



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS

The teacher asked her class of small children: "What is conscience?" Quick as a flash, one boy piped up: "It's what makes you tell your mother before your sister does." St Paul the Apostle once made a startling comment about his personal struggle to follow his conscience and do the right thing: "I do not understand my own behaviour," he wrote. "I do not act as I mean to, but I do the things that I hate" (Rom 7:15-16) Talk about true confessions! But perhaps he's not the only one to admit that he did not always do what his conscience told him but sometimes went against its guidance. I wonder, in fact, if there's anyone other than Jesus, who has always followed their conscience perfectly and done the most loving thing in every life-situation.

At least Paul was not trying to cover up, find excuses, or blame anyone else for his failures. Unlike the man and woman in our First Reading! We know them as "Adam" and "Eve". But in this poetic and symbolic story about human nature in general, rather than a factual account of the behaviour of the first man and woman that ever lived, they represent you and me. "Adam", then, is Everyman, and "Eve" is Everywoman. As the Dutch Catechism puts it: "The sin of Adam and Eve is closer than we imagine. It is in our own selves."

The part of the story that makes up our First Reading today deals with the fall-out from their disobedience to God and God's commands. They have eaten the forbidden fruit, despite God's lavish gift to them of the whole Eden garden of delights and its trees. In doing so they have forgotten their dependence on God for their very existence. They have refused to accept their right relationship with God as God's creatures. In wanting to be just like God and deciding for themselves what's right and what's wrong, they've simply become, as the saying goes, "too big for their boots".

The effects of their sin are immediate. The details provide a wonderful psychology of sin. Sin causes feelings of fear and shame and guilt. No longer content to be creatures and accept their human limitations, they lose their innocent, trusting relationship with God. They are now ashamed of their God-given bodies, ashamed in the presence of each other, and ashamed before God. De-

spite God being said to stroll among them in the gentleness of a cool breeze after a long hot day, the man and the woman skulk away from their Creator and hide themselves in the trees (v.8). Then the man attempts to blame God for the mess they are in because it was God who gave him the woman as his partner (v.12). His complaint also illustrates how sin tends to separate people from one another, and how it can even destroy interpersonal relationships. The woman, for her part, protests that the serpent tricked her into eating the forbidden fruit (v.13). What is at work here is a psychology of self-justification and refusal to take the blame for anything.

We seem to be living in an age of blunt consciences. Some drivers run over pedestrians, but instead of stopping to assist the injured, drive on. Family peace is being shattered in some homes by repeated offences of abuse, disrespect and violence. The Women's "Me too" Movement has been disclosing hundreds of instances of sexual assault and even of rape. The "Big Four" Banks and other finance agencies have been "ripping off" many customers and diddling some of them out of their whole life-savings, leaving them homeless. We hear again and again of wage theft, of employers paying their employees far less than the award wage, and in some instances, paying nothing at all. Then there's the desperate situation of the people of Palestine and Syria, being driven from their homes and livelihoods by the scourge of constant war. Fraud, deceit and distrust abound. Too many people in too many places feel unnoticed, unwanted and rejected. And too many rich people are getting ever richer at the expense of the poor.

That's just a small snapshot of the sins of society today. Just as concerning are the reactions of the offenders, who exchange such lines as these: "Take no responsibility!" "Shrug your shoulders and walk away!" "Blame the boss!" "Blame your childhood!" "Admit nothing!" "It's their word against yours. Deny it!" "Plead not guilty!" "Laugh it off! Just say 'The devil made me do it', or something, anything, other than that you goofed, you did it."

What then, is the answer to all such moral dilemmas and challenges? St Paul puts the question this way. "What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death?" His answer to his own ques-

tion is this: "God—thanks be to him—through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom 7:24-25). Paul is saying in other words: "Salvation or redemption, must come from God because it must come from a greater source of being and healing power" (Monica Hellwig).

This is the healing power that we experience in an ongoing personal, family and community relationship with Jesus Christ as our Saviour. His role as our Liberator/Saviour could hardly be better expressed than in these words of Colossians 1: 13-14, words to us of comfort and hope: "It is he who has rescued us from the ruling force of darkness and has transferred us to the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him we enjoy our freedom, the forgiveness of sin."

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Plenary Council 2020—

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Find out more about the Plenary Council in 2020 at the new website now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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RCIA

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office as our program for RCIA 2018/2019 will commence soon.

Altar Servers' Training

NEXT Wednesday, June 13 (sessions 3 & 4). These will take place in the church with Sr Elena at 5.30pm

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

A 12 week course explaining the Catholic truths about the blessed Virgin Mary.

Where: Parish Hall, St Paul of the Cross, 532 N Canterbury Rd, D Hill

Date: Commencing NEXT Wednesday 13 June

Time: 7.30pm

Contact: Michael on 0420 990 501

Good Samaritan Refugee Support Network

Friday 22 June at 5.30pm at St Scholastica's Function Room, Glebe Point see the film "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue

Sea" followed by discussion and light supper.

RSVP: bbeinke@goodsams.org.au

NSW Family Groups Event

with Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen

NEXT Saturday 16 June 2018 at "WINBOURNE", Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, at Mulgoa.

10.00am Registration; 10.30am Welcome & introductory session; 11am-1.00pm Bishop Vincent (incl Presentation and panel).

1pm—lunch: BYO plate to share; tea/coffee/soup/rolls available. Cost: donation per head. Afternoon activities to follow.

Mass at Luddenham parish at 6.00pm

Enquiries: Dennis on 0425 209 840.

