



# St Patrick's Parish

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## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)**

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Recently Deceased:** Candido Ruscitti, Amico Di Ludovico, Ray Donovan (Shepparton)

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppina Del Biondo, Nancy Del Tondo

**Sick:** Joan Keuken, 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, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Geoff, Bianca, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, Jenny Goh, Ellie Keefe, John Phillips, Geogi Didumo, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero,

**Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** every Friday following 9.15am Mass. Fr Francis will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass.

**Rosary Group**

Each Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary, concluding with simple Benediction.

**Italian Prayer Group**

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the church.

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

**WEEKLY THANKSGIVING**

**Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish (Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50**

Collection totals will be acknowledged next week once Sharon returns from holidays.

**YOU MUST QR CODE SCAN BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH**

Please use these QR codes to download the Services Victoria app to check-in.

For Apple iPhones (<https://bit.ly/SBHCO>):

For Android Phones (<https://bit.ly/SBSAFE>):

This will save you time as you scan the code when you arrive at Church. **PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.** Covid officers will be on hand to help those who need it. Please help someone else if you can. Please support our volunteers during this time

**No need to book for weekend Masses!!** Applying the 2square metre rule, St Patrick's church can once again accommodate 106 worshippers. A Covid Marshall will be checking 'the ticks' so please ensure you use the QR code.

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

Mass Times: Lilydale	Healesville
Tuesday 9.15am	Thursday 9.15am
Wednesday 9.15am	Sunday 8.30am
Friday 9.15am	
Saturday 9am Latin Mass	
Vigil 6pm	
Sunday 10.30 am	

**Reconciliation:**

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 8.45am-9.10am

**Friday:** 8.45am-9.10am & 9.45am -10.25am

**Saturday:** 8.30-8.55am – 10am-11am

**Anointing of the sick** By appointment

**Marriages:** Please give at least six months' notice.

**Baptism:** Please contact parish office for details.

**Parish office** - Please call 0448 658 418

**Pastoral worker** - Please call 0448 664 731

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

**Care group** Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

### Link to mass

This weekends mass will be recorded and available on St Brigid's You Tube Channel Sunday morning. The link is accessible through St Brigid's Healesville's website, <http://www.stbrigidshalesville.cam.org.au/> or by searching St Brigid's Healesville on You Tube, or using the link: <https://bit.ly/StBsHville>

**Thanksgiving envelopes** are available for collection in the church foyer. If you would like a statement, please contact the office.

### **St Patrick's Pasta Night**

Saturday 14th August

6pm arrival for 6.30pm start

3 course meal

Adults \$35p.p

Children (under 14) \$15pp

Live music - Dean Canan

BYO Drinks

Ticket Sales - Sharon at Parish Office

Wednesday and Friday or 0448 658 418

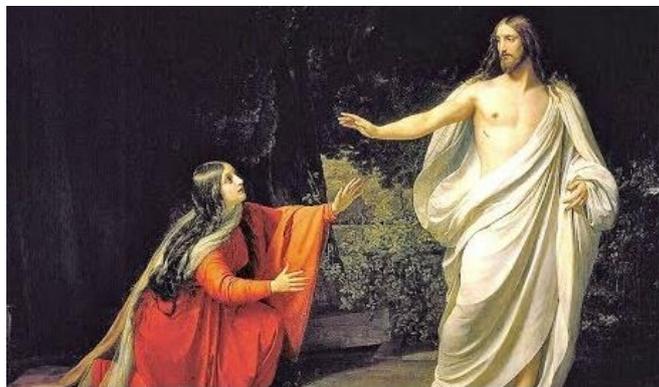
### **Save the dates!**

Our social committee has been busy planning. Please put the following dates in your diary.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** – Morning Cuppa

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** - Pasta Night

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** – Trivia Night



This coming Thursday, 22 July, is the feast of St Mary Magdalene. In 2016 Pope Francis elevated the rank of St Mary Magdalene's day from a memorial to a feast, placing her on an equal footing with the twelve apostles, in recognition of her ancient title of

'apostle to the apostles' (*apostolorum apostola*). The Greek title of apostle means 'one who is sent.' The Gospels present Mary Magdalene as the first witness of Jesus Christ's resurrection and therefore the 'one sent' to tell the apostles that He is risen (cf. Mk 16:7).

