



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

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**29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year A)**

**Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January – No Mass**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Memorial of Saint John Bosco**

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 1<sup>st</sup> February – Wednesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> week in OT**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> February – No Mass**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – No Mass**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of**  
**February**. There will be no Mass at Lilydale or  
Healesville on these two days.

**Safeguarding children news**

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding, contact  
[Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au)



**Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 106:47)**

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to Your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise You.

**First Reading (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey His commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the  
name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145:7-10)**

***R. Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!***

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.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

## Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:26–31)

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that He chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing He has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

## Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There He sat down and was joined by His disciples. Then He began to speak. This is what He taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

## Communion Antiphon (Psalm 31:16-17)

Let Your face shine on your servant.

Save me in Your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Recently Deceased:** Fortunata Magagna & Shayne Tanton

**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 Jr, 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:

29 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Maree Jeffcott
5 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Anne Lehmann
12 <sup>th</sup> February	-	John Barrett
19 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Ed McGettigan
26 <sup>th</sup> 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.*

## 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.

## Saint of the Week – St John Bosco



**Name:** John Melchior Bosco

**Born:** 16<sup>th</sup> August AD 1815; Castelnuovo d’Asti, Kingdom of Sardinia

**Died:** 31<sup>st</sup> January AD 1888; Turin, Kingdom of Italy

**Feast Day:** 31<sup>th</sup> January

**Patron Saint of:** Students; youth; apprentices; stage magicians.

John Bosco was born into the hardship that was all-too familiar for Italian peasants of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. His Father died when John was two years old, leaving his mother to raise the family. When John was nine he had a dream that revealed to him his vocation, specifically his apostolate to help poor and troubled boys. Even as a youth he used acrobatics and magic tricks to win the attention of crowds of boys and would then set about teaching them catechism, or encourage them to join him in coming to Mass. When at sixteen, John entered the seminary he was so poor that everything including his clothes and shoes had to be provided for by charitable donations. This lived experience of poverty gave him a deep sensitivity to the privations and dignity of the poor whose needs materially and spiritually he continually sought to alleviate.

Once ordained a priest, ‘Don Bosco’ sought out the poor and neglected youths of Turin and began a new community, many of whom he took into his home, with the assistance of his mother who acted as housekeeper. At one point there were up to forty boys staying in his care and he worked to set them up with apprenticeships or work. He opened numerous workshops that would train the boys in various trades from which they could make a living and break the cycle of poverty. Don Bosco cared greatly for the health and material well-being of his boys, but above all else he thought of their spiritual well-being.

As the needs of the apostolate grew, he began to understand that God was calling him to establish a new congregation to continue and expand this work. The

nucleus of this new order was established in 1854 and by 1859 he had attracted 22 companions who called themselves ‘Salesians’ after their patron, St Francis de Sales (last week’s Saint of the Week). Following the pastoral approach of the great bishop of Geneva, Don Bosco knew that indefatigable charity was the surest way to win the souls of his flock. Many of the poor boys were rowdy, uncouth, ignorant, and in much need of reforming. Don Bosco, though necessarily strict in his discipline, was always kind, encouraging and fatherly – his aim was to elevate them to reach their full potential in this life and to become saints for the next. He inspired genuine piety and holiness in many of the boys, the most famous of whom is St Dominic Savio, who died at the age of fourteen. Don Bosco wrote a biography of Dominic Savio thoroughly convinced that the boy was a saint (he was canonised in 1954).

In spite of (or because of) Don Bosco’s success in his apostolate he attracted the hatred of the secularists, Socialists and Free Masons who were jostling to seize power in the newly formed Kingdom of Italy, and saw that with effective leaders like Don Bosco, the Catholic Church posed a serious obstacle to their political aspirations. There were multiple attempts on his life by paid assassins. Among the near escapes, were those occasioned by a mysterious, grey dog, whom Don Bosco called ‘Grigio.’ No one knew who owned the dog but it became Don Bosco’s unofficial bodyguard. Grigio would frequently appear out of nowhere with inspired timing on many of the occasions of the attempted assassinations, by either alerting Don Bosco to the danger or pre-emptively attacking the would-be assassins.

