



St Patrick's Parish

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11th September 2022 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 10th September – 24th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 11th September – 24th Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale
1:30pm Italian Mass at St Patrick's Lilydale – Feast of Our Lady of Grace

Monday 12th August – No Mass

Tuesday 13th August – Memorial of St John Chrysostom
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Wednesday 14th August – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Thursday 15th September – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
10:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Snows, Marysville

Friday 16th September – Memorial of Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Saturday 17th September – 25th Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Sacrament of Confession, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 18th September – 25th Sunday OT
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

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 (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"'
The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave Me, now, My wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should Your wrath blaze out against this people of Yours whom You brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Your servants to whom by Your own self You swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19)

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.
In Your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
nor deprive me of Your holy spirit.
R. I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
My sacrifice, a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart You will not spurn.
R. I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into His service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of His inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in Him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 5:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 15:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what He had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

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

Communion Antiphon (Ps 36:7):

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

Reading Roster

Saturday 6pm	Sunday 10:30am
10/9 – Anne Burrows	11/9 – Louise Fitinghoff
17/9 – Mary Dowling	18/9 – Monica DeKnecht
24/9 – Patrick Bennett	25/9 – Mary Dowling
1/10 – Anne Burrows	2/10 – Matthew Burow

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

Monthly Cuppa after Mass – the first Sunday Cuppa after Mass will be held **this weekend** (11th September). The cuppa for October will move back to the first Sunday (October 2nd).

UPDATED - Rhododendron Botanical Gardens, Olinda.
(RENAMED Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens Olinda)
Thursday 22 September :

ADDRESS: The Georgian Road, Olinda.
HOURS: Open 10.30 – 4.00pm.
PHONE: 9751 0578

There are a fair amount of car spaces available, including four “special needs” spaces (where the entrance sign is displayed). However, we are entering the gardens as follows:
- Enter via the Lych Gate WHERE THE BALLONS ARE
- Follow the pathway (& BALLOONS) through to the metal gate leading to the café and bus area; (it will be opened for us to use)

Please access the gardens **via this route only** as it is the flattest and easiest way to enter; there are no steps to negotiate. You will be shown the way by Mary or a gardens staff member. Also, the \$8.20 p/person cost for the bus tour is required before the trip and will be collected on arrival. Garden tours departing 11.15am and 12.00 have been booked. Drinks, light luncheon, cakes & snacks are available from the café and plenty of tables with bench seating are available for BYO lunch/picnic options. Don't forget to let Mary know (0457 638 744), if you are coming if you haven't done so as yet.

Combined Parish Car Raffle

This year's Raffle Books will be available for collection by parishioners, along with cash ticket sales, this Sunday after each Mass. There are no envelopes to collect - just come up and ask for a book and record your details on the card. 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 with a Car - Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto, Valued at \$19,500 (drive away) as first prize, along with Coles/Myer Gift Cards of \$5,000 for the 2nd prize, \$2,000 for 3rd, \$1,000 for 4th and \$500 for 5th & 6th prizes. 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, please contact Leo Allison, Raffle Coordinator AKA 'the Raffleman' on 0417 504 959.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish
(Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50
4/09/2022

Presbytery	\$ 568.75
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 1,698.90
Special Collection (Father's Day)	\$ 650.45

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

Dear Parishioners,

As of 8th September Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed me Parish Priest of the parishes of St Patrick's Lilydale and St Brigid's Healesville. I have joyfully accepted this six year appointment and the opportunity to serve with faith, hope and love the people of God across the parishes of Lilydale and Healesville. Please pray for me, that I may be a faithful pastor and steward of the Sacred Mysteries, leading souls to live more deeply their life in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Francis Denton

CONFIRMATIONS FOR 2022

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates from St Brigid's and St Patrick's who received the grace of this sacrament over the past two weeks. I'm especially grateful to Bishop-emeritus Les Tomlinson who was able to come on each of the evenings and to meet with the students in the week leading up to the Confirmations. May these students continue to be strengthened in their commitment to live out the Christian life.



HUGE THANK YOU!

A massive vote of thanks to the small but ever-reliable band of faithful who assisted with the parish working bee at St Brigid's, Healesville, last Saturday. We managed to get a number of worthwhile jobs done, which has really helped clean up the place. The old adage that "a stitch in time saves nine" is especially true of maintenance. Regular maintenance is therefore also the best way to save money in the long run. With this in mind I'm hoping to have another working bee in November. Hopefully the warmer weather will bring out a few extra helping hands. Stay tuned!

Christian Meditation: Saturday mornings at 9.15am in the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Mary on 0457 638 744

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

SAVE THE DATE: Trivia Night – Saturday 25th March 2023 at the Community Centre (More details to follow)

PARISH PRAYER LIST



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Sick: Sue Wakeham, Mary Nolet, 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, Dolly Maher, 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, Shayne, Carole Wright, Susan Lee, Jos Vandersman, Carmel Calabro, Frances Lamonica, Joy Layton, Blake, Val Bailey, Andrea German



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. Classes directed by Fr Francis Denton. All are welcome!

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

When: Wednesdays at 7:00pm (October 5th 2022-April 5th 2023)

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

Cost: None

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

March for the Babies 2022 will be held Saturday 8th October.

We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30pm and walking to Parliament House at 1:00pm.

Help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn. Show your Support: Wear Pink and/or Blue.

40 Days for Life - Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion. We will keep vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September to 6th November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register hours and for more info visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne. **Come along to the Kick-off & Rally on 28th September** with pro-life speakers. Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr. Clarendon Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Public Rosary Procession

Saturday, 15th October, 10:30am, starting at the RSL in Monbulk. An Our Lady of Fatima statue will be carried – feel free to bring along flowers. A bite to eat will be had before the procession begins – please bring a plate to share. Enquiries – please call Don 9756 6946

Saint of the Week - St John Chrysostom



Name: John 'Chrysostom' – Doctor of the Church
Born: AD c.347-9; Antioch
Died: 14th September AD 407; Comana, Pontus, Asia Minor (Turkey)
Feast Day: 13th September
Patron Saint of: Educators; lecturers; preachers, epilepsy

It's a curious fact that many of the saints honoured by the Church suffered sustained reputational attacks during their life, even from those within the Church. The life of St John Chrysostom

provides a good example of this subtle but painful cross which saw him calumniated and even exiled.

John was born in that most ancient of Christians cities, Antioch. His father, a commander of the Imperial troop was killed while John was still a boy. His mother ensured that John had the finest education she could afford, studying oratory and rhetoric under Libanius, who (though a pagan) was considered the finest orator of his time. At the age of twenty John was baptised while he was studying law. He abandoned a legal career to pursue a life of radical monastic asceticism living in a cave in the mountains until ill-health forced his return to the city. He was ordained deacon and later priest, whereupon his repute as a preacher and pastor grew. He was eventually made Archbishop of Constantinople, the Capital of the Eastern Empire and the second most important See after Rome.

Indeed, it was his preaching above all else that has won John his fame and the enduring epithet *Chrysostom* ("Golden-mouth" in Greek). His gift for oratory was such that not only Christians but even pagans flocked to hear him preach. His aim was not to tickle the ears of his audience by mere eloquence; it was the power and passion of his message that cut the hearts of his audience. His primary aim was the conversion and amendment of life of his audience. The austerity and moral integrity of his own life gave his preaching a credibility perhaps lacking in his more worldly confreres.

John was fearless in his condemnation of the public sinners, irrespective of their positions of prominence. He was scathing in his appraisal of the Emperor Julian's immoral proclivities, as he was of the Empress Eudoxia whose conduct was no less a matter of public scandal. Nor did John spare his own brother bishops from public rebuke: the worldly, vain and ambitious Archbishop Theophilus of Alexandria became his arch-rival. On one occasion, thirty-six bishops plotted to have John removed from Constantinople, though their success was short-lived. John had the support of successive Popes, but this did not spare him from falling subject to political disfavour. The Emperor Arcadius saw John banished from Constantinople to the Armenian mountains and later summoned to a far-flung corner of the Black Sea. The arduous travel in the heat of summer left John weakened and he collapsed from sheer exhaustion. Thus, he died, exiled from his own diocese. He was promptly recognised as a saint and later honoured with the title "Doctor of the Church" at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 on account of his prodigious theological legacy.

Interestingly Pope John XXIII designated St John Chrysostom patron of the Second Vatican Council. Ironically, the standard of homiletics and preaching in many Catholic churches since the Council has fallen into decline. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to preaching today is the fear of speaking the truth, and the omnipresent danger of offending people. Wishy-washy or ambiguous preaching bores people, but it also keeps the preacher out of trouble, and that makes it an *immense* temptation, for bishops and priests alike. St John Chrysostom frequently found himself in very hot water because he wasn't afraid to call sin by its proper name, especially if he saw the danger that it presented to the eternal salvation of an individual. In other words, the bell-like clarity of his words was motivated by genuine pastoral charity – to lead souls to the truth and salvation. Sadly, this earned him many powerful enemies and ultimately cost him his diocese and his life. We pray, that inspired by St John Chrysostom, the Church can recover many more 'golden-mouthed' pastors, and can overcome the present-day preference for foggy and ambivalent teaching that seeks to win people over by telling them what they want to hear, rather than the Gospel truths revealed by Christ. True shepherds like John Chrysostom remind us that when it comes to preaching there is no charity without clarity.

St John Chrysostom, pray for us!

ANIMA EDUCATION is running "*The Greatest Story Ever Told: An Introduction to Scripture*" course for 5 consecutive Monday nights, 7-9pm, from September 19th to October 17th. This course will be run via zoom and is Presented by David Shutz & Natasha Petrakos. Cost: \$95. For more information, visit <http://animanetwork.org/anima-education/an-introduction-to-scripture/>

Catholic Influencer's Podcast – hosted by Fr Rob Galea, Alyssa Agius & Justine Cumbo, who study the weekly readings and break them down into lay man's terms, showing you how they are relevant to our life today. Available weekly, on all podcast platforms.

A message from **CATHOLIC MISSION:**

Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$454.20** which was raised by **St Patrick's** community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Your support this year will enable Catholic Mission to provide nutrition programs in Ethiopia, along with scholarships for rural children and pastoral care and vocational training for women in Meki. **THANK YOU.**

On **10 October 2022** (10-11:30am AEDT) the **ACU Centre for Liturgy** will host Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled "***Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?***" Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation. For more information and to register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy.

Safeguarding children news

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