



St Patrick's Parish

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30th October 2022

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year C)**

Mass & Sacrament Times for this week:

Saturday 29th October – 31st Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 30th October – 31st Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Monday 31st October – No Mass

Tuesday 1st November – **All Saints Day**
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary, Lilydale

Wednesday 2nd November – **All Soul's Day**
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary, Lilydale
7:00pm Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Thursday 3rd November – Memorial of St Martin de Porres
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Healesville
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Healesville
9:15am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville

Friday 4th November – Memorial of St Charles Borromeo
8:00-9:00am – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Lilydale
8:30-9:00am – Confession available, Lilydale
9:15am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
9:45-10:30am – First Friday Adoration and Benediction, Lilydale

Saturday 5th November – 32nd Sunday OT
10:00-11:00am – Confessions at St Patrick's, Lilydale
6:00pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale

Sunday 6th November – 32nd Sunday OT
8:30am Mass at St Brigid's, Healesville
10:30am Mass at St Patrick's, Lilydale
12:00pm Baptisms at St Patrick's, Lilydale

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

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 38[37]:21-22)

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading (Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In Your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.
Yet You are merciful to all, because You can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.
Yes, You love all that exists, You hold nothing of what You have made in abhorrence,
for had You hated anything, You would not have formed it
And how, had You not willed it, could a thing persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by You?
You spare all things because all things are Yours, Lord, Lover of life,
You whose imperishable spirit is in all.
Little by little, therefore, You correct those who offend,
You admonish and remind them of how they have sinned.
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in You, Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14)

R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give You glory, O God my King,
I will bless Your name for ever.
I will bless You day after day
and praise Your name for ever.

R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all His creatures

R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

All Your creatures shall thank You, O Lord,
and Your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of Your reign
and declare Your might, O God.

R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is faithful in all His words
and loving in all His deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading (2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2)

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

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of His call, and by His power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in Him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round Him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 3:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son,
that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 19:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see Him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot He looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed Him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount'. And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

Communion Antiphon (Ps 16[15]:11)

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

PLEASE NOTE – the Parish Office will be closed for the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday **Tuesday 1st, November**. Usual office hours will resume Wednesday 2nd November.

TOMATO SEEDLINGS FOR SALE

\$3 each. The seedlings will be on sale after weekend Masses, outside the church, each weekend of October. Proceeds go to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Every Thursday at 7:00pm, held in the presbytery. New members are most welcome – no prior experience required!

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS - November Mass offering envelopes will be available in the church from this weekend, in preparation for the month of the Holy Souls (November). Please return completed envelopes to the Parish.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased: Louisa D'Alessandro

Anniversaries:

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

Readers please note – if you are unable to read at your rostered Mass, please contact the parish office or sacristans.

Saturday 6pm

22/10 – Mary Dowling
29/10 – Patrick Bennett
5/1 – Anne Burrows
12/11 – Frank Feltham
19/11 – Pradeep Fernando
26/11 – Mary Dowling
3/12 – Patrick Bennett
10/12 – Anne Burrows
17/12 – Frank Feltham

Sunday 10:30am

23/10 – Brenda De Losa
30/10 – Settie Grajo
6/11 – John De Losa
13/11 – Mathew Burow
20/11 – Louise Fitinghoff
27/11 – Monica DeKnecht
4/12 – Clare Hangan
11/12 – Brenda De Losa
18/12 – Mary Dowling

PARISH POTLUCK LUNCH

When: Tuesday 22nd November, 2022 at 12 Noon

Where: Moir Tanks room (Community Centre)

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

RSVP: Sunday 13th 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

UPDATE - Combined Parish Car Raffle

A note from Leo – 'the Raffleman': All tickets have been returned and accounted for. My next step is to prepare the butts and paper work and drop them off to the Raffle Coordinator.

A BIG thank you to those parishioners that have supported this year's Raffle and we are hopeful for it to return bigger and better in 2023.

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

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

Safeguarding children news

For all enquiries regarding child safeguarding email Safeguardinglilydale@cam.org.au



The Christian feast of 'Halloween'



Image: Detail of the ascent of souls into heaven from Michelangelo's Last Judgment (Sistine Chapel, Vatican)

This coming week we will celebrate two very significant feasts in the Church's calendar, which are closely bound together: The Solemnity of All Saints on the 1st of November, and the commemoration of All Souls' Day on the 2nd of November. The Solemnity of All Saints dates back to at least the eighth century. It was originally known by the old English name of All Hallows, and being ranked as a solemnity it commenced with a vigil on the evening before, namely, the 31st October. Over time 'All Hallows' Eve' was contracted to become 'Halloween.' It was popularly imagined that the souls of the deceased awaiting heaven would make the ascent from their graves on the eve of All Hallows. Hence, Halloween came to be associated with ghosts, the dead, and things-that-go-bump-in-the-night! Originally, children would dress up as their favourite saints: today they dress as ghosts, zombies or vampires! Every year millions of people continue to celebrate Halloween with jack pumpkins, ghoulish costumes and trick-or-treating. Very few indeed would be aware of the Christian origins of the feast, which has now taken on a life of its own as an entirely secular 'feast,' albeit one with a very unclear sense of purpose. If shopping centres are any gauge of culture, we can observe that a similar process of secularisation of the Christian solemnities of Christmas and Easter is well under way.

The Solemnity of All Saints recognises that the overwhelming majority of saints will never be formally declared saints ('canonised'). Nonetheless we can still ask these holy souls to intercede for us from heaven. The following day, All Souls, recognises that many souls of the faithful departed must undergo a final spiritual purification (or 'purgation') before they can attain the beatific vision. The Catholic doctrine of purgatory, so little spoken of today, is in fact an expression of the great hope we have in God's mercy. The belief in purgatory means that even those who lived less than saintly lives might have the hope of eternal salvation, having been purified from all attachment to sin. The Church encourages us on this day in particular to pray for our deceased loved ones to hasten their entry into heaven.

These twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls also serve to open our awareness of the full reality of the Church in her three-fold aspect. The Church is not simply made up of those Christians who live today. The Church is the living Body of Christ which is made up of all those who have been united to Christ through Baptism in God's eternal plan of Redemption. The saints (sometimes called the 'Church Triumphant' because they have already attained the vision of God) are equally part of the Church as the living faithful on earth. Nor should we forget that the souls of the faithful in purgatory are also members of the Body of Christ (the 'Church Suffering'). The fact that they have not yet attained the beatific vision of God does not mean that

they are deprived of sanctifying grace which ensures their vital membership in the Church. The Church on earth is called the 'Church Militant' because we are still engaged in the battle for holiness, "Fighting the good fight for the true faith" as St Paul would say (1Tim 6:12).

The Church lists praying for the dead among the seven 'Spiritual Works of Mercy.' The venerable customs of visiting graves, praying the rosary and offering Masses for the deceased are particularly commendable practices for consolation of the suffering souls in purgatory. If you would like to have Masses offered for the souls of deceased loved ones, there are November Mass envelopes in the foyer of the Church.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

"Little Rock" Bible Study Guide to the Rosary

If you love the Bible and love the Rosary, then this is for you! Beginning on Friday 4th November at 7:00pm we will commence 4 weekly guided biblical examination of the rosary as a means of meditating on the life of Christ. Each presentation will begin with a 20 minute "Little Rock" Bible study video. This will be followed by some Q and A, the recitation of the rosary and concluding with refreshments. You can come to any or all of the presentations, no cost.

Where: Moira Tanks Room (St Patrick's Community Centre, Lilydale)

Dates & Time: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th November; 7:00pm-8:00pm

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish

(Thanksgiving only) \$1404.50

16/10/2022

Presbytery	\$ 1,050.25
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 1,336.60

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:

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

Monthly Cuppa after Mass – 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 November 6th.

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

40 Days for Life: Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We have only this coming week to go but would love to see more people join us. The campaign ends on Sunday November 6 but it's not too late to contribute. To register your hours and for more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

Saint of the Week – All Saints



On the 1st November we will celebrate the solemnity of All Saints. This gives us a chance to commemorate not only those saints whose names we know, but the vast multitude of saints whose names we will only come to know in the life to come. These saints include people the world over who have won the crown of eternal life through Faith in Jesus Christ: fathers and mothers, grandparents and babies, people of every social strata, culture and period of history. These countless 'anonymous' saints are with God now and are unfailingly interceding for the Church from heaven.

