



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



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**17<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(Year A)**

**Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

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

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

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Twenty-Fourth 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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – No Mass

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – *Memorial Mass for Judy Hacking*

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 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Memorial of St Andrew Kim  
Taegon & the Korean Martyr

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 – Recitation of the Rosary, Lilydale (Rosary  
Prayer Group)

7:30pm to 8:30pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &  
Rosary, Lilydale

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Feast of Saint Matthew

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

1:30pm Rosary and Funeral of Eileen Venables

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Friday of 24<sup>th</sup> Wk in OT

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

(8:30-9:00am – Confession available)

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

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

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

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

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

12:00pm – Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Memorial Mass for Judy Hacking** – Father Denton will be offering a Memorial Mass this week (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September) for the repose of Judy Hacking. Judy was a parishioner here at St Patrick's.

**Entrance Antiphon**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You,  
that Your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of Your servant,  
and of Your people Israel.

**First Reading (Sirach 27:30 - 28:7)**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the  
Lord,

Who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-  
will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the  
offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 102:1-4, 9-12)**

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless His holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all His blessings. R.

It is He who forgives all your guilt,  
Who heals every one of your ills,  
Who redeems your life from the grave,  
Who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

His wrath will come to an end;  
He will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is His love for those who fear Him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does He remove our sins. R.

## Second Reading (Romans 14:7-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation (John 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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

## Communion Antiphon

How precious is Your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

## Parish Rosters:

### St Patrick's:

Date	Reading Roster	Welcoming Roster
16/09	Anne Burrows	Mary Dowling
17/09	Mary Dowling	Francoise & Patrick Mioni
23/09	Frank Feltham	Carol Weinberg
30/09	Pradeep Fernando	Anne McCann
01/10	John De Losa	Henny & Coen Boerlage

### St Brigid's:

Date	Reading Roster
17/09	Anne Lehmann
24/09	John Barrett
01/10	Ed McGettigan
08/10	Luke Houlihan

**St Vincent de Paul:** If assistance is required, please contact 1800 305 330. Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm for Lilydale, or Wednesdays between 10.00am – 2.00pm for Healesville.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST



**Recently Deceased:** Eileen Venables & Judy Hacking

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo Gentile

**(St Patrick's) Sick:** Brenda De Losa, Archie Allen, Mark Foster, Daphne Fernandes, Peter Hicks, Kay Williams, Frank Di Giovine, Sue Wakeham, Angelina 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, 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:** Nick Rice, Margaret MacDonald, Maureen Sharp, 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, 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, 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, Fiona M, Louise Jansen, Carol Biddiscombe

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

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

**St Brigid's Cuppa after Mass** – please come and join us for the celebration of our Sunday Mass at 8:30am, followed each week with a cuppa, refreshments, and friendship in the Parish Hall.

## Saturday Morning Rosary



For nine consecutive Saturdays between **26<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> October** there will be recitation of the rosary at St Patrick's at 10:00am. The rosary will be offered for the following intentions: for the restoration of all things in Christ particularly regarding the upcoming Synod, for all the needs of the Church and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcome. (There will be the regular confessions available during this time)



**A WORD OF THANKS TO JOY BELLIZIA**, who has been an incredible asset to the parish of Healesville, assisting as sacristan, caterer, gardener, and all-round helper. There was nothing that Joy was not willing to help with! Joy has also been incredibly generous in volunteering her time and gifts with the Care Group and representing the parish with HICCI. Joy is moving out of the Healesville parish and will be warmly welcomed at Lilydale!

As she will no longer be serving as Sacristan, I would be grateful for any expressions of interest in assisting Molly in this capacity, particularly for the 8:30am Sunday Mass. This would be a great help for me!

*Fr Francis Denton*

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Diocese of Wollongong is releasing another beautiful booklet and program for Advent and Christmas this year (like the one they every year for Lent).

*Before we order the booklets, we would like to check if there is interest in the parish.*

Please note your interest on the form in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

### **Join us for an INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October (in place of the Monthly Cuppa)  
Straight after the 10.30 am Mass, in the School Hall

Please bring a meal being either hot, cold, savoury or sweets from your country of Origin - to be shared amongst those attending.

#### **RSVP by Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Please contact one of the parishioners listed below:

Mary Dowling	0457 638 744
Leveda Allison	0409 135 117
Sandra Dunne	0412 944 889
Carole Wright	0415 804 040

### **WEEKLY THANKSGIVING**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> September:**

#### St. Patrick's:

Presbytery	\$ 903.45
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 865.00
Italian Mass Collection	\$ 637.10

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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



### **St. Brigid's Care Group Angel's Purse Raffle WINNERS**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Kate Eddy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Lydia  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Tammy Coppens  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Una Gentle  
5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Maree O  
6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Joy Bellizia  
7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Natasha Sonsie

Over \$1300 was raised by ticket sales! Thank you to the ticket sellers for such a wonderful effort! Congratulations to those fortunate enough to win, and a big thank you all those who bought tickets to support the work of the Care Group.

### **PRAYER FOR LIFE**

There will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 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.**

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

From 27<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> November, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil – location and other information, including how to sign up at this website: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne).

We are also running parish teams and if you would like information on this please speak to Clare Hangan (0401 566 749). A sign-up sheet and information flyers are also available at the back of the church. To make a donation: 40 Days for Life Melbourne BSB: 063 167 ACC: 11053337.



### **MARCH FOR THE BABIES**

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

#### **OCTOBER 7TH, 1PM START.**

Meeting at Treasury Gardens, corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade.

A bus for travelling to and from the event might be available, depending on interest. To express your interest, please see the form in the foyer (St Patrick's) or contact James at [jnolet@iinet.net.au](mailto:jnolet@iinet.net.au)

### **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.

### **ST. PATRICK'S PIETY STALL**

St. Patrick's Piety Stall, located in the foyer of the church, is full of Catholic religious goodies that can be purchased. 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 goods on offer!