As the testimony of the Gospels themselves prove, St Mary Magdalene has always been given a prominent place in the Christian story (see Mt 28:1–10; Mk 16:1–10; Lk 24:1–12; Jn 20:1–18). Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name twelve times, more often than most of the apostles. The earliest of the Church Fathers didn't fail to notice the unique role that St Mary Magdalene played. Writing in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, St Jerome, made the following observation in his commentary on the Prophet Zephaniah:

*Both Greek and Latin history is filled with the virtues of females, and these would demand entire books. Since another work is pressing, let it merely suffice for me to have said this at the end of this preface, that the risen Lord appeared first to women, and those women were apostles to the apostles, so that the men were put to shame for not having sought out the Lord, whom the weaker sex had already found.*

The Gospel record is unsparing of the laggardly incredulity of the apostles (Luke 24:25; John 20:27) as much as it is emphatic about the faith and steadfastness of the faithful women throughout Jesus' Passion, among whom Mary Magdalene is prominent. She remains faithful to Our Lord even in death, as she goes to attend to the body of Christ on Easter morning, according to the Jewish burial customs.

In the Western tradition there has been a tendency to associate Mary Magdalene with the unnamed prominent sinner who anointed Christ's feet with costly ointment (Luke 7:36-50). In John's gospel Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus also anoints the feet of Christ. There is no mention of Mary being a sinner, but the similarity of the scene created a popular assumption that the sinful woman of Luke 7 was in fact Mary of Bethany, and that Mary of Bethany was another name for Mary Magdalene. In reality there is genuine ambiguity here as to the identity of the 'sinful woman'. From the time of Pope St Gregory the Great the assumption was that they were all the same person: Mary Magdala. From the seventh century St Mary

Magdalene became a symbol of Christian penitence, and by the time of the Renaissance had become a favourite subject in Religious art. Donatello's sculpture of Mary Magdalene has her completely naked yet modestly covered in tresses of long matted hair, appearing almost like a counterpart to John the Baptist. Titian's versions of Mary Magdalene are more flattering, teetering between sensuality and raw piety. In 2003 pulp-novelist Dan Brown added the latest indignity to this great saint by sacrilegiously presenting her as Jesus' lover, a ludicrous claim that has been a remarkably persistent fantasy in the popular imagination. The Gospels of course tell a very different story.

Even if Mary Magdalene were the sinful woman of Luke 7 it would be ultimately immaterial. Her primary importance in the Gospels is as a faithful witness to Christ's sufferings and resurrection. All Christ's followers are ultimately repentant sinners who have discovered the grace of redemption in Christ. Like St Mary Magdalene we too are called to joyfully bear witness to the resurrection of Christ. As the Collect for this Mass says:

*O God, whose only begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Fr Francis Denton*

### RCIA 2021-2022

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program of faith exploration and instruction designed to help enquirers discover the Catholic faith with a view to being received into the Catholic Church. Fr Francis Denton will be leading the classes which will run weekly each Wednesday evening, beginning in August.



If you know of family, friends or acquaintances who you think might be interested in exploring the Catholic faith in a relaxed environment I encourage you to invite them to the introductory information session at 7:00pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, in the Moira Tanks Room (Community Centre, Lilydale). No cost or obligations at any point!

If you think you might be able to assist with support and hospitality (setting up tea and coffee) for the RCIA then feel free to contact the Parish office. This would be a great way for enquirers to come to know the parishioners and experience the warmth and hospitality of our community.



### Debbie's Thoughts

Term 3 at our school is always busy, and with Monsignor Tony Ireland scheduled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, this is especially so for our teachers, students and parents. There is heaps of planning to be done, organising attendance for as many family members as possible at the ceremony, planning a celebration afterwards, and even more importantly, preparing spiritually for such a momentous occasion. Parents and children need to settle the question of which Saint each child will choose as a role model and mentor, a Saint who will pray for their sponsored child in the direct presence of God for the rest of their lives. Children, with guidance from their parents, also need to decide which special person to ask to be their sponsor, that special person who will walk with them spiritually throughout the years to come. Each step involved in getting ready for the day requires careful thought and consideration, supported through prayer, to ensure that these children receive the great gift of Confirmation well prepared, with thanksgiving, and with a solid appreciation of its enormous potential to enrich their entire future lifetimes. The children are praying in their classrooms each day, ideally their families are praying with them at home, and our Parish plays its part in supporting the children they have accompanied since their Baptisms, also praying for these families. As they say, it takes a village to raise a child, and our little village is all working together to guide these children through their transition to adulthood in the Faith.

