



# St Patrick's Parish

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3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 122

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 12:7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark


Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and

in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

### General Intercessions

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**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, GeogiDidumo, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero, Marion Eddy

### **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

**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)**

**\$1404.50–20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Thanksgiving Collection \$1162.00

Presbytery \$ 520.50

Restoration \$ 264.95

### **Contact Details Update**

Please email or phone the office to let us know if you have changed your phone number or if you have yet to give us your email address. We could add you to our newsletter email mail out to receive our weekly news electronically. During lockdown and following the recent storm damage, Debbie has been attempting to contact many parishioners whose phone numbers no longer seem to be current. If you would appreciate a chat, please call her, we love to hear what everyone is up to! 0448 664 731



### **Knitting Group**

Do you like to knit? Would you like to learn how to knit? We knit for little treasures charity! Come and join us on Wednesday afternoons 12noon -2.30pm in the community centre. Call Maureen if you would like any further information 0438 782 275.

### **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

### **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	<b>6pm</b>	
Sunday	<b>10.30 am</b>	

Trybooking for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
July: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSOGO>

### Save the dates!

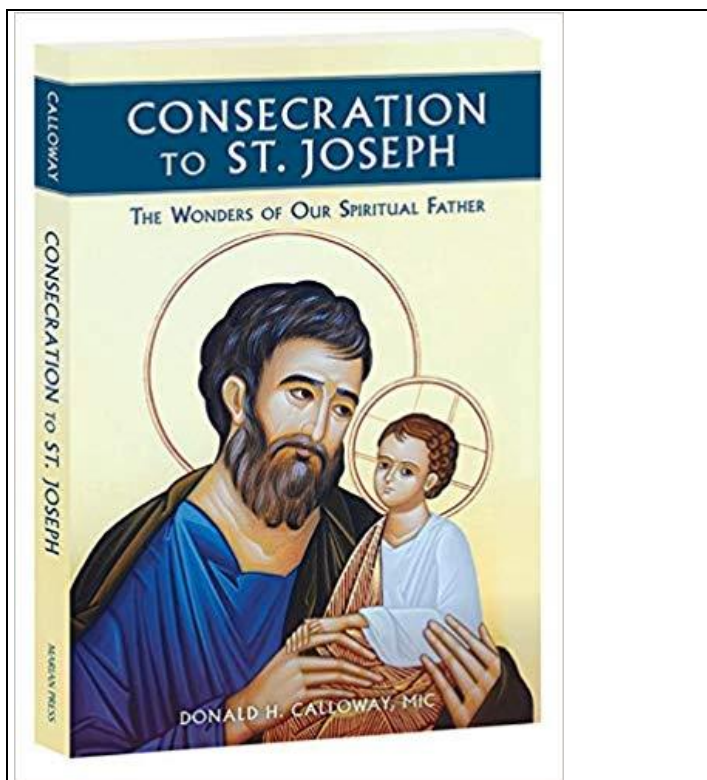
Our social committee has been busy planning.

Please put the following dates in your diary. More details to follow:

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Bingo Night –  
Postponed

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

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



### From Fr Francis

At the beginning of this year Pope Francis declared that 2021 would be a year especially dedicated to St Joseph. This stoic and silent figure of the Gospels belongs to the 'hidden life' of Christ in Nazareth. As devotion to St Joseph had grown and flowered over the centuries the Church has come to recognise the unique role and example of Joseph. In a century that has been characterised by a certain crisis of fatherhood there are countless lessons to be learned from this great saint, who is a human icon of the heavenly Father.

Earlier this year I was given a copy of Fr Donald Calloway's book "Consecration to St Joseph" It presents a 33 day guided preparation for consecration to St Joseph. After a few false starts I was finally able to begin afresh the consecration which I arranged to coincide with my anniversary of priestly ordination last Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> June). It was a very powerful and fruitful exercise, and one that helped deepen my appreciation of this great but often

overshadowed saint. The example of St Joseph is a reminder that human fatherhood, which always seeks to follow the pattern of Divine Fatherhood, is less a matter of biology and more a matter of loving and selfless devotion. Our Lord Jesus could not have wanted of a more loving and devoted Father than Joseph. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, we too can entrust ourselves to this greatest of the patriarchs, who we know will be no less devoted to us.

As a way of marking this year of St Joseph, St Patrick's Lilydale will be hosting a series of four talks given by four different presenters over four consecutive weeks during the Fridays of August (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th). Each event will consist of a presentation followed by the opportunity for Q&A followed by refreshments and finger-food. Each of the talks is free of charge, however we encourage you to consider making a donation to help cover the costs. It is open to anyone (not just parishioners) so feel free to invite people along who you think might be interested. Booking for each talk will be essential. We will set up a Try-booking link for each talk, or if you're having technological difficulties get in touch with the parish office to book your place.

