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10th & 11th December 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Procession

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6. 10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,

the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just s
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

R. Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PARISH PRAYER LIST



Please pray for:

Recently Deceased: Filomena Iacobucci,

Anniversaries: Rino Rech, Jim (Quirino) Catena

Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Eileen Ramage, Lynne Fleming, Tony Arena, Jo Payne, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Jim Reid, Indy Dawes, Peter Di Ciero, Evie Gleeson, Tony Cunningham, Claudette Florens, Luigi Mazzotti, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Serene Amos, Cassandra, John Wright, Mary Hamilton, John Hamilton Carmel O'Healy, Robyn Morse-Gill, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Catherine Thompson, Vandersman Family, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Peter Goesling, Willow Wilson

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;

Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic,
and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection

of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

Healesville 8.30am

Weekdays

Tuesday 7.00pm

Wed & Fri. 9.10am

No Mass Saturday morning

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 10am or by appointment

Marriages: Please give at least six month's notice.

Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.

PARISH OFFICE

Wednesday: 9.00am - 3.30pm

Friday : 9.00am – 3.30pm

PASTORAL WORKER

Wednesday 10.00am- 3.00pm

Thursday 10.00am- 4.00pm

Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS

Phone Parish Office on
9739 5977

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required please contact the Lilydale Centre on
1300 305 330

Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

CARE GROUP

Ann McCann, Debbie Edwards,
Sharon Jacob,

Contact Parish Office 9739 5977

ROSARY GROUP

Rosary Group meets on Wednesday after 9.10am Mass, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday evenings in Community Centre. Last Tuesday of month Holy hour in church

VINE & BRANCHES PRAYER GROUP

Meet each second Thursday of each month in the church 7.30 to 8.30pm for Exposition & each fourth Thursday at 7.30pm in the community centre

50+ SOCIAL GROUPS

Contacts,

Sandra 9726 5627

Barbara 9735 1233

Carole 9735 4595

Henny 9735 2124

Judy 9735 0545

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 9.30am 2nd Thursday of each month 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Every 1st Friday of the month after 9.10am Mass followed by Benediction

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every Saturday morning at 9.00am in meeting room below presbytery.

ROSTERS

Dec 10/11

6.30pm Mass

Welcoming– A. Burrows

Prayers of Intercession – K. Dawes

Readings– R. Belli

Extraordinary Ministers

M. Dowling,

Altar Servers– Olivia & Safia

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Carole Wright

10.30am Mass –

Welcoming – M & J De Knecht

Prayers of Intercession – L. Fitinghoff

Readings – J. Vandersman

Extraordinary Ministers

Paul Commerford & Anne Marie Italiano

Altar Servers – Eloise & Bailey

Church Cleaning – Sandra D'Aloisio &

Dee Leach

Flowers- Sue Wakeham & Gina Lim

Dec 17/18

6.30pm Mass

Welcoming– C. Weinberg

Prayers of Intercession – B. Russell

Readings– D. Edwards

Extraordinary Ministers – C. Wright, M. Lowe

Altar Servers – Danya & Tia

10.30am Mass

Welcoming – J. De Vincentiis

Prayers of Intercession – S. Wakeham

Readings– L. Fitinghoff

Extraordinary Ministers –

John DeLosa, J. Flannery

Altar Servers – Bailey & Lara

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Church Cleaning – Teresita Bachnick

Flowers – Gina Lim & Sue Wakeham

Gardening

December - Margaret & John Sebire

January - Rob Belli

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Pledged Amount **\$2,272.88**

Thanksgiving received

Collection \$ 1320.00

Presbytery \$ 573.30

Restoration \$ 177.75

Special Collection

There will be a special collection this weekend 10/11 December for Melbourne Overseas Mission.

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

St Patrick's Parish, Lilydale aspires to be a unified, Eucharistic community.

This is reflected in the challenge to provide a welcoming community that values the diversity of its members. We encourage compassion, charity and understanding.

