



## St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
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*We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people*

## 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

### HOW GOD WORKS IN OUR LIVES

When we want to explain something, particularly something so personal as falling in love, we may struggle to find the right words. Often we have to say that it's like something else. When Jesus speaks about the kingdom - the reign and rule of God - and how God works among us to make his kingdom happen, he never says just what the kingdom is. Rather he speaks about what it's like. So Jesus uses parables, comparisons, to teach his message that God is on the job, and that God's kingdom is really and truly happening. All appearances to the contrary notwithstanding!

So in his first parable today Jesus compares the coming of the kingdom of God to what happens when a farmer sows seed in the ground. Once it's sown, the farmer waits for harvest time. Even though nothing seems to be happening, the miracle of growth is taking place. The farmer cannot get a better crop by staying awake at night and worrying. The seed grows of its own accord and cannot be rushed. Neither can God's work of making a better world, God's kind of world, the world of God's kingdom, be hurried. After all, it's God's kingdom, not ours.

A customer once went to a Farmer's Market. Passing a stand heaped with luscious tomatoes, he asked the farmer behind it, 'Did you grow these tomatoes?' 'No,' he replied, 'I planted the seed.' Afterwards the farmer said to God, 'Thank you, Lord, for the fine harvest!' Then he sensed God saying to him, 'And thank you too for preparing the soil and sowing the seed! We did a good job together, didn't we?'

In his second parable Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed that bit by bit grows into the largest shrub, big enough for the birds of the air to shelter in its shade. Once again in the work of God 'small is beautiful!'

Both parables, then, are about the growth of seed. Jesus told them, and then writers like Mark retold them to encourage the first followers of Jesus who were worried about the slow growth of God's kingdom. Their point in telling them was the need for their hearers and readers not to expect instant results to be patient, and to trust.

That message is timely and encouraging to us too, particularly to those of us who are always rushing around, like that woman in the poster who has to admit, 'The hurrieder I go, the behinder I get!' We live in an age of instant soup, instant tea and instant photos, just about instant everything, in fact. We can make many things happen simply by pressing a button or turning a switch. We forget that certain things cannot be rushed. For example! To mature fully as a human being takes a lifetime. To build a good relationship with another usually takes lots of time. To get to know and understand one's children or one's parents never happens instantly or automatically. To overcome one's sins and weaknesses may even take a whole life-time, with God's 'amazing grace' slowly but surely at work in us. When so much of life today is getting instant results we must remember that some things actually require considerable time and practice, e.g. the skills to play the piano, to sing opera, to play league football, or to successfully raise a family.

Those two lovely parables of the seed growing of itself show us that there is an almighty power working for us. Our part is to do a good job preparing the soil and sowing the seed. Then we must let God take over, as God usually does. Any farmer will tell you that if we do the right thing, if we do the very best that we can do, the harvest will surely come. God and God's work in us and among us will ultimately triumph.

But can we be patient? Can we keep waiting? Can we keep on trusting that it will all work out in the end? In short, can we just let go - let go of our

- let go of our anxiety and let God be God? Can we? Will we?

Today's first parable reminds us of what we do when we share our faith. We scatter seed. Once we do that, the seed is out of our hands. Will people be affected by what we share? Will they be touched by the Word or not? It's not, then, about control. It's about God's active presence in the Word we share. That's why the first parable should be particularly consoling and encouraging to every one sharing our faith by our words, deeds and examples.

Fr Brian Gleeson CP

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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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### 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.

### “The Need to Belong”

As part of Refugee Week, Asylum Seekers Centre, in partnership with City of Sydney, will present a special celebration in the Lower Town Hall on Wednesday 20 June from 6.30-8.00pm on the need to belong shared by us all. Speakers include: Edward Santow, Human Rights Commissioner; Maha Abdo, CEO of the Muslim Women's Association; Mahir Momand, CEO of Thrive Refugee Enterprise. Bookings: [contactus@asylumseekerscentre.org.au](mailto:contactus@asylumseekerscentre.org.au)

### 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](mailto:bbeinke@goodsams.org.au)

### 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*

### **Congratulations!**

***To our Parish Children who this weekend receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr Gerald Gleeson, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Sydney.***

