



# St Patrick's Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Year C)

## Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13**

**R. I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

**R. I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

**Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;  
he has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 21:1-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They

went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Communion Antiphon**

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat.  
And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

### **Reconciliation:**

**Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday:** 8.30am-9.10am

**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

**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



### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Michael Mulcahy,  
David Wiggins, Pasqua Di Gregorio

**Anniversaries:** Santina Gallo

**Sick:** 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, Leanne Trusler

### **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

<b>Lilydale</b>		<b>Healesville</b>
Tuesday	9.15am	Thursday 9.15am
Wednesday	9.15am	Sunday 8.30am
Friday	9.15am	
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	
Sunday		10.30am

**Holy hour** 8am -9am

**Confessions** from 8.30am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

**Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** every Friday following 9.15am Mass.

### **Rosary Group**

Each Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary, concluding at 10.30am.

### **Italian Prayer Group**

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the church concluding 10.30am

**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**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 2551.60
Presbytery	\$ 1070.95
Restoration	\$ 727.50
Special Collection – Holy Land	\$ 639.75
Special Collection – Caritas	\$ 238.70
Pasta night	\$ 2150.00

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 838.00
Presbytery	\$ 792.15
Restoration	\$ 659.65

### **If you would like to make a donation:**

Running expenses of the Church  
St Patrick's Church Account  
083-347  
63931 6508

For Fr Francis living expenses

St Patrick's Presbytery Account  
083-347  
48642 4857

## **ROSTERS**

### **Prayers of Intercession & Readings**

#### **7/5 & 8/5**

6.00pm – Ann Burrows  
10.30am – Matthew Burow

#### **14/5 & 15/5**

6.00pm – Mary Dowling  
10.30am – Louise Fitinghoff

#### **21/5 & 22/5**

6.00pm – Patrick Bennett  
10.30am – Mary Dowling

#### **28/5 & 29/5**

6.00pm - Ann Burrows  
10.30am – Monica De Knecht

#### **4/6 & 5/6**

6.00pm – Mary Dowling  
10.30am – Frank Feltham

#### **11/6 & 12/6**

6.00pm – Patrick Bennett  
10.30am – Matthew Burow

#### **18/6 & 19/6**

6.00pm – Ann Burrows  
10.30am – Louise Fitinghoff

#### **25/6 & 26/6**

6.00pm – Mary Dowling  
10.30am – Monica De Knecht

If you would like to join our reading roster please let the office know.

quite unwell. If that's the case, we will delay the farewell to another time. Stay tuned...

In any case, I take this opportunity to thank Deb for her thirteen years of service to the parishes of Lilydale and Healesville. Debbie's kindness and care, her thoughtful articles and gentle presence has touched the lives of many of our parishioners, and she will be greatly missed. We wish Debbie all the best for the future!

### **Parish Stewardship**

The Christ-mandated mission of the Church is to make disciples of all nations (cf. Mt 28:19) for our eternal salvation. Consequently, the Church does not follow a corporate business model that aims to grow the 'business' and increase profit margins. Even so, the stewardship of the Church's resources is a matter of grave responsibility that calls for prudence and even shrewdness. We owe it to God, the Church and the local faithful to ensure that money and assets of the parish are cared for and responsibly used. In this regard the Archdiocese of Melbourne provides clear and sensible guidelines regulating the financial practices of parishes, which priests are obliged to follow. The 'Thanksgiving' contributions made by parishioners continue to be a crucial part of sustaining a financially viable parish. Experience shows that in parishes where there are healthy financial practices and transparency, this instils confidence in the faithful to continue offering contributions.

### **New Tap-and-Go Service**

Two years of COVID measures have accelerated our culture's movement away from cash towards digital currency. The fact is many people no longer carry cash on them. It is important that the Church can adapt to the circumstances and provide opportunities for everyone to be able to financially assist the parish. This happened a generation ago with the move towards direct debit. In the past week we have introduced a 'tap-and-go' service at St Patrick's and St Brigid's churches. These are supported by the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne and have already been introduced in a large number of parishes. The 'tap-and-go' systems have a number of advantages as a means of receiving donations. Firstly, they are theft-proof; secondly, they don't require money counters; thirdly, they can be used at any time without supervision, meaning that even one-time visitors to the Church have the opportunity to make a contribution outside of Mass. The machines are quite discreet and are located in the entrance of the Church. The amount is set at \$10 and can be 'tapped' multiple times according to the amount you want to contribute. All donations made will go towards the Church account, for the upkeep and expenses of the parish.



**POSTPONED – Due to Debbie being unwell we will “Farewell” Debbie at our June morning cuppa.** May Cuppa will still go ahead in the community centre.

A card will be in the foyer of the church over the next few weeks for us all to sign. If you would like to contribute to a gift please see the office.

### **Farewell to Debbie Edwards**

This week was Debbie's final week as pastoral worker at Lilydale and Healesville parishes. With most unfortunate timing, poor Debbie has also been struck down with COVID and so has been resting up this past week. Although Debbie is allowed to come out of home 'isolation' on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April she may not be able to make the intended farewell cup of tea after the Sunday Masses as planned, as (at the time of writing) she is still

## Sunday Collections

This is an opportune time to provide a slight restructure of the regular Vigil/Sunday parish collections to make our parish fall in line with the standard practices across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. To date there has been some uncertainty about the breakdown of the collections and 'what is going where.' Things were further confused by having a different system in different churches. For example, at St Patrick's the second collection has since the 1990's been established as a specific 'Church restoration' collection. At the time this was appropriate given the significant costs involved in the large-scale remodelling of the church. Now that these works have been paid for it would be timely to move towards the model laid out by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Why are there two collections at Mass?

The two regular collections at a Sunday Mass are set out by the Archdiocese of Melbourne to correspond to two quite distinct financial needs: therefore every parish has a **Presbytery Account** and a **Church Account**.

The **Presbytery Account** is used for the up-keep of the priest/s in a particular parish. Each parish is expected to be able to pay for the living expenses of the priests who reside in their parish. This includes the priest's quarterly living allowance of \$5,000 (as determined by the PRF), food, and car-related expenses (petrol, registration, E-Tag, etc.). At the end of each financial quarter 25% of the total funds in the Presbytery Account go to the PRF – Priests Remuneration Fund. This is a fund operated collectively by the priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to help financially support the clergy of the Archdiocese. Of this 25% half (12.5%) goes to 'fill the gap' for those claiming parishes that struggle to financially support their own priests. The remaining 12.5% goes to the Priests' Retirement Fund – to care for retired priests, either living independently or in aged care. In addition to this 25% cut, a further 5% is taken from the Presbytery account each quarter and given to support the works of the Archbishop (known as the *cathedraticum*). In other words, your contributions to the Presbytery Account support not only your local priest, but collectively *many* of the priests of the Archdiocese, active and retired.

Each parish has a separate **Church Account** which is used to pay the wages of staff, building maintenance, parish assets (furnishings, etc), office and stationery costs, utilities, and the general running costs of a parish. Note well, that under no circumstances can money be exchanged between the Church and Presbytery Accounts. This way parishioners know that what they contribute is going exactly where it is intended by the donor.

**Please note the following change: As of this weekend the first collection at each Mass will be for the presbytery account; the second collection will go towards the Church account. This change will put the parishes of Lilydale and Healesville in line with the customary practice of parish collections throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne as recommended by the PRF.**

Note too, that St Patrick's parish has a separate Restoration Fund account. Should you wish to contribute specifically to this fund you can do so by contacting the parish. The Church recognises the moral and legal obligation to respect the intention of the donor for all contributions given.

Finally, (for clarity's sake) the first collection will take place after the homily; the second collection will take place before the offertory. This minimises the disturbance of parishioners after having received Holy Communion to make their thanksgiving. Should there be a third 'special' collection (as determined by the Archdiocese) this will by necessity take place after Holy Communion.

Hopefully this clarifies what is a somewhat complicated system so that you have a better idea of what it is that you are contributing towards at each collection. Let me take this opportunity to thank you again for your on-going generosity which enables the mission of the Church to continue in our neighbourhood!

Yours in Christ  
Fr Francis Denton



We are a child safe Parish

### Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding  
[Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au](mailto:Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au)

Latest Guidelines from the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

Aid to the Church in Need speaker coming to Lilydale on 30<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Currently, some 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith. Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. In these places the church's infrastructure and the human dignity of the faithful cannot be sustained through their own resources. Aid to The Church in Need aims to provide for these Christian communities. Aid to the church in Need is totally reliant on generous people like yourselves and does not receive any funding from the government or the Church. Please consider making a generous donation.