As a parish we will strive to live our lives as Christ did -

Worshipping God

Valuing personal dignity

Reaching out to others
Being responsible for our environment

Prayer for Child Protection

Lord,

You asked that the little children be allowed to come to you; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. You entrust them to the care and protection of our communities of faith.

Guide us as we strive to ensure that our catholic communities provide a safe environment for each child.

We pray especially for all those who have been harmed in their childhood. Give them courage in facing the past and lead them to your healing protection. Amen

Gospel & Life Group will be

held every 2nd & 4th

Wednesday of the month in the meeting room after 9.10am Mass. All Welcome



From Debbie's Desk

I had a wonderful conversation this week with a visitor to our home, a 4 year old who has a very down to earth view of life. I was showing him our Christmas Nativity Scene, and he was full of questions, and opinions. I put Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus into the scene a little early, so that he could make sense of the whole picture. 'Jesus has holes in his walls!' was his first observation. 'And he has really dirty floors!' 'There are cows in his room!'. 'What's this?' He was pointing to a well, with a bucket next to it. I was explaining how Jesus was born in a stable, as there was no room left for his family in any of the motels. Jesus then had a bath in the well. And so did Mary, and then Joseph. The donkey and the cow had a good drink from the bucket. It got me thinking how careful I was about germs when my own babies were brand new. Jesus must have had his first bath with water drawn from the animal's drinking water. It occurred to me that Mary didn't have the luxury of a shower, or maybe even a cup of tea after the experience of giving birth. And the family probably was cold, possibly with holes in the stable walls, with smelly hay covering a dirt floor. Yet Jesus *made* the star that shone above the stable, and his presence with us was celebrated by countless angels singing for joy that is bigger than we can imagine. He is a person, just like us, who felt as we feel, and experienced what we experience. It is more than our minds can truly grasp, that God became real to us because Jesus was born, showing us who God is. My little visitor could not think through the symbolism of Jesus lying in an animal's food trough, a manger, and the reality of Jesus as the bread of life, food for our journey.... but it still amazes me! We may not 'get' all the miraculous implications, but, like newborn Jesus, we can simply rest in God's love, in peace. As you contemplate the scene of Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the stable this year, allow the peace of the newborn Jesus lying in his mother's protective arms to seep into your heart, and open your heart to the joy that the world cannot give. Accepting that peace and joy, so lavishly offered by God who loves us more than we can imagine, equips us to take that peace out to others, and to spread the joy of God's presence to our waiting world..

Parish Christmas Raffle

Ticket will be on sale after weekend Masses.

- 1st Prize –Hamper
- 2nd Prize –Hamper
- 3rd Prize –Hamper



Christmas Time at St Patrick's Lilydale:
Saturday 24th December
 Carols start at 6pm
 Family Mass 6.30 in Community Centre

Midnight Mass in the Church

Carols start at 11.30pm
Mass at 12 Midnight

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day in the Church
Mass 10.30am

New Year's Day Sunday

1st January 2016 Mass. 10.30am

Christmas Mass times Healesville

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve 7pm

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day 8.30am

Calling our budding young actors and actresses!

Children who would like to be involved in the Christmas play to be staged during the Family Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to register their interest by putting their name on the sign up sheet in the foyer of the church. The Family Mass starts at 6.30 pm in the community centre, and children will need to arrive at 5.45pm in their costumes. A practise will be held during the week before Christmas. For more information, please speak to Debbie at the parish office.

Collections

- 1st – Special Collection – Overseas Mission
- 2nd – Planned Thanksgiving & Presbytery
- 3rd – Restoration

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

If assistance is required, please contact 1800 305 330, Mon – Fri 10am – 3pm

Copies of statement from the Episcopal Vicar for life, Marriage & Family, Very Rev Tony Kerin about euthanasia are available in church foyer.

VICTORIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONDEMN DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Victorian Catholic Bishops have condemned family violence in the strongest possible terms, in a letter to the catholic community issued 30 November 2016. The statement picks up on the words of Pope Francis that "we must always say 'no' to violence in the home". Domestic violence is now a crisis in Australia. Figures show that a woman dies at the hands of her partner or ex-partner every week and that one in four children experience the distress of witnessing their mother being abused. Copies of the letter are available at the church door.

Christmas 2016

Are you going to the Midnight Mass?

There will be carols sung before Midnight Mass from 11.30 pm. It is intended to have a brass quartet to accompany the singing during this time. If you would like to be part of a small group of singer to lead the carols before Mass, then I would love to hear from you. There will be a rehearsal in the week before Christmas. Many thanks. Mike Haywood 9738 7868

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal

Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Dennis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support.

Advent Penitential Service
Tuesday 20th December at 7pm in the Church

HMNS SUNDAY 10.30am

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Entrance

PREPARE YE

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

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LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

Light the Advent candle three
Think of heavenly harmony
Angels singing "peace on earth"
At the blessed Saviours birth.
Chorus
Candle Candle burning bright
Shinning in the hot summers night.
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Presentation of the Gifts

HERE I AM LORD.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

***Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the
night,
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Communion

OUR SUPPER INVITATION

Take of my bread and eat,
Drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
Branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now,
Eat; take your fill
Don't be afraid to dream,
Love has its will.

Take up your burden now,
Walk till you find
Just what the Journey means.
Walk while there's time.
Food for the journey
Will answer your need
Don't be afraid to walk,
Love, my love will lead.

Take of my bread and eat,
Drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment
To good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now
Eat, take your fill.
Share with your people,
That love has its will.

Take of my bread and eat,
Drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live,
Branch of my vine.

Reflection

PREPARE THE WAY

There was a man of God whose
name was John.
He came to speak for the light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord

Refrain

***Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.***
Mountains and hills shall be brought
to the ground,
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see his face;
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Refrain

He's the lamb of God and you must
follow him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For he has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Refrain

Recessional

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Choir: You are the salt for the
earth, O people;
People: Salt for the Kingdom of
God.
Choir: Share the flavour of life,
O people;
People: Life in the Kingdom of
God.
Refrain
***Bring forth the Kingdom of
mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of
peace,
Bring forth the kingdom of
justice,
Bring forth the City of God!***
You are the light on the hill, O
people;
Light for the City of God.

Shine so holy and bight, O
people;
Shine for the Kingdom of God.
Refrain
You are the seed of the word, O
people;
Bring forth the kingdom of God.
Seeds of mercy and seeds of
justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God.
Refrain
We are a blest and a pilgrim
people;
Bound for the Kingdom of God.
Love our journey, and love our
homeland;
Love is the kingdom of God.

HUMOUR -

The Teacher asked young
Patrick Murphy: "What do you do at
Christmas time?"

Patrick addressed the class: "Well
Miss Jones, me and my twelve
brothers and sisters go to midnight
mass and we sing hymns; then we
come home very late and we put
mince pies by the back door and
hang up our stockings. Then all
excited, we go to bed and wait for
Father Christmas to come with all
our toys."

"Very nice Patrick," she said. "Now
Jimmy
Brown, what do you do at
Christmas?"

"Well, Miss Jones, me and my sister
also go to church with Mum and Dad
and we sing carols and we
get home ever so late. We put
cookies and milk by the chimney and
we hang up our stockings. We
hardly sleep, waiting for Santa Claus
to bring our presents."

Realising there was a Jewish boy in
the class and not wanting to leave
him out of the discussion,
she asked, "Now, Isaac Cohen, what
do you do at Christmas?"

Isaac said, "Well, it's the same thing
every year . . . Dad comes home
from the office, we all pile
into the Rolls Royce; then we drive to
Dad's toy factory. When we get
inside, we look at all the
empty shelves . . . and begin to sing:
'What A Friend We Have in Jesus'.
Then we all go to the
Bahamas."