

# St Patrick's Parish

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## 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

#### Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OT 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OT 8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville 10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – No Mass

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Memorial of St Albert the Great 9:00am-2:00pm – Church open for quiet prayer at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland

9:00am-2:00pm – Church open for quiet prayer at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – No Mass

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

 $9\!:\!00\mbox{am-}2\!:\!00\mbox{pm}-\mbox{Church open for quiet prayer at St Patrick's, Lilydale}$ 

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Feast of Christ the King 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Feast of Christ the King 8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville 10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

For details relating to **Baptisms**, **Marriages** & **Anointing of the Sick**, please contact the parish office.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS** - if you would like Mass offered up in the month of November for deceased loved ones, it is not too late to do so. November Mass offering envelopes are available in the church. Please return completed envelopes to the Parish.

#### Entrance Antiphon (Jer 29:11-12;14)

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

#### First Reading (Malachi 3:19-20)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 97:5-9)

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

For the Lord comes, He comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness.

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

#### Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

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

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation (Luke 21:38)

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

#### Gospel (Luke 21:5-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to Him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

Take care not to be deceived,' He said 'because many will come using My name and saying, "I am He" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then He said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of My name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of My name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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

#### Communion Antiphon (Ps 73:28)

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Third Special Collection will take place this weekend in support of the Catholic Deaf Chaplaincy.

Father Francis will be away from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. Weekday Masses are cancelled for these two weeks. Weekend Mass times for Lilydale and Healesville are unchanged – please see above timetable for any queries. The scheduled Mass at Our Lady of the Snows, Marysville for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November has been cancelled, and the Mass at St Aloysius Yarra Glen has been moved from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Apologies for any inconvenience.

<u>Monthly Cuppa after Mass</u> – The Parish of St Patrick's welcomes all to the monthly Cuppa After Mass, held at the Community Centre after the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday. The next Cuppa will be December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Vicki Wissell, Elizabeth Van Kaartoven, Louisa D'Alessandro & Maria Colangelo

**Anniversaries:** Moira Burgi

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, 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

# Reading Roster

Saturday 6pmSunday 10:30am12/11 – Frank Feltham13/11 – Mathew Burow19/11 – Pradeep Fernando20/11 – Louise Fitinghoff26/11 – Mary Dowling27/11 – Monica DeKnecht3/12 – Patrick Bennett4/12 – Clare Hangan10/12 – Anne Burrows11/12 – Brenda De Losa

18/12 – Mary Dowling

#### PARISH POTLUCK LUNCH

17/12 - Frank Feltham

When: <u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</u>, 2022 at 12 Noon Where: <u>Moira Tanks room (Community Centre)</u>

Please bring a meal to share; hot, cold, savoury or sweet!

RSVP: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Please contact one of the parishioners listed: Carole Wright 0415 804 040; Sandra Dunne 0412 944 889; Mary Dowling 0457 638 744; Henny Boerlage 0401 428 658; Carole Weinberg

0408 810 104

#### WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish (Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50 30/10/2022

Presbytery \$ 937.15 Thanksgiving Collection \$ 1,252.40

**1**<sup>st</sup> **Collection** is for Presbytery – *Orange envelope-* Fr Francis, plus priests & retired priests of the Archdiocese living expenses.

**2**<sup>nd</sup> **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

<u>CHOIR PRACTICE</u> – <u>Choir practice is cancelled for the</u> <u>next two weeks (18<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of November)</u>. The usual schedule of weekly practice will resume on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00pm, in the presbytery. New members are most welcome – no prior experience required!

**Christian Meditation**: Saturday mornings at 9.30am in the Moira Tanks Room in the Community Centre. For more information, please contact Mary on 0457 638 744

#### Vale, Victoria Wissell



On Tuesday morning I received the sad news that Vicky Wissell, former principal of St Brigid's Primary School, passed away after her two-year battle with cancer. Vicky was Principal of St Brigid's from 2017 until 2022, although stepping back from the role in 2021 following her diagnosis. Prior to 2017 Vicky was the Principal of Sacred Heart Primary School, Yea. She made a significant contribution to Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne as a leader and educator. She is survived by her husband, Gary, daughters Laura and Shae, sons Tori and James, and grandchildren Levi, Jackson and Ava, whom we remember in our prayers at this difficult time. Vicky will be greatly missed by family and friends, teachers and pupils, and the whole St Brigid's School community.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

#### We are seeking parishioners who are interested in resuming the Parish Welcoming Group to assist at weekend Masses.

Several people are currently assisting with the welcoming, however, we would like to extend the invitation to all interested persons. You will be required to be available 20 mins before Mass starts to hand out the Newsletters and to greet all those who are joining the Mass. If you are interested in helping out only once a month, or similar, that is okay. A roster will be published in the same manner as the existing Parish rosters. Please contact Mary 0457 638 744, if you are interested in joining. If possible we would like to formally start the roster within the next few weeks.



Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal. Each year, our

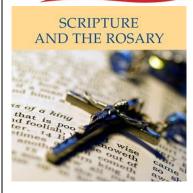
Christmas Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community. Over the past 12 months, the Society has provided over \$11 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria. With the current cost-of-living crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this Christmas will be needed more than ever.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. The Christmas Appeal will be conducted on the weekend of <u>26/27</u> **November**.

Please do so by donating to our Lilydale Conference by either using the envelopes provided in the church; by calling **13 18 12**; **Or Online at** vinnies.org.au

The Lilydale Conference of Vinnies also provides gifts for children of the families we help. Please take a Star from the Christmas Tree in the foyer in the church and return it before the week ending 10/11 December with an age-appropriate gift. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.





