



# St Patrick's Parish

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14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year A)

### Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Our Lady of Fatima

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 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 15<sup>th</sup> May** – No Mass

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Tuesday of 6<sup>th</sup> Wk of Easter

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 & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lilydale  
(Italian Prayer Group)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Wednesday of 6<sup>th</sup> Wk of Easter

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale

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

9:45-10:30am – Recitation of the Rosary, Lilydale (Rosary  
Prayer Group)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – Memorial of Pope Saint John I

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday of 6<sup>th</sup> Wk of Easter

8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale

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

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

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

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – The Ascension of the Lord

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**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;

proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

### **First Reading (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17)**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet He had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm (Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20)**

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of His name.

O render Him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous Your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to You, sing to Your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous His deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in Him;  
He rules for ever by His might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what He did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold His love from me. R.



Wishing all the mums of the St. Patrick's parish a very **Happy Mother's Day**. May our heavenly Mother Mary intercede for you all, and keep you protected under her mantle.

## Second Reading (1 Peter 3:15-18)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ Himself, innocent though He was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body He was put to death, in the spirit He was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (John 14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love Me will keep My words,  
and My Father will love them and We will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel (John 14:15-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to His disciples:

'If you love Me you will keep My commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and Me will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows Him;  
but you know Him,  
because He is with you, He is in you.  
I will not leave your orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see Me;  
but you will see Me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
you will understand that I am in My Father  
and you in Me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives My commandments and keeps  
them  
will be one who loves Me;  
and anybody who loves Me will be loved by My  
Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

## Communion Antiphon

If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and He will send you another  
Paraclete,  
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## First Reconciliations

Congratulations to the children from St Patrick's Primary School who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past week.  
May they always know the love and mercy of Jesus and live in His grace.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral Mass for *Marie Hammond* will be celebrated Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May at St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church (57 Central Rd, Blackburn) at 11:30am.  
Refreshments will follow in the parish hall from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.



## WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

St Patrick's raised over \$3000 at our morning cuppa last Sunday to help Nathan Fernando on his upcoming World Youth Day pilgrimage.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped, including those who baked and donated goodies for the Cake Stall, and to those who so generously donated funds for this worthy cause.

We will have another fundraiser for Nathan at our next parish Morning Cuppa after Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June.  
More details to come.

## Parish Rosters

### Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

Date	Reading Roster	Welcoming Roster
13/05	Pradeep Fernando	Carole Weinberg
20/05	Mary Dowling	Anne Burrows
27/05	Patrick Bennett	Ann McCann
3/06	Anne Burrows	Carole Wright
10/06	Frank Feltham	Leveda Allison
17/06	Pradeep Fernando	Mary Dowling
24/06	Mary Dowling	Carol Weinberg

### Sunday Morning Mass

Date	Reading Roster	Welcoming Roster
14/05	Mathew Burrow	Francoise & Patrick Mioni
21/05	Louise Fitinghoff	Henny & Coen Boerlage
28/05	Monica DeKnecht	Margaret Vanderhyde & Mary Dowling
4/06	Clare Hangan	Mary Dowling & Jordan Allan
11/06	Mary Dowling	Francoise & Patrick Mioni
18/06	Settie Grajo	Henny & Coen Boerlage
25/06	John De Losa	Louise Fitinghoff & Sandra Dunne

## WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Thanksgiving Collection Pledge: \$1404.50

*Collections from the previous weekend:*

**Church Renovation Collection**                      **\$ 5,034.95**  
**Thanksgiving Collection**                                      **\$ 1,133.10**

**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 Patrick's Church Account  
BSB: 083-347      Account: 63931 6508  
Ref: Surname or Thanksgiving Number



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Hammond

**Anniversaries:** Anthony Lizzi & Ennio Conte

**Sick:** Peter Hicks, Kay Williams, Frank Di Giovine, Sue Wakeham, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, John Phillips, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero, Jennifer Berridge, Carole Wright, Susan Lee, Jos Vandersman, Carmel Calabro, Frances Lamonica, Blake, Val Bailey, Andrea German



## Welcome Our Lady into Your Home!

*"Then Jesus said to the beloved Disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." (John 19:27)*

Parishioners are invited to host a statue of Our Lady into their homes. It is an opportunity to bring your family together in prayer, seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

Please sign up by filling out the roster sheet the board in the Church foyer. You will need to assume responsibility for the statue and coordinate the transfer of the statue to the next host family – **please call the next family to arrange exchange of the statue at the weekend Masses.**

## ST. PATRICK'S PIETY STALL

St. Patrick's Piety Stall is now up and running in the foyer of the church. Leo Banks and Mary Dowling will be there after each Vigil/Sunday Mass and will be able to help you. Make sure you have a look at all the goodies on offer!

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

**St Vincent de Paul:** If assistance is required, please contact 1800 305 330, Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Tuesday Italian Rosary Group** – Recitation of the Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet (*in Italian*) each Tuesday following the 9:15am Mass.

**Wednesday Parish Rosary Group** – Recitation of the Holy Rosary each Wednesday following the 9.15am Mass.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Every Thursday at 7:00pm in the church. New members are most welcome – no prior experience required!

**Christian Meditation:** Saturday mornings at 9:30am in the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Mary on 0457 638 744

**Monthly Cuppa after Mass** – The Parish of St Patrick's welcomes all to the *Monthly Cuppa After Mass*, held at the Community Centre after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. The next Cuppa is **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome!

## URGENT REQUEST

**Venue Coordinator – Winter night shelter – Sunday evenings.**

Due to a change in circumstances, I am no longer able to coordinate the Winter Night Shelter for St Patrick's. We are now looking for someone willing to take over the role.

### The main things you will need to do:

Attend monthly steering committee meetings.

Attend and run the shelter at St Pat's on Sunday evenings, 5.00pm till 10pm

Recruit Volunteers and ensure there are enough volunteers for each shift and cooks!

Raise money to provide the weekly meals and incidentals.

Full training provided and I will walk alongside you for the first couple of weeks!

Please let me know if you are interested and I can provide further information and full role description.

Sharon 0425 703 696



### More information about the Winter Shelter:

Sunday nights during winter, St Patrick's will be hosting the Yarra valley Winter Shelter.

In the past we have been very fortunate through the generosity of our parishioners to be able to provide a hot meal and breakfast to our guests at the shelter.

**You can help us** by volunteering for one of the many roles on our roster: Evening Shift worker (5.30pm-10pm), Overnight shift (10pm-7am) or breakfast shift (7am-9am); Cooking the evening meal, or baking and dropping off dessert.

Thank you for your continued support.

To find out more and sign up, go to:

<https://stableone.org/yarra-valley-winter-shelter/>

**PRAYER FOR LIFE** – there will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 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.**

## Saint Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information:

[national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au); 02 8912 4818  
<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

### Safeguarding children news

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding email [Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au)





## Mother's Day

There was a prestigious girls' school where the teacher asked the students what they wanted to be when they grow up. One of the students proudly declared that she wanted to be a doctor; another suggested she wanted to be a famous artist; a third revealed her ambition of being Prime Minister; finally, one of the girls rather coyly proffered her dream: "More than anything else I want to be a mother!" To which the teacher promptly replied, "That's nice too, but what *real* job would you like to do?"

There is a bizarre paradox in our culture. The West claims to have empowered women by liberating them from the confines of the domestic realm. Women now have the freedom to be whoever they want to be. Yet, there is a shadow side to this 'freedom' that is rarely, if ever, spoken of. The pursuing of work or a professional career has come to be extolled as the foundation of one's worth as a member of society and the expression of one's core identity. From the point of view of Western secular culture, being married and having a family is treated as a side interest, a secondary facet of one's identity. Within this scheme children are mere lifestyle accessories, like having a pet. Indeed, in popular culture pets are now jokingly referred to as "fur babies"! Behind the joke is a revealing and rather disturbing admission: that having a pet is seen as a substitute for having children. If the aim of feminism was to better the lot of women, then it's a sad fact that the dreams of many women to preside over a large, happy family home has been curtailed by a culture and an economy that demands the slavish subordination of one's family to the primacy of the workplace. One is reminded of G.K. Chesterton's quip about "the muddled idea that women are free when they serve their employers, but slaves when they help their husbands." The messaging of our culture is reiterating the lie of the 20<sup>th</sup> century that motherhood is a terrible burden and the enemy of personal fulfillment.

The inevitable effect of 'emancipating' women from the home is that the value of motherhood as a vocation has been denigrated. Women who choose not to enter the workforce and stay at home to care for children are increasingly viewed with a critical eye, as though they are 'less productive' members of society. At least, this is the cynical, utilitarian, Marxist outlook that seeks to reduce human beings to economic units. In fact, the problem is not limited to women: men face the same inversion of priorities. Work is presumed to be the be-all and end-all of life, when in reality work is largely a means to an end. The point is not to denigrate the paid work we do as insignificant, but more to note that the most important things we do in life are rarely paid for. There may be significant value in the employed work undertaken, but for the overwhelming majority of human history work is principally endured to provide income to facilitate the higher endeavours of supporting one's immediate family, and thereafter, the wider 'family' of one's church and society. It is a very sick society indeed, that sees motherhood as being a second-rate vocation.

Motherhood and Fatherhood (whether natural or spiritual) is among the highest expressions of our human dignity. Being a mother or a father is not simply what we 'do', it is who we 'are'. The Church has always seen motherhood and fatherhood as a vocation – a heavenly calling. In Genesis God calls the human race to "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen 1:28). Throughout the Old Testament there is no greater sign of Divine Blessing than the abundance of offspring. So God declares to Abraham: "I will certainly bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven, or sand on the sea shore" (Gen 22:17). In Luke's Gospel we see the Archangel Gabriel announcing to Mary her God-given calling to be the Mother of God. Indeed, it is worth pondering the fact that the greatest saint of all time, Mary, attained her exalted status by

fulfilling her vocation as a mother – the mother of Jesus and our Mother (see John 19:26-27). Mary's highest title is *Theotokos*: "Mother of God". If there were a greater honour that God could have bestowed upon Mary, He would have.

There is something entirely miraculous about the manner in which a new human being, who is a completely original and unrepeatable masterpiece of creation, made in the image and likeness of God, is brought into the world through the loving cooperation of his mother. There is no human enterprise more lofty, or upon which society is more dependent, than the begetting and raising of offspring. This is not merely theoretical, it is borne out in practice. Once a couple start a family their priorities automatically change. Professional athletes who once considered winning a gold medal as their greatest life achievement will very quickly regain their sense of perspective once they hold their first child in their arms.

Every woman whom God has honoured with the dignity of motherhood should understand the profound glory of her vocation and how pleasing it is in the sight of God. Every one of us owes our earthly existence to that special woman we call 'mum'! On this Mother's Day we take the opportunity to give thanks to God for our mums and to pray for them (whether they are with us or departed). May God reward their goodness, their love and care, and may we never take them for granted.

And to my own mum, who is the most inspirational, selfless and exemplary witness to the vocation of motherhood that I have ever known: thank you!

Happy Mother's Day!



**We now have a parish subscription to "Formed"**, provided by the Augustine Institute USA. Formed has 1000's of Catholic movies, children's programs, audio dramas & books, Bible studies, documentaries & more. All are available free of charge to parishioners.

To access, just type [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup), and find the parish/organization by typing Lilydale.

Click on St Patrick's Lilydale, then NEXT, then insert your name and your email address.

You should receive the log-in details in your email afterward. Every time you log in to Formed, it will send you a new link to your nominated email address.

There are videos on the lives of the saints and other lessons on the Sacraments. PRESENCE is another favourite series on the Eucharist & SYMBOLON.

Recommended programs: "The Search" & "Symbolon" & "Presence", but you will find many more.

For more details click the links. If you have any questions or issues with signing in, contact the Parish Office.

*Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand* is honoured to be launching the annual **George Cardinal Pell Luncheon and Lecture**.

This inaugural event will take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at the Park Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne, 12-3pm**.

Keynote speaker: **David Pell** (brother of Cardinal Pell) who will speak on the topic **Mio Fratello, Cardinale** (My brother, the Cardinal).

The luncheon includes drinks and canapés and a three course meal. Full Price Tickets \$250 per person. To book and pay visit [www.trybooking.com/CGUDA](https://www.trybooking.com/CGUDA)

**Please note:** for \$100 discount, enter code GP2023