The word 'saint' (in Latin, *sanctus*) means 'holy.' Properly speaking, only God is holy, but the 'holy ones' by their perfect communion in the Body of Christ come to share in the holiness of God. Whilst we remain in this life we share imperfectly in the holiness of the Body of Christ (because we have to contend with sin). The saints are those who have gone before us to remind us of our own call to holiness, and to guide us on the way home. As St John explains, "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, *we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*" (1 John 3:2) Heaven is the 'beatific vision' – the wondrous sight of those blessed who behold God face to face. The Book of Revelation describes the vast multitude of saints who worship before the throne of God. The symbolic number 144,000 is used to indicate an immense number of the elect that corresponds to the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles (12 x 12 x 1000 = 144,000). It's John's way of saying 'the vast and completed number.' Note that the number has *never* been taken literally in the Catholic tradition. Indeed, in the following verse John describes "a great multitude which *no man can number* from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9). It's impossible for us to pin down the precise number of saints since the number grows with every day. It is estimated that there are some 10,000 formally recognised saints in the Catholic Church. But this is not to say that these are the only occupants of heaven! Most of the saints in heaven will never be formally canonised.

We venerate the saints for two key reasons: their inspiration and intercession. Firstly, discovering the saints inspires us to imitate them in their lives of sacrifice and charity. When we feel spiritually lukewarm their heroic example can inspire us to persevere in the Christian life. The second reason, is that the saints have the power to intercede for us from heaven and so we can call upon this army of heavenly helpers in our moment of need. The Solemnity of All Saints serves to remind us of what many popes have repeatedly described as 'the universal call to holiness.' The Church means to remind us that whatever our vocation and however ordinary we might seem, we too are called to be saints. Holiness should not be the domain of a privileged few – you and I must become saints since this is the point of our Baptism and the entire Christian life: to be with God in heaven.

All Saints, pray for us!

Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal – for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

Calling 13 18 12;

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

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.

Theology at the pub – an opportunity for Catholics aged 18-35 (and religious of all ages) to meet, have great conversations over a meal and a drink and listen to interesting talks by engaging Catholic speakers.

Never been to a Theology at the Pub (T@P) event before?

Great! We look forward to you joining us for the first time, getting connected with other young Catholics from around Melbourne and learning a thing or two our talks.

NEXT EVENT for T@P: How Islam led me back to Christ

Date: Monday 7th of November 2022

Talk starts: 7:30pm (doors open 6pm)

Location: Lvl 1, European Bier Cafe, 120 Exhibition Street

Speaker: Charbel Raish

About Charbel Raish: Charbel is the founder of Parousia Media which was born in May of 2005. He has organised over 1000 face to face and virtual events consisting of local and international speakers who have featured all over Australia and the world. Charbel has coordinated Faith Formation events for over 21 years.

Charbel was born into a Catholic home. But, in the last 6 years of school, he was influenced and challenged in his faith by Islamic friends. In his final year, he struggled to make a choice. He visited a mosque to give his life to Allah and Muhamed. But God wasn't done with him yet. Charbel visited a church, begging God for a sign. His life was transformed forever.

If you have any other questions about the event or future events:

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Website: www.theologyatthepub.com.au

Catholic Influencer's Podcast – hosted by Fr Rob Galea, Alyssa Agius & Justine Cumbo, who study the weekly readings and break them down into lay man's terms, showing you how they are relevant to our life today. Available weekly, on all podcast platforms.

Veterans of the armed services who are former members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) movement in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are entitled to financial benefits under a patriotic fund established by the YCW in 1949. The fund includes coverage of former YCW members who were in the armed services in the 1960s and early 1970s. If you are, or know of, a Veteran who was involved in the YCW, or you know of a Veteran who may have been involved in the YCW, please contact Brian Lawrence at brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY (1 May – 23 May, 2023)

For details and or itinerary, please contact us as soon as possible:

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