#### Four Part Series:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN

St Patrick's Parish Lilydale is hosting a 4 week guide to the Holy Rosary examined through the lens of scripture. Video presentation followed by discussion and recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome!

7:00-8:30pm @ St Patrick's Community Centre.

Refreshments provided. No cost, donations accepted FREE ROSARY BEADS PROVIDED!

# Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary – for the Victorian State Elections on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

We fervently ask Our Lady to touch the hearts and minds of all Victorians, so they will vote Pro-Life and not parties that support and wish to legalise the culture of death with Abortion & Euthanasia. The Novena beings Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> until (and including) November Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Novena Prayer:

O Most Blessed Mother, we implore through the intercession of your most immaculate and maternal Heart, ever concerned with the solicitude and salvation of your children, that you hear our prayer. In union with the Divine will of Jesus your Son, grant this urgent petition that we place before you today: that the hearts and minds of the Victorian people may be guided by a love of purity, righteousness and integrity in the upcoming election. Protect our state from unrighteous leaders who seek to oppose the Divine Law by advancing iniquitous and immoral laws

We know you hear the prayers of those who entrust themselves to you, and so with filial devotion renew our trust in your powerful intercession. We place in your gentle care, those whom we love, the sick or those in any need or danger, especially the unborn. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life & peace with God forever. Amen.

Conclude with one Our Father, One Hail Mary, One Memorare & One Glory Be.

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

#### Safeguarding children news

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding email <a href="mailto:Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au">Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au</a>



**Lifeboat Geelong Foundation** is seeking any unused vehicles that can be donated. Please contact Fr Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or <a href="mailto:rkdillon@outlook.com.au">rkdillon@outlook.com.au</a>) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

#### Saint of the Week – St Albert the Great



**Name:** Albert the Great, Bishop of Regensburg **Born:** A.D.1200; Lauingen, Bavaria (Germany)

**Died:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 1280; Cologne

Feast Day: 15<sup>th</sup> November

Patron Saint of: Scientists; philosophers; natural sciences.

Ever since the (so-called) 'Enlightenment' there has been a pervasive myth that religion and science are locked in opposition to each other. The implication is that religion is for the ignorant, and therefore the Church is anti-science. Such an outlook requires an astonishing ignorance of Western history and specifically the history of science or indeed the development of the universities. Our saint of the week provides a good demonstration of how the Church lauded and promoted enquiry into the natural sciences as being advantageous to religion. St Albert was born in about A.D.1200. He went to study at the Universities of Padua and later Bologna (among the oldest universities in the world) where his love of truth and learning drew him to the Dominican Order. There his capacious intellectual gifts were fostered and given full reign. His encyclopaedic learning earned him the names 'doctor universalis' and 'Albertus Magnus' – Albert the Great – by which he is still known. Pope Pius XI formally declared Albert a doctor of the Church in 1931.

There is scarcely an area of enquiry that St Albert did not subject to his inquisitive mind. His writings fill thirty-eight volumes (in print) and cover almost every conceivable topic: physics, geography, astronomy, mineralogy, alchemy (ie. chemistry), biology, logic, music theory and jurisprudence. Albert wrote separate treatises on botany, and human and animal physiology, which he studied with evident fascination. All of this was however peripheral to Albert's primary contribution to the Western thought, namely the rehabilitation of the philosophy of Aristotle. Together with his most famous student, St Thomas Aquinas, Albert helped forge the synthesis of (primarily Aristotelean) philosophy and theology that was to become the model of the medieval scholastic system.

Medieval Christendom, far from being backward or parochial, was an international golden age, where people, ideas, and fashions travelled freely across Europe. Consider, for example, that in his lifetime St Albert, grew up in Bavaria, studied in Padua and Bologna, and then taught at universities in Cologne, Regensburg, Freiburg, Hildesheim and Paris. Latin was the common language of the universities, which is why to this day Latin is used as the technical language of classification in virtually all the scientific disciplines: medicine, zoology, botany, etc. The word 'science' comes from the Latin word

scientia meaning knowledge. For the medieval world the pursuit of knowledge in every discipline was seen as noble and praiseworthy, because to seek the truth was to seek God who is Truth itself and the source of all truth. The European universities were not established as secular institutions; indeed, they consisted almost entirely of priests. Within academia the lowest ranked areas of study were the natural sciences (since they were limited to mere empirical observation of physical phenomena). Philosophy was considered a higher science (since it sought to understand abstract truths) but ranked in the highest place was theology, called the "Queen of the Sciences", because it sought to understand the ultimate truth of the mystery of God.

It says much about our culture that this has been completely inverted and today most people consider the natural sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, etc.) to be the most intellectually prestigious areas of study, whereas philosophy and theology are basically considered irrelevant. Aristotle and St Albert alike would baulk at such an ignorant and biased presupposition. Albert's insatiable desire to know and understand the world in which he lived flowed from his faith in the Creator who clearly designed the universe with such astonishing complexity, beauty and order. God has left His fingerprints all over His work of creation. Far from undermining Albert's religious convictions the learned doctor's study of the sciences only strengthened his faith. God is truth, and therefore every sincere and unbiased pursuit of the truth will inevitably lead to God.

St Albert the Great, pray for us!

PS. For those interested in how the latest in scientific discoveries is actually strengthening the case for God's existence (and making atheism look increasingly intellectually indefensible) consider reading Eric Metaxas' *Is Atheism Dead* (Salem Books, 2021).

**Palms Australia:** Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via <a href="www.palms.org.au">www.palms.org.au</a> or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal – for those who have been affected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by: Calling 13 18 12;

Visiting: <a href="https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022">https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022</a>;

Making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or

Via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

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