### **Safeguarding children news**

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding email

[Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au); or

[Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au)



## Saint of the Week – St Andrew Kim Taegon and the Korean Martyrs



**Name:** Andrew Kim Taegon

**Born:** 21 August 1821; Solmou, Korea.

**Died:** 16 September 1846; Saenamteo (Seoul) Korea.

**Feast Day:** 20 September

**Patron Saint of:** Korea; Korean Clergy

In the second century Tertullian famously wrote that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” He was making the observation that wherever the Christians are persecuted and martyred the Church would frequently (and quite inexplicably) flourish in the succeeding generations. This is assuredly true of the Church in Korea which experienced among the most brutal and sustained persecutions in the annals of Church history.

Catholic missionaries (such as St Francis Xavier) had made inroads into Asia in the 16<sup>th</sup> century with varying degrees of success. There is some evidence of Korean Christians in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, who probably brought Christianity back to Korea from China, where the Jesuit missionaries had made significant inroads. The greatest obstacle the Christian missionaries faced was not religious opposition but *political* opposition. Many of the ruling dynasties of the Far East (China, Japan, Korea, etc) eyed Western Christian missionaries with deep suspicion. They saw the religious conversion of their people as weakening their unified national identity and dividing their loyalties. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century Korea adopted a policy of zero toleration of this Christian novelty and for a period of some 150 years Korean Christians faced execution for their forbidden faith.

Consequently during this period there were no priests active in Korea until the arrival of a handful of Chinese Catholic priests after 1794. They smuggled Christian texts into Korea which heled propagate the faith. Despite having no sacraments (except Baptism) and no liturgies, throughout this century a small ‘underground’ community of Christians somehow miraculously survived in Korea, sustained by prayer and good catechesis.

When Kim Taegon was born in 1821 the faith was being actively persecuted. His parents were devout Christian converts but being of a noble family they had the ability to turn their home into an ‘underground church’. Kim’s Father was subsequently martyred. Raised in this pious environment, at the age of fifteen Kim too was baptised and took the Christian name Andrew. He courageously sought ordination to the priesthood and so ventured on foot for half a year to begin seminary formation in the Portuguese colony in Macau; his studies also took him to the Philippines. After nine years of seminary studies in 1844 Andrew Kim Taegon was ordained a priest in Shanghai by the French missionary bishop, Jean Joseph Jean-Baptiste Ferréol. In 1845 Fr Taegon returned to Korea to begin his covert mission as a priest, fully conscious of the

difficulties he would face and the price he could expect to pay for his endeavours. Ministering to known Christians was one thing, but evangelising non-Christians within such a hostile environment was an altogether more dangerous task. Nonetheless he enjoyed considerable success on account of his knowledge of the culture and no doubt helped by his social status as a nobleman. He was involved in an attempt to bring French missionary priests into Korea, by smuggling them onto a fishing boat but was arrested and charged with sedition and treason. He was tortured and every attempt was made to make him renounce his Christian faith and denounce other Christians. He withstood all these attempts to break his resolve and so was executed by the sword on 16 September 1846. His final words before his public execution were recorded thus:

*This is my last hour of life, listen to me attentively: if I have held communication with foreigners, it has been for my religion and my God. It is for Him that I die. My immortal life is on the point of beginning. Become Christians if you wish to be happy after death, because God has eternal chastisements in store for those who have refused to know Him!*

Andrew was 25 years old and had exercised little more than one year of priestly ministry in Korea. Andrew Kim Taegon’s execution was merely one of hundreds in this wave of persecution. In all, approximately 10,000 Korean Christians were martyred in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, which is an astonishing figure, proportionate to size of the Korean Christian population. As far as persecutions go it certainly rivals anything seen in the early Church under the pagan Roman Empire.

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 1984 Pope John Paul II canonised St Andrew Kim Taegon, along with 102 other Korean martyrs, while visiting South Korea: it was a very different country from that of the previous century. Today Catholics in South Korea numbering about 5.8 million (11.3% of the population). Whereas in most Western nations Christianity has been in sharp decline, in Korea in the past twenty years the Church has actually grown. Vocations are also flourishing: the country has approximately 5,000 priests and 9,000 nuns. The supreme irony is that Christianity (taken as a whole) is now the majority religion in North Korea, overtaking Buddhism - an extraordinary fact when one considers how recently Christianity has been established in Korea and the brutality of its history. In the case of Korea, it would seem Tertullian was right: the blood of the martyrs was indeed the seed of the Church, and today we can see how strongly the faith has taken root, something Andrew Kim Taegon and his companions could scarcely have imagined. The prayers, sacrifices and witness of these heroic Korean martyrs were not in vain.

St Andrew Kim Taegon and companions, pray for us!

### Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle 2023

We are back again with this year’s Car Raffle Books and they will be available for collection by parishioners along with cash ticket sales this weekend after each Mass. As with last year’s process, just come up and ask for a book and record your details on the card or buy your tickets. All proceeds of the Raffle are a profit to the Parish so buy up BIG.

This Year’s prizes are once again of great value! 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Kia Picanto S Auto valued at \$19,890 (drive away); 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Coles/Myer Gift Cards to the value of \$5,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Coles/Myer Gift Cards to the value of \$3,000; 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> place prizes: Coles/Myer Gift Cards to the value of \$1,000; 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place prizes: Coles/Myer Gift Cards to the value of \$500. Tickets are still only \$2.00 each so they are extremely good value.

The raffle will then be drawn early December and Parish sales will end late October with all tickets having to be accounted for. If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0417 504 959 Leo ALLISON, Raffle Coordinator AKA ‘the Raffleman’