



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

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12th March 2023
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year A)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

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

Monday 13th March – No Mass

Tuesday 14th March – Tuesday of 3rd 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 – Rosary, Lilydale (without Exposition)
11:00am – Rosary & Requiem Mass for Italo Di Giovine

Wednesday 15th March – Wednesday of 3rd 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
10:15am – Rosary & Requiem Mass for Assunta Salvitti

Thursday 16th March – Thursday of 3rd Wk of Lent

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

Friday 17th March – Solemnity of Saint Patrick

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
(8:30-9:00am – Confession available)
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm School Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
1:30pm – Funeral Prayers for Grace Faraone
6:30pm – Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 18th March

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

Sunday 19th March – 4th Sunday in Lent

8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
5:00pm Mass St Aloysius', Yarra Glen

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 25:15-16)

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for He rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7)

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9)

**R. If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for He is our God and we
the people who belong to His pasture,
the flock that is led by His hand. R.

O that today you would listen to His voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put Me to the test;
when they tried Me, though they saw My work.' R.

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive,

because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at His appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (cf John 4:42, 15)

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, You are truly the Saviour of the world;

give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory and praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, 'What? You are a Jew and You ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering

and who it is that is saying to you:

Give Me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,

and He would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could You get this living water? Are You a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again;

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see You are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while You say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper

the Father wants.

God is spirit,

and those who worship

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in Him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to Him, they begged Him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when He spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard Him ourselves and we know that He really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon (John 4:14)

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,

the water I shall give will become in him

a spring welling up to eternal life.

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:

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: Healing Mass & Luncheon – 11am – 1:30pm, Thursday 30th March, 2023 at St Brigid's, Healesville. All Welcome!

LENTEN PROGRAM – at St. Patrick's, Lilydale.

WHAT: we will be following along with the *TRIUMPH Lenten Program*, from the Wollongong Diocese.

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.

ALL WELCOME!

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 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



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Italo Di Giovine, Anita Heyma, Assunta Salvitti & Grace Faraone

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:

Matthew Jefcott, 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.

PRAYER FOR LIFE – there will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Saturday 25th March, 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. ALL WELCOME.

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.

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 Jefcott [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>

Lenten Wisdom from the Saints



St. Augustine of Hippo
Sermon 205, 1

“As we begin our annual Lenten observance with its solemn call to conversion...it is more than ever my pastoral duty to nourish your minds with the word of God when you are about to mortify your bodies by fasting. We are soon to celebrate the Passion of our crucified Lord. It is therefore in keeping with our commitment to him that we should crucify ourselves by restraining the desires of the flesh.

As St Paul says: *You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all your self-indulgent passions and desires.* Such is the Cross upon which we Christians must continually hang, since our whole lives are beset by trials and temptations. Not for us, as long as we live, to be rid of those nails we read of in the psalm: *Pierce my flesh with the nails of your fear.* Flesh means the desires of our lower nature; nails, the demands of God’s justice and holiness. With these the fear of the Lord pierces our flesh and fastens us to the Cross as an acceptable sacrifice to him.

In a similar passage the apostle Paul appeals to us by the mercy of God to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. To hang on such a Cross brings no shame to the servants of God; it is something in which they glory, as Saint Paul does when he says: *Far be it from me to glory in anything except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

This crucifixion, I repeat, is something that must continue throughout our life, not for forty days only. It is true that Moses, Elijah, and our Lord himself fasted for forty days; but in Moses, Elijah, and Christ we are meant to see the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel, and to learn from them not to cling to this present world or imitate its ways, but to nail our unregenerate selves to the Cross. Christians must always live in this way, without any wish to come down from their Cross, otherwise they will sink beneath the world’s mire. But if we have to do so all our lives, we must make an even greater effort during these days of Lent. It is not a simple matter of living through forty days; Lent is the epitome of our whole life.”

Little Yarra Steiner School presents;
a musical gift to the community

ST JOHN PASSION – JS BACH

When: Wednesday 5th of April at 6:00pm
Where: 205 Little Yarra Rd, Yarra Junction
(in the LYSS Gymnasium)
Performed by students, teachers & friends of LYSS
Gold coin donations accepted



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 & COFFE SUPPLIED

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS



Aid to the
Church in Need

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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



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
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**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