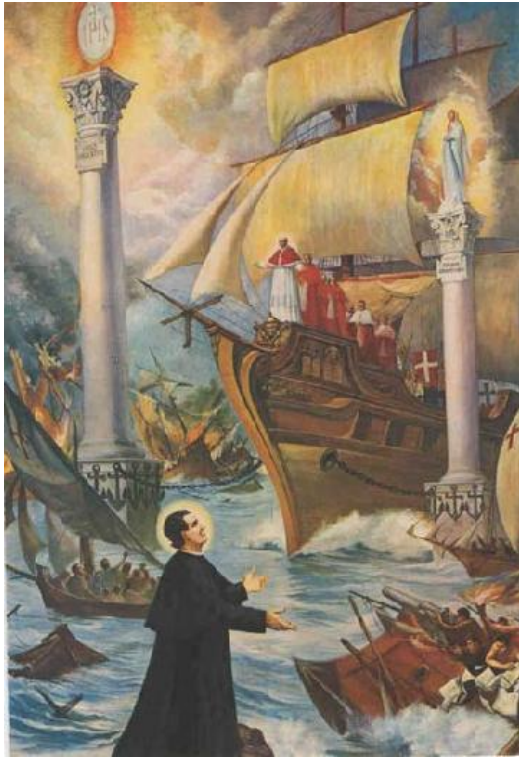
Throughout his life Don Bosco received vivid dreams in which future events would be revealed to him. After such dreams he would gather his boys together to recount what he saw. On some occasions he knew through his dreams that certain individuals were going to die unexpectedly and he sought to warn them to prepare well by going to Confession and Holy Communion. Don Bosco was not just a dreamer; he was also a man of action. Together with St Maria Mazzarello, he founded the *Institute of the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians*, a congregation of nuns dedicated to the education and care of poor girls, as a counterpart to his own work with poor boys. Early on he had established his own printing press, by means of which he published his own writings and the *Salesian Bulletin*. He was a prodigious author of books and shorter tracts (under some 220 titles). He oversaw the construction of three major churches in Turin and Rome. All of this endless activity had destroyed Don Bosco’s health and he died at the age of 72. Such was the reputation of this saint, that some 40,000 faithful filed past Don Bosco’s coffin as he lay in state, and his funeral in Turin was attended by similarly vast crowds. He was canonised in 1934 and given the title “Father and Teacher of Youth.” At a time when the youth seem to be especially disengaged from the faith, we pray that with the inspiration and intercession of St John Bosco, the Church can take up anew this important apostolate.

St John Bosco, pray for us!

## The Dream of the Two Pillars

(Taken from St John Bosco's biographical memoirs)

*'Very grave trials await the Church. What we have suffered so far is almost nothing compared to what is going to happen...'*



“Try to picture yourselves with me on the seashore, or, better still, on an outlying cliff with no other land in sight. The vast expanse of water is covered with a formidable array of ships in battle formation, prows fitted with sharp spear-like points capable of breaking through any defence. All are heavily armed with cannons, incendiary bombs, and firearms of all sorts - even books - and are heading toward one stately ship, mightier than them all. As they try to close in, they try to ram it, set it afire, and cripple it as much as possible.

This stately vessel is shielded by a flotilla escort. Winds and waves are with the enemy. In this midst of this endless sea, two solid columns, a short distance apart, soar high into the sky: one is surmounted by a statue of the Immaculate Virgin at whose feet a large inscription reads: Help of Christians; the other, far loftier and sturdier, supports a [Communion] Host of proportionate size and bears beneath it the inscription ‘Salvation of believers’.

The flagship commander - the Roman Pontiff - seeing the enemy's fury and his auxiliary ships' very grave predicament, summons his captains to a conference. However, as they discuss their strategy, a furious storm breaks out and they must return to their ships. When the storm abates, the Pope again summons his captains as the flagship keeps on its course. But the storm rages again. Standing at the helm, the Pope strains every muscle to steer his ship between the two columns from whose summits hang many anchors and strong hooks linked to chains.

The entire enemy fleet closes in to intercept and sink the flagship at all costs. They bombard it with everything they have: books and pamphlets, incendiary bombs, firearms,

cannons. The battle rages ever more furious. Beaked prows ram the flagship again and again, but to no avail, as, unscathed and undaunted, it keeps on its course. At times a formidable ram splinters a gaping hole into its hull, but, immediately, a breeze from the two columns instantly seals the gash.

Meanwhile, enemy cannons blow up, firearms and beaks fall to pieces, ships crack up and sink to the bottom. In blind fury the enemy takes to hand-to-hand combat, cursing and blaspheming. Suddenly the Pope falls, seriously wounded. He is instantly helped up but, struck down a second time, he dies. A shout of victory rises from the enemy and wild rejoicing sweeps their ships. But no sooner is the Pope dead than another takes his place. The captains of the auxiliary ships elected him so quickly that the news of the Pope's death coincides with that of his successor's election. The enemy's self-assurance wanes.

Breaking through all resistance, the new Pope steers his ship safely between the two columns and moors it to the two columns; first to the one surmounted by the Host, and then to the other, topped by the statue of the Virgin. At this point something unexpected happens. The enemy ships panic and disperse, colliding with and scuttling each other. Some auxiliary ships which had gallantly fought alongside their flagship are the first to tie up at the two columns.

Many others, which had fearfully kept far away from the fight, stand still, cautiously waiting until the wrecked enemy ships vanish under the waves. Then, they too head for the two columns, tie up at the swinging hooks, and ride safe and tranquil beside their flagship. A great calm now covers the sea.

Very grave trials await the Church. What we have suffered so far is almost nothing compared to what is going to happen. The enemies of the Church are symbolized by the ships which strive their utmost to sink the flagship. Only two things can save us in such a grave hour: devotion to Mary and frequent Communion. Let us do our very best to use these two means and have others use them everywhere.”

### WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

**19<sup>th</sup> January:**

*Our Lady of the Snows:*

Thanksgiving Collection      **\$ 61.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** is for Presbytery – *Orange envelope* – Fr Francis, plus priests & retired priests of the Archdiocese living expenses.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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