



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

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12th February 2023
6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 11th February – Our Lady of Lourdes

9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale

6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 12th February – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

12:30pm Baptisms at St Brigid's, Healesville

Monday 13th February – No Mass

Tuesday 14th February – Memorial of Sts Cyril & Methodius

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
(Italian)

Wednesday 15th February – Wednesday of the 6th 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 16th February – Thursday of the 6th week in OT

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

Friday 17th February – Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order
of Servites

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 18th February

10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale

6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 19th February – 7th 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

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 31:3)

Be my protector, O God,

a mighty stronghold to save me.

For You are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First Reading (Sirach 15:15-20)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

He is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear Him,

He notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

He has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do His will,
seeking Him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey Your statutes. R.

Bless Your servant and I shall live
and obey Your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of Your law. R.

Teach me the demands of Your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe Your law,
to keep it with my heart. R.

THIS WEEKEND - Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (cf Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 5:17-37)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to His disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 78:29)

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Reading Roster for Sunday 8:30am Mass:

5 th February	-	Anne Lehmann
12 th February	-	John Barrett
19 th February	-	Ed McGettigan
26 th February	-	Luke Houlihan
5 th March	-	Veronica Ireland
12 th March	-	Josh Tilley
19 th March	-	Pat/Gabriel/Gideon Houlihan
26 th March	-	Maree Jeffcott
2 nd April	-	Anne Lehmann

Thank you, Rod!

You may have heard the sad news that Rod Hysted will no longer be providing the music and overhead projections for Mass. Rod has been providing this service for many years and it will be sorely missed. However, what one sees on a Mass Day is very much the "tip of the iceberg"! Rod has been serving the Parish of St Brigid's in many ways for over 40 years: Primary School Principal, Parish HICCI representative, Groundsman, Cameraman/ Producer of the Mass Livestreams during the COVID-19 lockdowns, Audio/Visuals for Funeral receptions, to name but a few. And he has done so in a quiet and efficient manner – ready to help wherever he can within the Community. Thank you, Rod and God bless.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Joy Layton

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 February:

Laurie Nairn, John Holland, Giobatta Mioni, John Doyle, Leonard Postlethwaite, George Shaddock, Dorothy Chan, Claire Keppel, Anton Wolke, Ian Read, Tubby Dennehy, Jan Rijs, Sr Joan McKenna, Patricia Chandler, Des Murphy, Roy Grieve, Anne Huggett, Fr Bernie Hammond, Brian Warton, Sheila Barr, Elizabeth Beaton, Fr Kevin Mogg.

LENTON PROGRAM – at St. Patrick’s, Lilydale.

WHAT: we will be following along with the *TRIUMPH Lenten Program*, from the Wollongong Diocese, who arrange beautiful booklets every year to accompany their program.

WHEN: weekly on Saturday’s during Lent – from 25th February to 1st April, 11:00am to 12:00pm.

WHERE: the Moira Tanks room, at the St. Patrick’s Community Centre.

There is no cost to attend, however can you please let the Parish Office know if you would like to attend, to make sure we have enough booklets for everyone.

ALL WELCOME!

More Info: Triumph is an 88-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday).

We are honoured to have the insightful Fr Mark De Battista (administrator at St Patrick’s Catholic Parish, Port Kembla, and chaplain to Mass for You at Home on Network Ten and Foxtel around Australia), breaking open the Sunday Gospels for us.

We are also excited to have Mother Hilda Scott OSB (abbess at the Benedictine Abbey in Jamberoo NSW) back to provide spiritual direction based on the Sunday Gospels.

Triumph also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Veronese, Giordano, Carracci, Leighton, Muziano, Tiepolo and Poussin with enlightening Artwork Spotlight reflections written by the amazing Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

The short daily reflections have been written by 19 fantastic clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world.

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

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY – we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a little feast before the beginning of Lent. **Pancakes & morning tea** will be provided after the 9:15am Mass on Tuesday, February 21st at St. Patrick’s Lilydale. ALL WELCOME!

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22nd February – MASS TIMES: 9:15am at St. Brigid’s, Healesville
12:00pm School Mass at St. Patrick’s, Lilydale
7:00pm at St. Patrick’s, Lilydale

St Brigid’s Gardening Group

Our first gardening day is **Saturday 11th February**, starting at 9am. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please bring gardening tools etc.

We are also seeking donations for plants or shrubs. If you have any unwanted gardening tools, such as spades, forks, hoes or a wheelbarrow, we can put them to good use. Any amount of time you can spare to help, we welcome! If you have any queries, please phone Joy (0419 440 304).

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

22nd January:

St. Brigid’s:
Presbytery \$ 166.00
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 542.25

29th January:

St. Brigid’s:
Presbytery \$ 279.35
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 597.05

5th February:

St. Brigid’s:
Presbytery \$ 252.50
Thanksgiving Collection \$ 788.90

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

PRAYER FOR LIFE – there will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday 25th February, 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; concluding with morning tea in the Fitzroy Gardens. ALL WELCOME.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY (28th August - 19th September, 2023)

Contact us for more details: FrEmmanueltv

(SpiritualDirector): fremmanueltv@gmail.com; holyspiritp@gmail.com; 0417999553, 0893413079; Coordinators:

Dax: 0420643949; and Didith: 0473246029.

