



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

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26th February 2023
1st SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year A)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 25th February

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

Sunday 26th February – 1st 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

Monday 27th February – No Mass

Tuesday 28th February – Tuesday of 1st Wk of Lent

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 1st March – Wednesday of 1st Wk of Lent

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 2nd March – Thursday of 1st Wk of Lent

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 3rd March – Friday of 1st Wk of Lent

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 – First Friday Adoration and Benediction, Lilydale
6:30pm – Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 4th March

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

Sunday 5th March – 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

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

Safeguarding children news

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



Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 91:15)

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then He breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there He put the man He had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17)

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.
In Your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. R.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against You, You alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in Your sight I have done. R.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
nor deprive me of Your Holy Spirit. R.

Give me again the joy of Your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare Your praise. R.

Second Reading (Romans 5:12, 17-19)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:4)

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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Gospel (Matthew 4:1-11)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which He was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But He replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took Him to the holy city and made Him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If You are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw Yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'
Next, taking Him to a very high mountain, the devil showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give You all these', he said, 'if You fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve Him alone.'

Then the devil left Him, and angels appeared and looked after Him.

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

Communion Antiphon (Deuteronomy 8:3)

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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



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:

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
9 th April	-	John Barrett
16 th April	-	John Barrett
23 rd April	-	Luke Houlihan
30 th April	-	Veronica Ireland

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

12th February:

<u>St. Brigid's:</u>	
Presbytery	\$ 220.50
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 375.10
Pastoral Care Appeal	\$ 229.50

16th February:

<u>Our Lady of the Snows:</u>	
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 551.20

19th February:

<u>St. Brigid's:</u>	
Presbytery	\$ 222.60
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 395.00
<u>St. Aloysius':</u>	
Presbytery	\$ 140.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 150.00

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

LENTEN 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.

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.

St Brigid's Gardening Group – Working Bee on Tuesday 28th of February, starting at 9am.

Please bring along gardening tools. Donations of plants (natives or bulbs) would be greatly appreciated. *Everyone welcome – please come along to help keep the church grounds bright & beautiful.*

St Brigid’s Parish Care Group

What we do:

The Care Group includes volunteers from the parish and the wider community who provide outreach to individuals and families [400 and 180]. We meet at the Parish Hall, on the 1st Friday of each month from 10-12.

Next meeting will be Friday 3rd March.

The Care Group provides many services and activities, including: visits, cuppas, chatting, sitting with and prayers; cards and phone calls. Regular deliveries of bread [Mon, Wed and Sat at 4]; preparation of meals and cook-ups; helping at friendship gatherings or with funeral care. Fundraising; the Christmas Cheer offering hampers, care parcels and gifts; providing home care and emergency relief. And more!!!

The Care Group needs your help:

We are looking for volunteers to become ‘helping hands’. If you are interested in helping and can spare some time, weekly or monthly, or would like more information, you can give me a call and/or come along to our Care Meeting.

May God bless us, our Parish 3rd and those we care for.
Maree Jecott [0417087199]

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.**



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

Stable One
more than a place to stay

Yarra Valley Winter Shelter
1 JUNE - 31 AUGUST

Churches in the Yarra Valley are partnering with **Stable One** to work together at the coldest time of year to offer hospitality to people experiencing homelessness.

GET INVOLVED: Volunteers aged 18+ are trained and rostered onto a variety of shifts & tasks. To find out more and sign up, go to: <https://stableone.org/yarra-valley-winter-shelter/>
Flyers also available in the church foyer.

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.

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HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

AND/OR ITALY (28th August - 19th September, 2023)

Contact us for more details: FrEmmanueltv (SpiritualDirector): frmanueltv@gmail.com; holyspiritp@gmail.com; 0417999553, 0893413079; Coordinators: Dax: 0420643949; and Didith: 0473246029.

Lenten Wisdom from the saints



Pope St Leo the Great (c. 400-461AD)
Lenten sermon (Sermon 49)

“On all days and seasons, indeed, dearly-beloved, some marks of the Divine goodness are set, and no part of the year is destitute of sacred mysteries, in order that, so long as proofs of our salvation meet us on all sides, we may the more eagerly accept the never-ceasing calls of God's mercy. But all that is bestowed on the restoration of human souls in the various works and gifts of grace is put before us more clearly and abundantly now, when no isolated portions of the Faith are to be celebrated, but the whole together. For as the Easter festival approaches, the greatest and most binding of fasts is kept, and its observance is imposed on all the faithful without exception; because no one is so holy that he ought not to be holier, nor so devout that he might not be devouter. For who, that is set in the uncertainty of this life, can be found either exempt from temptation, or free from fault? Who is there who would not wish for additions to his virtue, or removal of his vice? Seeing that adversity does us harm, and prosperity spoils us, and it is equally dangerous not to have what we want at all, and to have it in the fullest measure. There is a trap in the fullness of riches, a trap in the straits of poverty. The one lifts us up in pride, the other incites us to complaint. Health tries us, sickness tries us, so long as the one fosters carelessness and the other sadness. There is a snare in security, a snare in fear; and it matters not whether the mind which is given over to earthly thoughts, is taken up with pleasures or with cares; for it is equally unhealthy to languish under empty delights, or to labour under racking anxiety.

And thus is perfectly fulfilled that assurance of the Truth, by which we learn that narrow and steep is the way that leads to life (Matt 7:14); and while the breadth of the way that leads to death is crowded with a large company, the steps are few of those that tread the path of safety. And wherefore is the left road more thronged than the right, save that the multitude is prone to worldly joys and carnal goods? And although that which it desires is short-lived and uncertain, yet men endure toil more willingly for the lust of pleasure than for love of virtue. Thus while those who crave things visible are unnumbered, those who prefer the eternal to the temporal are hardly to be found. And, therefore, seeing that the blessed Apostle Paul says, the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal (2Cor 4:18), the path

of virtue lies hid and in concealment, to a certain extent, since by hope we were saved (Rom 8:24), and true faith loves that above all things, which it attains to without any intervention of the flesh. A great work and toil it is then to keep our wayward heart from all sin, and, with the numberless allurements of pleasure to ensnare it on all sides, not to let the vigour of the mind give way to any attack. Who touches pitch, and is not defiled thereby (Sirach 13:1)? who is not weakened by the flesh? Who is not begrimed by the dust? Who, lastly, is of such purity as not to be polluted by those things without which one cannot live? For the Divine teaching commands by the Apostle's mouth that they who have wives should be as though they had none: and those that weep as though they rejoiced not; and those that rejoice as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy as though they possessed not; and those that use this world as though they used it not; for the fashion of this world passes away. Blessed, therefore, is the mind that passes the time of its pilgrimage in chaste sobriety, and loiters not in the things through which it has to walk, so that, as a stranger rather than the possessor of its earthly abode, it may not be wanting in human affections, and yet rest on the Divine promises.

Which of the faithful does not know what virtues he ought to cultivate, and what vices to fight against? Who is so partial or so unskilled a judge of his own conscience as not to know what ought to be removed, and what ought to be developed? Surely no one is so devoid of reason as not to understand the character of his mode of life, or not to know the secrets of his heart. Let him not then please himself in everything, nor judge himself according to the delights of the flesh, but place his every habit in the scale of the Divine commands, where, some things being ordered to be done and others forbidden, he can examine himself in a true balance by weighing the actions of his life according to this standard. For the designing mercy of God has set up the brightest mirror in His commandments, wherein a man may see his mind's face and realize its conformity or dissimilarity to God's image: with the specific purpose that, at least, during the days of our Redemption and Restoration, we may throw off awhile our carnal cares and restless occupations, and betake ourselves from earthly matters to heavenly.”

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<http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/360349.htm>



Invitation to Free Public Lecture in Melbourne

Greg Sheridan (foreign editor at *The Australian*) will give a free lecture on Wednesday the 29 March at 6pm titled 'Works that Made the West: The Letters of St Paul.' It will be held at The Athanaeum Club, Melbourne CBD. For a free ticket to the evening follow this link
www.campion.edu.au/events