Those of us who have been honoured to be asked to be a Godparent or a Sponsor for a child receiving Baptism or Confirmation need to remember that responsibilities come with this privilege. Sponsors commit to praying for their sponsored child or friend, no matter how old we, or they, may be. The role is a commitment that lasts a lifetime, not just a single hour while the ceremony takes place. As the years roll by, often tumultuous, always challenging, life gets in the way of most of us remembering specifics in our prayers. Luckily God is not constrained by lists. Every so often, we need only to glance in God's direction and bring our loved ones to his presence. We can simply say 'please remember my list' and he knows exactly who it is we wish to pray for, without us needing to name names. He knows our hearts. Our sponsored child remains our responsibility in this way for the rest of our lives, and theirs. Praying for them is not hard to do, it is in fact a great joy, and is the

best gift that we can ever hope to give them. As we pray, we ask God to bless and protect someone we love, and we ourselves enter into a conversation with God. The biggest win win ever!

The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit are 'mysterious', invisible and invaluable. They are Gifts that will support the candidates through the long process of growth and maturity that they are navigating daily, and equip them for their road their entire futures. Confirmed grown-ups possibly forget God's promise to shower them with these gifts throughout their own lives. God's Gifts of Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom, Fortitude (Courage), Counsel (Right Judgement), Piety (Reverence) and Fear of the Lord (Awe and Wonder in God's Presence) encourage us to live lives that are just and merciful to others, hopefully inspiring us to bring peace and joy to our challenged world, simply by being ourselves. They are Gifts that will be of immeasurable use to these candidates throughout every single moment of the rest of their lives, infinitely more precious and more useful to them than anything that their parents, or anyone else, could ever buy for them with money. Each and every one of us lives, moves and has our being in God's unimaginable love, and we need his constant, faithful help to realise it. One of our hymns says it all: "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love him...". The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are lavishly and freely given to us as Confirmed Catholics to help us to play our part in achieving justice, dignity and a peaceful solution for all when the big questions of life smack us in the face. How blessed are we?

For more information call **Fiona: 0402 474 074**

TRYBOOKING LINK: for talks on St Joseph in August at St Patrick's Community Centre

<https://www.trybooking.com/BSVFB>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: 24/25 JULY**



Please keep the following children in your prayers as they prepare for the sacrament of confirmation.

- Abel Aju
- Xander Allen
- Alex Ward
- Charlile Campbell
- Chiara Dell
- Michael De Vincentis
- Stacey Devanny
- Achalla Didumo
- Isabella Dunn
- Chelsea Harwood
- Lachlan Jackson
- Ebony Larkman
- Christian Mackowiak
- Ayesha Marappan
- Hovig Nenejian
- Eliza Plaucs
- Sofia Salamone
- Dylan Shambrook
- William Spiteri
- Henry Sutherland
- Alex Thachadan
- Elanor Wenban
- India Wynn



7pm Fridays  
6, 13, 20, 27 August

St Patrick's Church, Lilydale

featuring:



Fiona Bradley



Anne-Maree Quinn



Fr Colin Patterson



Fr Paschal Goiby OSM Conv.

Come along and learn more about the life of St Joseph and join in discussion and fellowship. We'll cover in particular his titles of:

- Terror of Demons
- Promotor of Virtue
- Son of David
- Patron of a Happy Death

The evenings begin with light finger food, followed by the presentation, and conclude with discussion, Q&A.

Free entry (donations appreciated). Contact Fiona on 0402 474 074 for more information.



Gemma Reincastle  
Blaise Reincastle  
Gianna Reincastle  
Rafael Vaca



We are a child safe Parish.