



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

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**19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**(Year A)**

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

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> February – No Mass**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Memorial of Saint Peter Damien (Shrove Tuesday)**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> February – ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville  
12:00pm School Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale  
6:00-7:00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale  
(6:15-6:45pm – Confession available)  
7:00pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Memorial of Saint Polycarp**

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 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday after Ash Wednesday**

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale  
(8:30-9:00am – Confession available)  
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale  
6:30pm – Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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

**Thank you!** Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

**Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, I trust in Your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in Your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord Who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18)**

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; He said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13)**

**R. *The Lord is kind and merciful.***

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless His holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all His blessings. R.

It is He who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does He remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear Him. R.

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 3:16-23)**

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be

a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: He knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation (1 John 2:5)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel (Matthew 5:38-48)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to His disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for He causes His sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and His rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

### Communion Antiphon (Psalm 9:1-2)

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

**STATIONS of the CROSS** – every Friday leading up to the Easter Triduum. 6:30pm at St Patrick's, Lilydale

### Whet your appetite for Lent!



**Come join us for a morning tea** with pancakes as we get prepare for Lent on SHROVE TUESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, following the 9:15am Mass, on the presbytery verandah @ St Patrick's Lilydale.  
*All Welcome!*



### PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Recently Deceased:** Joanna Massarotti

**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.

### Reading Roster for Sunday 8:30am Mass:

19 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Ed McGettigan
26 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Luke Houlihan
5 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Veronica Ireland
12 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Josh Tilley
19 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Pat/Gabriel/Gideon Houlihan
26 <sup>th</sup> March	-	Maree Jeffcott
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	-	Anne Lehmann
9 <sup>th</sup> April	-	John Barrett
16 <sup>th</sup> April	-	John Barrett
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	-	Luke Houlihan
30 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Veronica Ireland

### WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

*The previous weeks' thanksgiving will be published once it has been counted.*

**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

Ref: Surname or Thanksgiving Number

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.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 11:00am to 12:00pm.

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

Whilst there is no cost to attend, the booklets can be purchased for \$10, if you wish to have a copy. There is a signage sheet in the church foyer. Don’t miss out, if you do wish to purchase the booklet! They can be purchased after Mass.

**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 breaking open the Sunday Gospels for us. We are also excited to have Mother Hilda Scott OSB 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.

**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.

**PRAYER FOR LIFE** – there will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:fremmanueltv@gmail.com); [holyspiritp@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritp@gmail.com); 0417999553, 0893413079; Coordinators: Dax: 0420643949; and Didith: 0473246029.

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**Bishop Robert Rabbat’s SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

The recent Syrian earthquake has hit people who were already displaced in a region that has been devastated by more than a decade of civil war.

Yet again, we are seeing people fleeing and desperate for shelter in freezing winter conditions. We want to help provide that light in the deepest darkness, to get through this devastating disaster.

Do make a donation, please transfer to:

MCF DGR Account; Ref: Syrian Appeal;

BSB: 062784; Account: 100011493

All donations are Tas Deductable. For a receipt please email [mcf@melkite.org.au](mailto:mcf@melkite.org.au) or contact on (02) 9750 5514



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

**Australia:** ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the

suffering and persecuted Church.

**HELP SYRIA.** *Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake](http://www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake)*



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## Saint of the Week – St Peter Damian



**Name:** Peter Damian

**Born:** c. AD 1007; Ravenna.

**Died:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February AD 1072; Faenza.

**Feast Day:** 21<sup>st</sup> February

As a young child Peter Damian lost both his parents and he was raised by an elder brother, who is said to have treated him more like a slave than a brother. After some years of mistreatment, another brother, who was the Archpriest of Ravenna, intervened and sent Peter to Faenza and later Parma for schooling where he proved himself to be a very capable student. The difficulties he faced in childhood steeled him for a life of asceticism and he was eventually drawn to the monastic life, joining a reformed community of Benedictines in Fonte Avellana who lived as hermits. Peter devoted himself to prayer and the study of scripture, and quickly won the admiration of the community who saw Peter as the natural successor to the Abbot. In his time as abbot Peter established five other hermitages.

Before long, the fame of the saintly hermit reached Rome, and successive Popes would prevail upon Peter Damian for his counsel and service to the Universal Church. Peter was reluctant to leave his hermitage on any permanent basis but his fate was sealed in 1057 when Pope Stephen IX made him Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia, placing him in easy reach of the Pope. Popes Nicholas II and Alexander II likewise used the zeal, acumen and moral authority of Peter Damian to resolve various complex pastoral problems. Foremost among the crises confronting the Church in the 11<sup>th</sup> century was the moral corruption of the clergy, which was a cause of continuous scandal and unrest. In his *Book of Gomorrah*, of 1047, Peter Damian railed against the lax morals of the clergy, particularly the twin scourges of clerical incontinence and simony (the misuse of spiritual goods for financial gain). He denounced sodomy and pederasty in the strongest of terms, as vices that are incompatible with the clerical office, insisting that such clerics be removed from office. Peter was continuously engaged in diplomatic missions on behalf of the various Popes which he undertook with aplomb yet his heart was always set on a life of solitude and prayer as a monk. His last undertaking was to resolve a scandal concerning the excommunicated Archbishop of Ravenna. Whilst on his return to Rome he was struck with fever and died a week later surrounded by monks as they prayed Matins.

The year after Peter Damian's death, Gregory VII became Pope (from 1073-1087). Like Peter Damian, Gregory VII

had been the Abbot of a monastery, and in fact the two had been well-acquainted and united in their vision for ecclesiastical reform. Using the momentum gained by Peter's moral crusade to reform the clergy, Pope Gregory VII initiated the Gregorian (or Hildebrandine) Reform, one of the great top-down ecclesiastical reforms of the Church, that specifically sought to reassert the ancient discipline of clerical celibacy, as a universal norm for the Latin Rite. [Note well: on account of the Gregorian Reform it is sometimes falsely claimed that celibacy only began in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, when in fact Pope Gregory was merely ensuring that the long-standing law of clerical celibacy in the Church was actually being followed].

Peter Damian had done much to till the soil of ecclesiastical reform that would bear abundant fruit in the following century with the flourishing of the High Middle Ages. The following century would see the establishment of the mendicant orders (the Dominicans, the Franciscans, and the Carmelites), a flowering of popular devotions and an explosion of cathedral building throughout Europe. The century after Peter Damian's death is considered a Golden Age of the Church (think: Francis of Assisi, Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure, Dante, Giotto, etc.). Yet, it was Peter Damian who had in so many ways set the stage for this renewal, according to the Pauline maxim: "I sowed, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (cf. 1Cor 3:6). When Dante came to write the third part of his *Divine Comedy*, he placed St Peter Damian in one of the highest realms of heaven.

Today the faithful are constantly bombarded with salacious headlines about the moral failings of religious, priests and bishops, that reach even into the heart of the Vatican. Indeed, the sexual immorality and financial scandals that St Peter Damian sought to address in his lifetime are eerily reminiscent of our own times. The result of these scandals is a crisis of moral credibility for the Church, which gravely undermines her entire mission. The Church's capacity to proclaim the moral teachings of Jesus Christ (who said "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect") is compromised while such manifest moral corruption festers within her own ranks. When one considers the growing number of prelates especially those in Germany, Holland and Belgium who openly and noisily reject the Church's teaching on sexual morality, one wonders what St Peter Damian would make of such prelates, or moreover, what *they* would make of St Peter Damian? Indeed, as bad as the morality of the clergy may have been in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, they at least were not attempting to receive the Church's blessing for their sins, in stark contrast to the situation today. The Church is indeed *ecclesia semper reformanda* (a "Church always in reform"). The moral decay that has set into the Church can indeed be expunged, but only when there are saints with a prophetic voice like St Peter Damian, who can call evil by its proper name.

St Peter Damian leaves behind a substantial body of writings: letters, homilies and treatises addressing a wide range of subjects, as well as hymns and poems. In 1828 he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

St Peter Damian, pray for us!