



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

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5th March 2023
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year A)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

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

Monday 6th March – No Mass

Tuesday 7th March – Memorial of Sts Perpetua & Felicity

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 – Rosary, Lilydale (please note there is no Exposition at this time)

Wednesday 8th March – Memorial of Saint John of God

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 9th March – Thursday of 2nd 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 10th March – Friday of 2nd 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
6:30pm – Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 11th March

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

Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

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 27:8-9)

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

**R. Lord, let Your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in You.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all His works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with His love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere Him,
on those who hope in His love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in You. R.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for His own purpose and by His own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and He has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 17:5)

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is My beloved Son, hear Him.
Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (Matthew 17:1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with Him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence He was transfigured; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with Him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; He enjoys My favour. Listen to Him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' He said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

Communion Antiphon (17:5)

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to Him.

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

Reading Roster for Sunday 8:30am Mass:

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

SAVE THE DATE: Mass & Healing Blessing – 11am Thursday 30th March, 2023 at St Brigid's, Healesville, followed by luncheon in the Parish Hall.

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!



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

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 March:

Sr Nell Russell, Ronald Donchi, H. Weda, Rene Chandler, Helen Srafford, Frank McDonald, John Doensen, Ziggy Nadolski, Claudio Latin, Mary Snell, Antonio Bariola, John Field, Mary Wood, Eva Jansen, Erica Fries, Mavis McKenzie, Harry van de ven, Susan Sosic.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

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

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

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 and those we care for.
Maree Jecfott [0417087199]



World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023

Every two-three years since 1987 the Catholic youth have gathered from around the world with the Pope at a World Youth Day, hosted in a different city. Many I'm sure would recall the 2008 WYD in Sydney,

which provided an incredible injection of faith across the country. The last World Youth Day was in 2019 Panama City, Panama. Since then, the ability to organise an international WYD has been prevented by COVID restrictions on both large gatherings and international travel. Four years on, the next WYD will be held in Lisbon, Portugal between 1st-6th August, 2023.

The World Youth Day is designed to be a pilgrimage for young people to experience the universality of the Catholic Faith, celebrating the faith with other young Catholics from all over the world. Portugal is a country steeped in a rich Catholic culture. It is the birthplace of St Anthony of Padua, St Elizabeth of Portugal and home to the miraculous apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima.

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering three pilgrimage options: *Direct to Lisbon* (14 days); *The Italian Way* (via Rome - 19 days); and *Footsteps of Jesus* (via the Holy Land - 21 days). Registrations are currently open for any young Catholic aged between 16-35.

If you wish to travel with one of the three Melbourne groups you will need to register by 17th March.



World Youth Day is a lot of fun, but it is a pilgrimage, not a holiday. Experience shows that it is often a formative and galvanising experience for young Catholics who are maturing in their faith. The last thirty years shows that WYD produces future leaders for the Church and even a few vocations. Although not cheap to undertake, it is an investment in the future of the Church: today's youth are tomorrow's leaders.

If there are any young people who are interested in finding out more about the WYD (dates, itineraries, costs, etc.) check out the website for the Archdiocese of Melbourne (see link below). Should there be any young people from the parish who are interested in joining the Melbourne group I am happy to discuss a partial subsidy of the costs involved and we can also look at the possibility of some parish fund-raising if there is the interest. If you have any questions or are seeking financial assistance from the parish, feel free to contact me via the parish office. Note that due to the cut-off date for

registrations being on 17th March you will need to contact me ASAP.

I have the good fortune of having been appointed as one of the chaplains to accompany Melbourne WYD pilgrims on the *Footsteps of Jesus* pilgrim route. My last WYD was in 2008 (when I actually qualified as 'youth'!) so I too will be looking forward to this unique experience. Hope to see you in Lisbon!

Fr Francis Denton.

For more information go to:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

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.



TRIVIA NIGHT - ST PATRICK'S PARISH

AT OUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH, 7.00 PM

COST - \$5.00 PER PERSON

BOOK A TABLE OF up to 10 FRIENDS (maximum)

OR COME ALONE AND MAKE UP A TABLE ON THE NIGHT

TRIVIA GAMES

COIN GAMES

SILENT AUCTIONS

BRING ALONG YOUR GOLD COINS!

BYO DRINKS AND NIBBLES

TEA & COFFEE SUPPLIED

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS

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.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the

oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Lenten Wisdom from the saints



(excerpts from Lenten Homily)

At length the season is verging towards the end of the Fast, and therefore we ought the more earnestly to devote ourselves to holiness. For as in the case of those who run a race, all their circuits will be of no avail if they miss the prize; so neither will any advantage result from these manifold labours and toils with regard to the fast, if we are not able to enjoy the sacred Table with a good conscience. For this end are fasting and Lent appointed, and so many days of solemn assemblies, prayers, and teachings, in order that by this earnestness being cleansed in every possible way from the sins which we had contracted during the whole year, we may with spiritual boldness religiously partake of that unbloody Sacrifice; so that should this not be the result, we shall have sustained so much labour entirely in vain, and without any profit.

Let every one, therefore, consider with himself what defect he has corrected, what good work he has attained to; what sin he has cast off, what stain he has purged away; in what respect he has become better. And should he discover that in this good traffic he has made any gain by the fast, and be conscious in himself of much care taken of his wounds, let him draw near! But if he has remained negligent, having nothing to show but mere fasting, and has done nothing which is right besides, let him remain outside; and then let him enter, when he has purged out all these offenses. Let no one rest on the fast merely; while continuing unreformed in evil practices. For it is probable, that he who omits fasting may obtain pardon, having infirmity of body to plead; but it is impossible that he can have an excuse who has not amended his faults. You have not fasted, it may be, on account of bodily weakness. Tell me for what reason you are not reconciled to your enemies? Have you, indeed, here to allege bodily infirmity? Again; if you retain envy and hatred, what apology have you then I ask? For no one in offenses of this kind is able to take refuge in the plea of bodily infirmity. And this was a work of Christ's love toward man, namely, that the chief of the precepts, and those which maintain our life, should not be impaired in any degree through the weakness of the body.

Being mindful then of all these things, be urgent with all, for the speedy fulfilment of this precept. And tell me not, that you will do this little by little; nor put it off till the morrow, for this tomorrow never finds an end. Forty days have already passed away. Should the Holy Easter pass

away, I will thenceforward pardon no one, nor employ further admonition, but a commanding authority, and severity not to be despised. For this apology drawn from custom is of no force. Why may not the thief as well plead custom, and get free from punishment? Why may not the murderer and adulterer? Therefore I protest, and give warning to all, that if, when I have met you in private, and put the matter to the proof (and I will certainly put it to the proof), I detect any who have not corrected this vice, I will inflict punishment upon them, by ordering them to be excluded from the Holy Mysteries; not that they may remain always shut out, but that having reformed themselves, they may thus enter in, and with a pure conscience enjoy the Holy Table; for this is to be a partaker of the Communion! God grant that through the prayers of those who preside over us, as well as of all the saints, having corrected these and all other deficiencies, we may obtain the kingdom of heaven through the grace and loving kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, with Whom to the Father, together with the Holy Spirit, be glory, honour, and adoration, now and ever, world without end. Amen.

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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.

CAMPION
COLLEGE AUSTRALIA



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

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.