Vinnie's Winter Appeal—June 23-24

Vinnies Marrickville will hold their Winter Appeal on 23/24 June 2018. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church

NEXT weekend, 10/11 June. All donations will receive a tax receipt if required. Your generosity & ongoing support to our conference provides the inspiration and the means for us to continue supporting our community in need.

Thank You!

To all those who attended Gift of Bread Annual Dinner and supported the ministry with generous donations and pledges. A delicious 3 course meal, live entertainment, dancing, auctions, and raffle prizes including a car, holidays, cruise and Grand Final tickets were eagerly sought. Congratulations to winners, and many thanks again to guests, parishioners, volunteers, sponsors and supporters for such a successful event!

Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

Celebrated by Archbishop Fisher on Sunday 8 July at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. Couples attending should register on 9301 8404. Special certificates for 50th/55th/60th/65th Anniversaries.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or anyone close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on: 9390 5812



Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am
Presentation: 2nd Sunday 9am/ 10.30am
Masses
Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm
Preferably 6 months notice
Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments Sr Elena
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Sr Elenita
Cultural Committee Chair
Ecumenical & Interfaith Co-chairs
John McGrath, Pat Bowthorpe FMM
Family Groups Contact
Adrienne Harverson
Finance C'tee Chair Mary Leask
Justice & Peace Network Chair
Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr Erick, Sr Elena
Men's Club Co-chairs: Arthur Kassis,
John Skinner, Mick Ward
Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings,
Arthur Kassis
Youth Ministry: John Nguyen & Oliver Bautista

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (11/6): Jim/Lalo/Maree
Next Week (18/6): Jim's Team

3/6/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,970
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,255
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,181
Credit Cards: \$ 1,074

27/5/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,845
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,985

REFUGEE WEEK 16-17 JUNE 2018

"The Need to Belong"

800,00 refugees have made a significant contribution to Australia over the past 70 years. Refugee Week aims to better help us to understand the hardships refugees face on a daily basis and to celebrate their contribution to our community.

There are over 65 million displaced people throughout our world. Of these, 40 million are internally displaced and over 20 million have crossed a border into a new country. The average displacement time for each refugee is 26 years. It is not wealthy countries like Australia who bear the cost of care for these people. Developing countries host 86 percent of world refugees.

At ALL Masses NEXT weekend, 16/17 June, St Brigid's will be making a food collection for the Asylum Seekers Centre.

We are seeking donations of:

Tinned food Spices Toothbrushes
Soap Rice Cooking oil

CAN YOU HELP?

**Collection boxes will be
at church doors**

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Lech Van Nguyen

Anniversaries: Luigi Vanni; Stanley Roberts; ; Fernanda Parungao; Antonio Zeaiter; Mauricio Quintal; Nayef Akkary; David Menezes; Glarys Bunch; Massad Massad; Bernard Mahony; Filomena Di Sisto; Penny Hutton; Marie Griffin; William Bamford; Jack Balckall; Silvia Toffolo

Carrying Severe Illness: Eileen McClemant; Edna Taylor; Marie Keys; Malcolm Keys; Lucja Suter; Elaine Gifford; Maria Tropea; Lily Sterling

Mass Texts: Sunday 10 (Yr B)

First Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15
Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Second Reading: 2 Corin 4: 13—5:1
Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 11 (Yr B)

First Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24.
Response: It is good to give thanks, O Lord.
Second Reading: 2 Corin 5 6-10
Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Mass at 6.45am followed by adoration until 8.45am.
Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am.
Wednesday: Eucharistic adoration 6-7.00pm
Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only
Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm;
Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass:5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual);
4.30pm (Vietnamese); and 6pm.

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays, and at the 10am Italian mass on 1st Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP

*as you celebrate your
Second Anniversary of Ordination*

**THIS Sunday 10 June 2018
at 10.30am Mass**

*followed by morning tea on the lawns.
ALL WELCOME!*

*Please bring a plate of finger food
to share*



Calendar

JUNE

**9/10 Sunday 10 in Ordinary Time
2nd Anniversary of Fr Erick CP
and Fr Thomas CP : 10.30am
Mass & morning tea**

11 Public Holiday: **9am Mass only**
13 Altar Servers' training: 5.30pm in church

15 **NO 9.00am Mass**
Casimir Founders' Day Mass: 9.30am
7.00pm Tongan Mass

16/17 Sunday 11 in Ordinary Time
Altar Servers' Installations: 10.30am

18 CONFIRMATIONS: 2.00pm
Refugee Week begins: Asylum
Seekers Appeal

20 **World Refugee Day**

23/24 The Nativity of John the Baptist
Vinnies Winter Appeal: all masses

Combined PFGM Gathering: Hall
Baptisms: 12 noon
Feast of St Anthony: 2.00pm
Seniors Group: 2.00pm
Parish Pastoral Council
26 P/School Mass: Sacred Heart: 10am
29

30/1 Sunday 13 in Ordinary Time
6 Term 2 ends.

7/8 Sunday 14 in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 10 & Sunday 11 Year B

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	9/10 June	16/17 June	9/10 June	16/17 June	9/10 June	16/17 June
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Margaret Barrett	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Maria Mansour Mary Entrioken Susie Houssarini	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John McGrath Sue King	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany		
10.30 am Sun		Maria Barlow Italian Reader George Harb		Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera
6 pm Sun	TEEN GROUP	Jacquei Hicks Michael McGrath	TEEN GROUP	Pei-Pei Coa Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek