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

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: (1 Isaiah 66:10-14)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20)

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow:
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: (Galatians 6:14-18)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me,
and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is
circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an
altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who
follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.
I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks
on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Colossians 3:15, 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

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

Communion Antiphon: (Ps 34:8)

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

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|  <p><u>PARISH PRAYER LIST</u></p> <p><u>Recently Deceased:</u></p> <p><u>Anniversaries:</u> Elvira De Ingeniis, Giascinto 'George' Ingeniis & Maria De Ingeniis</p> <p><u>Sick:</u> 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</p> |
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Note: Weekday Masses Cancelled this Week

Fr Francis will be away for an annual Clergy Conference this coming week. Consequently all Masses and sacraments from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th July will be cancelled. The regular schedule will resume from Saturday 9th with all weekend Masses as normal.

Apologies for the inconvenience!

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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| Lilydale | Healesville |
| Saturday Vigil 6.00pm | Sunday 8.30am |
| Sunday 10.30am | |

Holy hour 8am -9am
Confessions from 8.30am Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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
26/6/2022

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| Thanksgiving Collection | \$ 1,289.45 |
| Presbytery | \$ 1,007.10 |

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:

Running expenses of the Church
St Patrick's Church Account
083-347
63931 6508
Ref: Surname or Thanksgiving Number

For Fr Francis living expenses
St Patrick's Presbytery Account –
083-347
63931 551



Morning Cuppa this weekend, Sunday 3rd July, in Community Centre after the 10:30am Mass. All welcome

Reading Roster

Saturday 6pm

2/7 – Mary Dowling
9/7 – Patrick Bennett
16/7 – Ann Burrows
23/7 – Mary Dowling
30/7 – Patrick Bennett
6/8 – Ann Burrows
13/8 – Mary Dowling

Sunday 10:30am

3/7 – Louise Fitinghoff
10/7 – Mary Dowling
7/7 – Monica De Knecht
24/7 – Frank Felthem
31/7 – Mathew Burow
7/8 – Louise Fitinghoff
14/8 – Monica DeKnecht

Safeguarding children news

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding email

Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au

We are a child safe Parish



Healesville Parish Up-Date

Last year Healesville Parish found itself with about a \$10,000 deficit. This triggered the attention of the Archdiocesan Finance Office who are concerned to ensure that the parish finances don't continue to haemorrhage into the future. The financial side-effects of the lockdowns throughout 2021 were felt even more acutely than in 2020 (when Job-Keeper absorbed some of the financial impact of not being able to open our churches). The Healesville Finance Committee has been busy working, with support from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to look at ways we can ease the financial pressures on the parish. However, all is not lost. There are multiple actions that can be taken to turn things around, firstly by tightening the belt in term of expenditure, and secondly by finding new ways to generate on-going income from parish assets. One way to kill two birds with one stone is to re-purpose the presbytery and Parish Office as a rental property. Initially the idea was to separate the downstairs office space from an upstairs residential space that could be rented out. In practice this turns out to be much more complicated than it sounds, on account of the legal requirements (eg. fire safety laws requiring fire-proof partitions and multiple exits) which would be prohibitively expensive to retrofit. Given the small use of the Healesville parish office from parishioners, the Finance Council proposed centralising the Office at Lilydale. The same idea was proposed by Human Resources, as the most sensible, pragmatic solution. This not only eases the financial burden of paying for the array of costs associated with running two separate parishes offices, it also frees up the entire presbytery to be used as a rental property to generate on-going income for the parish, while eliminating the building costs of making structural changes to the building. The one exception will be the 'library' room on the corner, which can continue to be used by the Care Group for storage purposes. There are still some finer logistical details to be resolved but this seems to be the

best available solution, and the first step (among many) towards securing the financial viability of the Healesville Parish.

I am very conscious that virtually all solutions to complex problems are imperfect, and this is no exception. It will no doubt be disappointing to the Healesville parishioners to no longer have a local parish office. This does not mean you have been abandoned! You will still be served by the parish staff from Lilydale, and where circumstances require we can make the necessary arrangements; this need not be a permanent change. My hope would be that in the future the financial health of the parish can be turned around and we can then look at re-establishing a parish office in Healesville. Needless to say all the Masses will continue as usual across Healesville, Yarra Glen and Marysville churches.