If you would like more information on the consecration to St Joseph don't hesitate to contact me.

Finally, a word of thanks to the many kind expressions of congratulations on my anniversary of ordination. It was a special day and a joy to be able to spend it with you united in the greatest act of thanksgiving – the Mass!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Francis Denton



7pm Fridays  
6, 13, 20, 27 August

St Patrick's Church, Lilydale

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.

featuring:



Fiona Bradley



Anne-Maree Quinn



Colin Patterson



Fr Paschal Corby OSM





**ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL – 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July**

The annual Winter Appeal is held throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne, and a special collection to assist the work of Vinnies will take place **on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of July**. The Lilydale Conference of St Vincent de Paul relies heavily on your contributions, through donations of blankets & warm socks, gloves and hats, or through monetary contributions. Please give generously to help support the vulnerable in our area. Thank you, in anticipation.

**Morning Cuppa Cancelled for July**

Sadly we have cancelled this month’s monthly morning tea following Sunday Mass. Hopefully we will be able to meet once again on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August to catch up on all the news! Fingers crossed!

**Debbie’s Thoughts**



In recent years it has become fashionable to work on ‘mindfulness’, discovering a sense of awareness in what our minds and bodies might be up to. In an era when sensory overload is pretty much the norm, this technique is often taught as a useful way of slowing ourselves in the name of relaxation, self-awareness and self-management, allowing ourselves to be still, to listen, to see and to feel what is going on inside ourselves, and to know better how we fit within the space that we occupy. We can learn mindfulness from others, or from a book, but occasionally it simply creeps upon us as God breaks through the barriers we allow ourselves to build. I was unexpectedly prompted into a reflective moment of awareness this week as I was sitting in St Brigid’s church during morning Mass. The warm sun was streaming through the open side door of the church, close to the sanctuary. Through the open door, I could smell the fresh air, and hear the song of a multitude of different birds, joyful melodies that wove in and out of each other as we were praying the words of our liturgy around God’s altar. I became truly aware that we are each part of a breathtaking symphony that constantly praises God in ways that mere words cannot capture. In that moment, I was vividly aware that the outdoors had nestled its way indoors. God’s creation seamlessly joined the prayers of the Mass we were offering, which, in its turn, seamlessly joins Masses being offered throughout our entire world, yesterday, today and tomorrow. I experienced a moment of fullness, an awareness of God’s presence that was a powerful

reminder to me that his world seeks him constantly, and moves towards him instinctively. It was a moment of pure gratitude, my reaction to the overwhelming realisation that in God we really do live and move and have our being.

We have so much to be thankful for. Despite the inconvenience and the difficulties that life presents, our world is a beautiful place. We are blessed, in that needs of every description can be soothed through the generosity of others. Loneliness can be overcome with a simple smile. Our time is a free gift that can be shared with others without us becoming the slightest bit poorer. Our instinct to receive and to give love can offer nourishment to others, while we ourselves find satisfaction in giving of ourselves. In giving, we receive. In receiving, we give. Scripture says: ‘I thank you God for I am wonderfully made.’ I get it. God made each of us as a conscious decision of creative love. We truly are designed in love, by love, with love. Our world has been designed for us to reach for our potential within a relationship with our natural environment and with others that unconsciously carries us towards love, our source, our sustenance and our destination. For the most part, we don’t think about it, yet we are all part of God’s intricate, wonderful, loving design.

I am tempted to go all poetic, and then I pull myself up to admit that the world does not always look like this on the ground. These quiet moments of awareness can be oases in a world that is riddled with pain, suffering, injustice and fear, yet they are the living truth which the world can never obliterate. It is true that through free will we are each able to choose to look inwards with selfishness, instead of outwards with generosity and gratitude. Yet our hope is in God who draws each of us home to him. Thank God for Jesus, our safety, our inspiration, our truth. Thank God for our heavenly Father, our creator, our destination. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, our courage, our strength and our guide. The sunshine and the birds do not lie, they rejoice in God’s wisdom and goodness no matter what choices men may make. The Mass continues to be the antidote for our fallen world, our direct line of love to the heart of God who made each of us for himself. A Mass is celebrated throughout each minute of each day somewhere in our big wide world. Hope quenches despair, the quiet liturgy drowns out the clamour of fear. Communion with Jesus is eternal and infinite. Love conquers all.

How much mindfulness can one heart hold?



We are a child safe Parish.