Saint of the Week – St Cyril and St Methodius



Name: Cyril (born Constantine)

Born: c. 826 AD; Thessalonica (Greece)

Died: 14th February 869 AD; Rome

Name: Methodius (born Michael)

Born: c. AD 815; Thessalonica (Greece)

Died: c 6th April 885AD; Velehrad (Moravia)

Feast Day: 14th February

Patron Saints of: Europe; The Slavic nations (Slovakia; Bulgaria; Serbia; Czech Republic; Macedonia)

The establishment of Christianity throughout Europe in the first five hundred years of the Church's missionary venture was complicated (among other factors) by the vast array of nationalities, languages and cultures that inhabited this populous continent. The Latin and Greek speaking parts of the Roman empire had the advantage of a common language which helped propel the Gospel throughout the Mediterranean. Among the last regions of Europe to be evangelised were the Slavic nations in what was then called Great Moravia. St Cyril and Methodius are honoured as the 'Apostles to the Slavs' who succeeded in breaking through the language barrier to communicate the Gospel to these lands.

Cyril and Methodius were brothers born into a devout Christian family in Thessalonica. After studying the secular sciences in Constantinople Cyril became a priest. His fame for scholarly erudition was such that he was nick-named 'the Philosopher'. Among his teachers at the university was the Patriarch of Constantinople, Photius. Together with Emperor Michael III, Photius recognised the gifts of Cyril as both an evangelist and a linguist and sent Cyril on a mission to the Khazars (modern day Ukraine). It's possible that Methodius joined him on this mission.

Methodius who was twelve years senior to Cyril, had gifts and inclinations that were more political than scholarly. He served as a provincial governor for some years before becoming priest and abbot. Both Cyril and Methodius had a strong missionary zeal to bring the light of Christian faith into those parts of Eastern Europe where it had yet to gain a foothold.

Their opportunity arrived in 862 when the Duke Ratislav of Moravia requested Emperor Michael III to send missionaries to evangelise his lands, stipulating that they must speak

Slavonic. Both Cyril and Methodius were fluent in Slavonic, and were the obvious choice to lead the mission. Among their first tasks was to translate into Slavonic not only the Bible (which would have been a sufficiently remarkable achievement) but also the Roman Missal and other Greek Liturgical texts. Although Slavonic was a widespread language it was up to this point only spoken, not a written language. It fell to Cyril to devise the Glagolitic script (based upon the Greek alphabet) which subsequently developed into the Cyrillic script (named after St Cyril). The 'Old Slavonic' is preserved in the liturgies of both the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches to this day. The mission was a resounding success in spite of the opposition of the neighbouring German bishops, hampered only by the dire shortage of priests. Without a local bishop they were unable to ordain priests, a pastoral situation that in part prompted Cyril and Methodius to travel to Rome to seek the Pope's support. While there Cyril became a monk, yet he died shortly thereafter and was buried with great solemnity at the ancient basilica of San Clemente (so chosen because Cyril had brought with him the relics of Saint Clement to Rome from the Crimea).

Whilst in Rome Methodius was consecrated bishop of Sirmium by Pope Hadrian in 870. His territory was vast, stretching across Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and Moravia, making it the Eastern-most outpost of the Western (Latin) Church. Thoroughly convinced of Methodius' orthodoxy, Pope Hadrian granted Methodius permission to use Slavonic in the liturgy rather than Latin. The German bishops vehemently opposed Methodius and the use of the Slavonic Rites on largely political grounds, since his territory bordered their own. Acting under political pressure, Hadrian's successor, Pope John, revoked the permission for use of the Slavonic Rites, until ten years later Methodius was able to persuade the Pope of the pastoral value of the Slavonic language for his mission. In spite of the unrelenting difficulties (practical and political) they faced, by the time of their death Cyril and Methodius had laid a firm foundation for Christianity throughout much of Eastern Europe. Interestingly, although today we see Christianity in catastrophic decline throughout Western Europe, the lands evangelised by Cyril and Methodius remain to this day the most staunchly Christian part of Europe, and the ancient Slavonic Rites are still in use.

The evangelising approach of Cyril and Methodius provides a timeless lesson. They remind us of the importance of engaging with the culture and communicating the Gospel in a form that is effective, whilst being faithful and uncompromising with the core content of the Catholic Faith. In the modern world so much of social discourse happens on-line via social media: the 'public square' is now largely virtual. It is important to be able to use this forum to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in a language that is accessible and appealing, without diluting the central truths of our faith. The flourishing of a range of Catholic media outlets (EWTN, Parousia, Augustine Institute, Ascension Press, Word on Fire, etc.) as well as a plethora of individual online commentators, shows that this can be done well, enabling the Church to continue her mission of making disciples of all nations.

Saints Cyril and Methodius, pray for us!

Safeguarding children news

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