



# St Patrick's Parish

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17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## Entrance Procession

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6**

**R. Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;

on the waters he made it firm. R.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. R.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,

seek the face of the God of Jacob. R.

**R. Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory.**

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

## 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 1:23**

## General Intercessions

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Ezio Rainaldi, Emy Isenegger

**Anniversaries:** Antonio Marcantonio, Elizabeth Leonard, Robert Bisset.

**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, Michael Paola, Pat Meyer

## 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

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**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month 7.30 to 8.30pm.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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

*Special roster for  
Christmas Masses*

**Dec 24/25**

**Church Cleaning** – Gino & Barbara De Vincentiis

**Flowers** – Clara De Iulio & Jeanetts De Vincentiis

*No Rosters for  
January*

**WEEKLY THANKSGIVING**

**Pledged Amount**            **\$2,272.88**

Thanksgiving received	Dec10/11
Collection	\$ 1174.00
Presbytery	\$ 539.05
Restoration	\$ 245.15
Melbourne overseas	\$ 796.95
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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the meeting room after 9.10am Mass. All Welcome



## From Debbie's Desk

As we come to the final week of Advent, the Christ child's birth is uppermost in our minds, and we wait with anticipation to join the angels in heaven as we worship our newborn saviour. I wonder... If you were asked where heaven is, what would you say? Many think of heaven as somewhere above the clouds, 'up'... the apostles did see Jesus rise into the sky, until he was covered from sight by a cloud. They think of Jesus as 'in heaven', 'up', coming 'down' to visit us, especially at this time of the year. Do we think of heaven as somewhere far above us, remote from us, the place where Jesus 'lives' now? I can't cope with the thought that Jesus is somehow 'away' from me! I need him too much! I know with every fibre of my being that Jesus is much closer to me than 'up', but that he is still with me in all my 'ups' and downs: especially when I mess up, when my vacuum cleaner blows up, when my dog throws up on my carpet, when I am worked up, when I am fed up, when I need to cheer up... I suspect that we often look at the Holy Family and think of them as belonging on a Christmas card, perfect, an ideal picture of peace and tranquillity (in fact, not like us at all!), disconnected from the real world we live in. Jesus really did live life as we do, and is still intimately involved in our lives today. In reality, his family were refugees who fled into Egypt, probably with the clothes they wore, a donkey, and the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Wise Men brought to Jesus as gifts, (possibly what funded their new life in Egypt?). We need to remember that Joseph, Mary and Jesus are a real family, like ours, not just story book characters, and that they faced real family problems and challenges, like we do. The angels' visitation, the adoration of the shepherds and the visit of the Magi must have been of great encouragement to Joseph and Mary, enabling them to keep going when it felt like the world was crashing in. They knew with every fibre of their beings that God was with them, operating on faith, as we do. Imagine the pressure of keeping little Jesus safe, knowing that he is God's Son! Perhaps this week, we can take time to wonder exactly where we believe Jesus to be. Are we waiting for him to come 'down' from far away heaven, without recognising his closeness, and his faithful presence with each of us, right here, right now? As we

receive the Eucharist today, we thank Jesus for his amazing gift of himself, so intimately part of who we are. Holy Communion. How can we ever feel alone?

### **Parish Christmas Raffle**

**Ticket will be on sale after weekend Masses.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize –Hamper**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize –Hamper**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize –Hamper**



### **Christmas Time at St Patrick's Lilydale**

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Day in the Church**

Mass 10.30am

#### **New Year's Day Sunday**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 Mass. 10.30am**

#### **Christmas Mass times Healesville**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas**

Eve 7pm

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 signup 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.

# Thank You!

To all the parishioners who offered prayers and support to us both during John's long illness, we thank you! We appreciate your love and prayers very much.  
John & Carole Wright

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

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

### **Christmas Special Collection**

This year the Special Collection at Christmas Masses will go to support the work of Moira Kelly, who cares for children with very special needs. Moira lives in Melbourne and brings sick children from around the world to the Royal Children's Hospital for medical treatment that is life-saving and life-changing. You may remember Emmanuel, and Trishna and Krishna, some of her more famous children. Moira is currently supporting 14 children and family members. We ask God to bless her work and hope that our contribution enables her to continue to make a very big difference.

**Lunedì 19 Dicembre**

**Alle 6.00 Di Sera**

**Torna Padre Vito Per Le**

**Confessioni in**

**preparazione alla festa Di**

**Natale approfittiamo Di**

**Questo dono che dion ci**

**danella sua Misericordia**

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

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

### **HMNS SUNDAY 10.30am**

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#### **Entrance**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
O come thou Bright and Morning  
Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar.  
Dispel the shadows of the night,  
and turn our darkness into light.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee O Israel.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee O Israel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

#### **LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Light the Advent candle four  
Think of joy forevermore  
Christ child in a stable born  
Gift of love that Christmas morn.

Candle Candle burning bright  
Shinning in the hot summer's night.  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

#### **Presentation of the Gifts**

##### **BE NOT AFRAID (GA 449)**

You shall cross the barren  
desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the  
way.  
You shall speak your words to  
foreign men  
And they shall understand.  
You shall see the face of God  
and live.

##### **Antiphon**

***Be not afraid.***

***I go before you always.***

***Come, follow Me,***

***And I will give you rest.***

If you pass through raging  
waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning  
flames,  
You shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of  
hell  
And death is at your side,  
Know that am with you through it  
all.

##### **Antiphon**

Blessed are your poor,  
For the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and  
mourn,  
For one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and  
hate you  
All because of Me,  
Blessed, blessed are you!

#### **Communion**

##### **JOYFUL IN HOPE**

Joyful in hope your people pray  
Joyful in hope we're on our way  
Though the road may not be clear  
We believe Lord, you are near  
In the smile and open heart of a  
friend.

Joyful in hope your people pray,  
Joyful in hope we're on our way.  
There's sunshine after rain  
There's laughter after pain  
And I am with you always so rise  
again.

Mary so open to the Lord  
When you consented, our hope  
restored.  
Though you couldn't understand,  
In trust you took his hand  
So joyful in hope we live again.

#### **Reflection**

##### **HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN (GA 544)**

Hail Mary, Full of grace,

The Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,  
And blest is the fruit of your womb,  
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners  
Now and at the hour of our death A-  
men.

##### **Refrain:**

***Gentle Woman, quiet light,  
Morning Star, so strong and bright  
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove  
Teach us wisdom; teach us love.***

You were chosen by the Father  
You were chosen, for the Son  
You were chosen, from all women  
And for woman, shining one.

##### **Refrain**

Blessed are you among women  
Blest in turn, all women too...  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

#### **Recessional**

##### **GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD**

##### **Antiphon:**

***Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.***

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains,  
Praise the wonders our God has  
done  
In every heart that sings.

##### **Antiphon**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.

##### **Antiphon**

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
Our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost,  
To answer those who pray.

##### **Antiphon**

God has watered our barren land  
And spent His merciful pain  
Now the rivers of life run full  
For anyone to drink.

#### **Humour**

Billy and his little sister were  
visiting their grandmother. She  
placed two apples on the table –  
one large and red, the other small  
and withered.

“I want to see which of you has  
the best manners”. She said.  
“She does” said Billy, grabbing  
the big red apple.