Loviana Kama	Emma Khoury/Mariane Khoury
Beau Grech	Isabella Marianne Domingo
Francisco Gomes	Angelina Luong
Conor McFadden	James Matthew Fokes
Stella Furolo	Jasmine Lattouf
Annabel Jaffer	Alyssa Tompson
Clancy Lia	Amy Nguyen
Minh Nguyen	Madeline Dos Santos Ward
Sienna Nigro	William Hanna
Anthony Nguyen	Ronan Flaherty
Samantha Bertoa	Jayden Amaro
Charlie Heaney-Breen	Joshua Da Silva
Paul Alcen Bansil	Charles John McCabe
Analese Maroun	Chiara Paoletti
Jon Gabriel Crisostomo	Lillian Rochester
Deon Gama/Cristiano Gama	Matthew Pardey
Grace Nguyen	Hayden Lupac/Hayley Lupac
Charlotte Rose Pietsch	Chloe Jade Ferreira
Clodia Dias	Isabel Aunedi
Sergio Ardila	Lindsay Da Rocha Moreira
Jeremy Ron McCardell	Jessica Nguyen
Maria Samantha Pan	Chiara/Carmen Cositore Hill
Tiana Ruby Lindoy	Chelsea Mae Samia
Benjamin Ford	Summah Nguyen
Liam Gerges	Trevor Pervieux

***“Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”***

### St Brigid's Seniors' Group

Next Meeting: Sunday 24 June at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. New members very welcome—just come along!

### “Into the Deep” - St Brigid's Youth Camp

**When? - 13th—15th July 2018**

**Where? - At St Brigid's Parish Grounds**

**Cost? - \$25.00**

Calling all high school students! Do you want to play fun games? Meet new friends? Go deeper into your relationship with God?

Information/Registration: John on 0432 343 039

Online Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/u6lZUBflaSMsDEL01>

### St Brigid's Carwash Fundraiser

Sunday 15 July at 9.00am and 10.30am Mass.

Need your car looking sparkly clean? For a minimum donation of \$15.00 our Youth will give your car a good wash while you are at Mass. There are only 10 places available, so please sign up at the back of the church and help our Youth with their future formation. Details: John on 0432 342 039 OR [youthministry@passionists.com](mailto:youthministry@passionists.com)



**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 (18/6): Jim's Team**  
**Next Week (25/6): Lea's Team**

**10/6/18**

**1st (Passionists): \$ 2,060**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,316**  
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,242  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,074

**3/6/18**

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,970**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,255**

**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 THIS 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:** Joseph Mercieca (Brother of Fr Paul CP and Br Charles CP); Lech Van Nguyen; Giovanni Pugliano; Rosa Da Silva.

**Anniversaries:** Benjamin Duarte; Gracinda Lopez; Noel Fay; Sr Marcia Roebuck RSJ; Jose Caetano; Antonio Arcuri; David Howard; Fr Lawrence Purcell CP; George Harb; Joseph Yamine; Elizabeth Lim; Francis Kennedy.

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

**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

**Mass Texts: Nativity of John the Baptist (Yr B)**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-6  
**Response:** I thank you Lord, for the wonder of my being.  
**Second Reading:** Acts 13: 22-26  
**Gospel:** Luke 1: 57-66. 80  
**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.

## VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

JUNE 23/24 2018

### ALL MASSES

Special envelopes available at church doors from THIS weekend.

All donations will receive a tax receipt if required. Your generosity and ongoing support to our Conference provides the inspiration and the means for us to continue supporting our community in need.

**THANK YOU!**



## Calendar

### JUNE

#### 16/17 Sunday 11 in Ordinary Time

Altar Servers' Installations: 10.30am

**CONFIRMATIONS: 2.00pm**

#### 18 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**

26 Parish Pastoral Council

29 P/School Mass: Sacred Heart: 10am

#### 30/1 Sunday 13 in Ordinary Time

6 Term 2 ends.

#### 7/8 Sunday 14 in Ordinary Time

10 Safeguarding Training: 7pm

11 Safeguarding Training: 10am

#### 13-15 YOUTH RETREAT

#### 14/15 Sunday 15 in Ordinary Time

**Catholic Mission Appeal: ALL Masses**

#### 21/22 Sunday 16 in Ordinary Time

## Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 11 & Nativity of St John the Baptist Year B

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	16/17 June	23/24 June	16/17 June	23/24 June	16/17 June	23/24 June
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Margaret Barrett	Pat O'Reilly Carolyn Ibbotson	Maria Mansour Mary Entriaken Susie Houssarini	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings		Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Kath Waton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day Judith Flett		
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Maria Barlow Italian Reader George Harb	Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston	Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito	Mely Siasat George Harb Italian Ministers	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Jacquei Hicks Michael McGrath	YOUTH	Pei-Pei Coa Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	YOUTH	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek