



Parishes of St Patrick's Lilydale & St Brigid's Healesville



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9th July 2023

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)**

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 8th July

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

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

Sunday 9th July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday 10th July – No Mass

Tuesday 11th July – No Mass

9:45-10:30am – Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lilydale (Italian Prayer Group)

Wednesday 12th July – No Mass

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

7:30pm to 8:30pm – Recitation of the Rosary, Lilydale

Thursday 13th July – No Mass

Friday 14th July – No Mass

Saturday 15th July

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

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

Sunday 16th July – Fifteenth 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

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of Your temple.
Your praise, O God, like Your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading (Zechariah 9:9-10)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14)

*R. I will praise Your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

I will give You glory, O God my King,
I will bless Your name for ever.
I will bless You day after day
and praise Your name for ever. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all His creatures. R.

All Your creatures shall thank You, O Lord,
and Your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of Your reign
and declare Your might, O God. R.

The Lord is faithful in all His words
and loving in all His deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. R.

Second Reading (Romans 8:9, 11-13)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made His home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to Him, and if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then He who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through His Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (cf Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless You, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased You to do. Everything has been entrusted to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

'Come to Me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder My yoke and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, My yoke is easy and My burden light.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

PARISH PRAYER LIST



Recently Deceased: Brother Peter Browne, Patricia Robb, Pasqualino de Vincentis & Angela Lamonica

Anniversaries: Nancy Del Tondo

(St Patrick's) Sick: Daphne Fernandes, 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

(St Brigid's) Sick: Betty, Martha Adams, 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, 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

Parish Rosters:

St Patrick's:

Date	Reading Roster	Welcoming Roster
8/07	Anne Burrows	Anne Burrows
9/07	Louise Fitinghoff	Monica & Jan DeKnecht
15/07	Frank Feltham	Leveda Allison
16/07	Monica DeKnecht	Francoise & Patrick Mioni
22/07	Pradeep Fernando	Carole Weinberg
23/07	Clare Hangan	Henny & Coen Boerlage
29/07	Mary Dowling	Carole Wright
30/07	Mary Dowling	Margaret Vanderhyde & Jordan Allan
5/08	Patrick Bennett	Mary Dowling
6/08	Settie Beardsley	Henny & Coen Boerlage

St Brigid's:

Date	Reading Roster
9/07	Pat/Gabriel/Gideon Houlihan
16/07	Maree Jeffcott
23/07	Anne Lehmann
30/07	John Barrett
06/08	Ed McGettigan

St Brigid's Care Group Meeting (Please note change of date) will be held this month on JULY 14th from 1-3 in the St Brigid's Parish Hall. Contact Maree 0417087199

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.

Can you help? HICCI (Healesville Inter Church Care Inc.)

We are seeking a representative from the St Brigid's parish to join the HICCI committee. This is a wonderful organisation, serving our local community, and has a representative from each of the local churches in Healesville. Please contact Fr. Francis or Joy for more information.

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

ST PATRICK'S - THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes for the St Patrick's Parish are now available in the foyer of the church. They are sorted alphabetically by surname.

Please note – the envelopes are for parishioners who donate to the parish using cash.

If you would like to donate with cash, and sign up for your own envelope number, please contact the parish office.

ST PATRICK'S 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, August 6th**. All welcome! Please bring a plate to share if you can.

NEW - ST PATRICK'S Wednesday Evening Adoration – 7:30pm to 8:30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Holy Rosary. (*Please note* – whilst Father is away, there will be no Exposition, but the recitation of the Holy Rosary will still be held.)

ST PATRICK'S CHOIR PRACTICE – **Please note** – Choir practice is postponed now, until Father Francis' return from World Youth Day. The next choir practice will run on August 17th.

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



RCIA 2023-2024

Is God real? Why do I exist? Did Jesus intend to establish the Catholic Church? What are the sacraments and what difference do they make?

These are just some of the questions many people are wrestling with in the search for meaning...and which we will endeavour to answer.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a forum for enquiry and exploring the core beliefs of Christianity with a view to Baptism/reception into the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith please contact the parish office to enrol now. The classes, directed by Fr Francis Denton, will commence in September. No cost. All are welcome!

Who: Anyone 18+ who is curious to find out more about Catholicism

When: Wednesdays at 7:00pm (Beginning in September 2023)

Where: Moira Tanks Room, St Patrick's Community Centre, Lilydale

Contact: Parish office – 9739 5977 or email Lilydale@cam.org.au

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY DAY UPDATES

WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE

Gabriel Houlihan from St Brigid's, Healesville, is going to World Youth Day!

To well fund his trip there will be a parish raffle.

1st Prize: Four Pillars Gin pack

2nd Prize: 2 bottles of Yarra Valley wine

3rd Prize: Pamper pack

Tickets on sale for the next two weekends with Tickets: 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 16th July.

A Message from Nathan, our WYD Pilgrim (from St Patrick's Parish)

Dearest Saint Patrick's Community, Firstly I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Father Denton for helping arrange the fundraisers and spreading awareness of my journey. I truly appreciate your hard work and commitment to my cause. Secondly, I want to thank all the parishioners for your selfless donations towards my trip to World Youth Day 2023. I am super stoked to be given this amazing opportunity to better deepen my connection with God through these fourteen days filled with joy and excitement. I will keep all of you in my prayers and pray for your intentions. Again, thank you so much for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity. God bless you. Nathan

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

2nd July:

St. Brigid's (still to be counted)

St. Patrick's:

Presbytery \$ 1,218.75

Thanksgiving Collection \$ 988.65

1st Collection is for Presbytery – Fr Francis, plus priests & retired priests of the Archdiocese living expenses.

2nd Collection is Thanksgiving – Running expenses of the Church

If you would like to make a donation:

Presbytery Account

BSB: 083-347

Account: 63931 5513

St Patrick's Church Account

BSB: 083-347

Account: 63931 6508

Reference: Surname/Thanksgiving Number

St Brigid's Church Account

BSB: 083-347

Account: 65080 2080



Yarra Valley Winter Shelter

1 JUNE - 31 AUGUST

Although St Patrick's is not able to host this year, other 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/>

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.**

FORMED

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**, 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.

Saint of the Week – St Benedict



Name: Benedict of Nursia, Abbot

Born: 2nd March 480, Nursia (Norcia, Italy)

Died: 21st March 547; Rome

Feast Day: 11th July

Patron Saint of: Europe; monks; farmers; against witchcraft

St Benedict is best known as the founder of the Benedictines, an order of monks who follow the Rule of St Benedict. When as a youth Benedict moved to Rome for studies he was shocked by the licentiousness of his peers. He saw that his own character risked being corrupted by such a culture and fled with his childhood nurse to a remote village near Subiaco. His retreat into the wild mountainous terrain brought him into contact with the solitary monk, Romanus, who encouraged Benedict to pursue the monastic life. Romanus gave Benedict a monk's habit and for three years Benedict lived in near-total isolation in a mountain cavern perch high above a lake. Romanus would periodically bring Benedict food pulled up in a basket by rope. This life of radical asceticism forms a Western parallel to the desert Fathers of northern Africa (eg. St Anthony of Egypt) – and like them Benedict's life of prayer and solitude began to make him a magnet for those seeking to advance in the spiritual life.

One of the neighbouring monasteries became determined to appoint Benedict as their Abbot. Benedict immediately recognised the irreconcilable differences between their objectives and his own, but they were insistent. Before too long the monks became resentful of the austerities Benedict introduced into the community and even attempted to poison his drink to be rid of him. Benedict blessed the poisoned cup which immediately shattered, to the astonishment of the monks. Not surprisingly, Benedict left the monastery intending to resume his former life as a hermit, yet God had other plans. Quite spontaneously, a flow of aspiring monks sought out Benedict desiring to imitate his life of prayer and work (*ora et labora*). Before long, Subiaco blossomed into a thriving religious community of monks with Benedict as their Abbot. It was during this time, in 516AD that Benedict wrote his *Regula* – 'The Rule of St Benedict'. This work has formed the template of monastic life in the Western Church for 1500 years.

With the monastic foundation of Subiaco well established, Benedict moved to Monte Cassino and by about 530AD had laid the foundations for a new monastic community. The monastery of Monte Cassino is to this day probably the most famous monastery in the world. Throughout his life Benedict attained the reputation as a living saint: he gained fame as a miracle worker (even raising the dead to life), yet he was also sought out as a man of great wisdom and common sense. He died a holy death surrounded by his fellow monks, and was instantly revered as a saint.

There are few saints in the history of the Church who have been more singularly influential in shaping the course of Western Christianity than St Benedict. This is not mere pious hyperbole. To weigh up such a claim one has to understand the broader historical context of the decline of the pagan Roman Empire by the fifth century. Rome's political and military decline left it vulnerable to invasion and plundering from Barbarians, and the collapse of Pagan religious belief and Roman civic values ensured the cohesion of the Empire was doomed. This left an immense cultural vacuum, civically, intellectually, morally and administratively, and Christianity had not yet the institutional potency to affect a new cultural homogeneity. The notion of Europe as "Christendom" was at this point inconceivable. Rather than conform to the cultural decay of Rome, Benedict's monastic Rule created a completely new culture, one that would act as 'salt' and 'light' for the whole of Europe, as monastic foundations spread across the entire continent. Pope Benedict XVI, (who with great intent chose Benedict as the patron of his pontificate) wrote of his name's sake: "the Saint's work and particularly his *Rule* were to prove heralds of an authentic spiritual leaven which, in the course of the centuries, far beyond the boundaries of his country and time, changed the face of Europe following the fall of the political unity created by the Roman Empire, inspiring a new spiritual and cultural unity, that of the Christian faith shared by the peoples of the continent.

This is how the reality we call "Europe" came into being." (Benedict XVI, *Holiness is Always in Season*, Ignatius, 2009 p.164)

Today we see the entirety of the Christian West at a point of cultural disintegration, in a manner analogous to the collapse of the Roman Empire in St Benedict's time. There is no longer a unifying Christian faith, culture, or set of values. As Christian Faith evaporates, Europe's innumerable cathedrals and churches (among the highest expressions of Christian culture) are now mostly empty, reduced to being mere tourist attractions. In 2017 Rod Dreher wrote the New York Times best-seller, *The Benedict Option* in which he accurately diagnosed the gravity of the decline of our Post-Christian Western culture. He proposed that the path to recovery consisted less in Christians reclaiming our captured institutions (governments, schools, universities, etc.), and more in following Benedict's example of creating completely new, grassroots, pockets of Christian culture which can act as leaven in our communities. As our morally bankrupt Western civilisation destroys itself by repudiating all that is True, Good and Beautiful, decent folk will be drawn to alternatives if they are available. From the cultural rubble of his own times, St Benedict began the task of rebuilding an authentically Christian culture and in doing so sparked a cultural renewal that endured through millennia. Let's pray that our own interior conversion to Jesus Christ will enable us to become the architects and builders of a new civilisation of Christian love, that can rise up phoenix-like from the ash-heap of this past century.

St Benedict, pray for us!

The Saint Benedict Medal



Front

Back

On one side, the medal has an image of Saint Benedict, holding the Holy Rule in his left hand and a cross in his right. There is a raven on one side of him, with a cup on the other side of him. Around the medal's outer margin are the words "*Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur*" ("May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death"). The other side of the medal has a cross with the initials CSSML on the vertical bar which signify "*CruX Sacra Sit Mihi Lux*" ("May the Holy Cross be my light") and on the horizontal bar are the initials NDSMD which stand for "*Non-Draco Sit Mihi Dux*" ("Let not the dragon be my guide"). The initials CSPB stand for "*CruX Sancti Patris Benedicti*" ("The Cross of the Holy Father Benedict") and are located on the interior angles of the cross. Either the inscription "*PAX*" (Peace) or the Christogram "*IHS*" may be found at the top of the cross in most cases. Around the medal's margin on this side are the *Vade Retro Satana* initials VRSNSMV which stand for "*Vade Retro Satana, Nonquam Suade Mihi Vana*" ("Begone Satan, do not suggest to me thy vanities") then a space followed by the initials SMQLIVB which signify "*Sunt Mala Quae Libas, Ipse Venena Bibas*" ("Evil are the things thou profferest, drink thou thine own poison"). <https://www.newmanministry.com/saints/saint-benedict-of-nursia>

