pious Christian life. If coming to know and share in the life of Jesus Christ is good for *us*, how could it be simultaneously bad for *others*? It would be like wanting to have a life-vest on a sinking ship, but being indifferent to whether anyone else had one on, or saying nothing for fear of appearing to be 'judgmental'. The truth is every one of us needs to be converted, daily even, so as to 'turn back' to Christ when we stray from Him. The fog of religious indifferentism that we see today (even from within the Church) might present itself as being more 'tolerant' and 'kind' but in reality it proceeds from a grave deficiency in genuine pastoral charity, since it effectively considers the salvation of others' souls to be of no concern. We pray for saintly pastors like St Francis de Sales who seek above all else the salvation of souls, drawing souls to Christ by their own witness of being transformed by the love of Christ.

St Francis de Sales, pray for us!

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

15th January:

St. Brigid's:

Presbytery **\$ 173.60**

Thanksgiving Collection **\$ 280.85**

St. Aloysius':

Presbytery **\$ 24.00**

Thanksgiving Collection **\$ 30.00**

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



Aid to the
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ACN AUSTRALIA

**A message from Aid to
the Church in Need**

Australia: ACN is the

Pontifical Foundation

dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more

visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

PRAYER FOR LIFE – there will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 28th January, 2023, at 9:00am. Sponsored by the *Helpers of God's Precious Infants*, Mass will be followed by a Rosary Procession to the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Parade. ALL WELCOME.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY (28th August - 19th September, 2023): Caesarea Maritime, Haifa; Mt Carmel;

Nazareth Village; Basilica of Annunciation; Masada, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Mensa Christi, Capernaum, Sea Of Galilee, River Jordan(Yardenit); Cana of Galilee, Local Winery, Mt Tabor, Mt of Temptation, Caesarea Philppi; Mt Olives, Pater Noster, Chapel of Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, Blessed Virgin Mary's Tomb, Mount Zion, Bethany & Bethphage; Old City, Wailing Wall, Pool of Bethesda, Antonia Fortress, Via Dolorosa, Mount Calvary, Cenacle, St Peter in Gallicantu; Basilica of Nativity, Shepherds' Field, Ein Karem; Turin, Milan, Verona, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Loretto, Lanciano, Manoppelo, Rome.

CONTACT-US-ASAP for details:

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Safeguarding children news

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