Given this administrative restructuring the Parish office hours from Lilydale will be expanded - since the same amount of work will need to be done wherever the office is. In light of the above the new Parish office hours will be as follows:

St Patrick's, Lilydale
TUESDAY 9:00am-2:00pm
WEDNESDAY 9:00am -2:00pm
FRIDAY 9:00am - 2:00pm

I'm especially grateful to Sharon who has been able to keep the parish going while we are underway finding a secretary to replace her. Hopefully we will have this resolved in the next couple of weeks.

Fr Francis Denton

Saint of the Week – St Maria Goretti

Name: Maria Goretti
Born: 16 October 1890, Corinaldo, Italy
Died: 6 July 1902, Nettuno, Italy
Feast Day: 6th July
Patron Saint of: youth; young women; purity; victims of rape



Photograph of Maria Goretti (centre)

Maria Goretti was born into a poor, though devoutly, Catholic family. The family's financial hardships turned dire when Maria's Father died of malaria. The Goretti family were forced to take up lodgings in the home of a farming family, the Serenelli's, where they worked on their farm. Maria, though still a child, took up domestic chores. The Serenelli's twenty year old son, Alessandro, became infatuated with Maria and made a number of unwanted advances. Then on 5th July 1902 the opportunity presented itself when Alessandro found Maria at home alone mending a shirt. Alessandro took her by force demanding she submit to his impure designs. Although threatened with a 10 inch awl, Maria refused, screaming, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" Alessandro choked her, but she insisted she would rather die than submit to him; he stabbed her fourteen times and fled.

The uproar attracted the attention of the family, who finding her rushed to take her (albeit a rough journey by horse and cart) to the nearest hospital in Nettuno. With no anaesthesia, the surgeon attempted surgery on Maria, though there was nothing that could be done to save her. She passed away the following day at the age of twelve, having whole-heartedly forgiven her assailant.

The story of Maria Goretti is a human tragedy, and without supernatural faith would remain only a tragedy. Yet the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity that shine so resplendently from this pure and noble soul right to the end, turn this story into an icon of the Christian archetype of love conquering evil. Among the most extraordinary details of this assault is that Maria's first thought was less for herself than for Alessandro's eternal salvation. She explicitly warned him that he would go to hell if he carried through the evil deed. Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment and released after 27 years. Now thoroughly repentant, Alessandro sought the forgiveness of Maria's mother, Assunta. The next day they attended Mass together and received Holy Communion side by side. He later became a penitent third order Franciscan at a Capuchin Friary, seeking to atone for the sins of his youth. On 24th June 1950 Pope Pius XII canonised St Maria Goretti, attended by both her mother, Assunta and (perhaps even more poignantly) Alessandro. As on Calvary, God can draw good even from evil, and continues to in the lives of his saints. And so in the end it was the pure love of Maria that ultimately prevailed over Alessandro.

In our libertine culture, sexual pleasure is often falsely exulted as the greatest good (the *summum bonum*). People are exploited as objects to be used, with no regard for the harm done to the human persons and their souls. As the proliferation of both hook-up culture and abortion demonstrates, unrestrained sexual licence and violence often go together. In such a world where the virtues of modesty and purity have almost vanished, St Maria Goretti is a powerful witness; we could rightly call her a *martyr* (= 'witness') of holy purity. Yet she is equally a witness to the power of forgiveness. The antidote to vice is virtue, which we see exemplified with crystal-clarity in the life of Maria Goretti. Where the world sees weakness, God sees pure strength. St Maria Goretti reminds us of Our Lord's counsel in the beatitudes: "Blessed are the

pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Matt 5:8). And so indeed they do.

St Maria Goretti, pray for us.

Reconciliations:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8.30am-9.00am

Saturday: 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 9739 5977

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

Care group: Contact Parish Office 9739 5977



Save the dates:

St Patrick's Social committee has been busy organising the following events:

Bingo Night – Friday, 12 August, 7.00 start - Moira Tanks Room

Parish Picnic – Rhododendron Gardens,

Thursday, 22 September (More details to follow)

Trivia Night – Saturday, 29 October, Community Centre (More details to follow)

Christmas Breakup – end November (More details to follow)

Morning cuppas, after Mass on the first Sunday of each month

Parish High Tea - Thank you!



A big thank you to the Social Committee for hosting a wonderful Parish High Tea on Saturday 25th June. It was a great success, with plenty of home-made goodies to accompany the bottomless pots of tea! A fine time had by all! Thanks to those who pitched in with the many hours of preparation, hospitality and clean up. Hopefully we can have many similar parish activities in the future.

Propagation of the Faith Appeal

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir. This work simply will not be possible without your support – we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.