



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Twenty Fourth Sunday (Yr B)

Child Protection Sunday

National Child Protection Week

Father's Day marked the start of National Child Protection Week 2015, which is now in its 25th year, and continues to be one of the most significant events on Australia's child protection calendar.

Francis Sullivan CEO of the Catholic Church Truth Justice and Healing Council said the 2015 campaign highlights the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia.

"This year's theme, 'Be Someone Who Listens to Children', sends an important message that the safety and wellbeing of Australian children should be at the very forefront of our approaches to protecting children and that listening to children is central.

The Royal Commission has recently released a major research report looking at how children understand and experience safety in institutions.

In the report, Taking Us Seriously: Children and young people talk about safety and institutional responses to their safety concerns, children and young people have identified what institutions should do to help them feel safe and be safe.

"Hearing directly from children is key to understanding how best to prevent and respond to child abuse in its many different forms",

Mr Sullivan said.

"Unless we are able to provide environments where the primary focus is on children, their participation is

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



valued, they are safe and their carers are appropriately selected and trusted, then children will continue to be at risk," Mr Sullivan said.

National Child Protection Week is coordinated by NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) and runs from 6-12 September 2015.

NAPCAN was co-founded in 1987 by Rosemary Sinclair AO and Christine Stewart OAM and has made a major contribution to the safety and wellbeing of Australia's children and young people.

Over more than two decades it has raised public awareness of child abuse and neglect and its impacts, and developed and promoted effective prevention strategies and programs.

Prayer on Child Protection Sunday

Lord,

**You asked that
the little children
be allowed to come to you;
for it is such as these that
the Reign 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**

The John Berne School



The John Berne School exists to fill a gap in the education system: the education of young people who find themselves excluded from mainstream education.

The school provides a secure, safe, enriching, and challenging educational environment which gives students in difficulty a second chance, outreaching to their families and wider social networks.

Berne is for students who specifically need time out to improve their literacy, numeracy, and social skills in a flexible learning environment. Students are given more individual attention than in mainstream schools and are actively encouraged to move beyond what holds them back.

If not for an opportunity to attend a school like Berne, these students would not achieve their Year 10 ROSA and would find it very difficult to enter the workplace or achieve milestones recognised by the larger community.

The school's motto: *Hope always*, reflects the fundamental belief that intervention in the lives of troubled people—especially when they are young—is always worthwhile and is very often successful.

The school usually has up to 45 enrolled students and employs 25 professional staff. This low student-to-staff ratio is essential to the success of the program.

Home: by Somali Poet Warsan Shore

"HOME," by Warsan Shire:

no one leaves home unless
home is the mouth of a shark
you only run for the border...
when you see the whole city running
as well

your neighbours running faster than
you
breath bloody in their throats
the boy you went to school with
who kissed you dizzy behind the old
tin factory
is holding a gun bigger than his body
you only leave home
when home won't let you stay.

no one leaves home unless home
chases you
fire under feet
hot blood in your belly
it's not something you ever thought
of doing
until the blade burnt threats into
your neck
and even then you carried the an-
them under
your breath
only tearing up your passport in an
airport toilets
sobbing as each mouthful of paper
made it clear that you wouldn't be
going back.

you have to understand,
that no one puts their children in a
boat
unless the water is safer than the
land

no one burns their palms
under trains
beneath carriages
no one spends days and nights in the
stomach of a truck
feeding on newspaper unless the
miles travelled
means something more than journey.
no one crawls under fences
no one wants to be beaten
pitied

no one chooses refugee camps
or strip searches where your
body is left aching
or prison,
because prison is safer
than a city of fire
and one prison guard
in the night
is better than a truckload
of men who look like your father
no one could take it
no one could stomach it
no one skin would be tough enough

the
go home blacks
refugees
dirty immigrants
asylum seekers
sucking our country dry
niggers with their hands out
they smell strange
savage
messed up their country and now
they want
to mess ours up
how do the words

the dirty looks
roll off your backs
maybe because the blow is softer
than a limb torn off

or the words are more tender
than fourteen men between
your legs
or the insults are easier
to swallow
than rubble
than bone
than your child body
in pieces.

i want to go home,
but home is the mouth of a shark
home is the barrel of the gun
and no one would leave home
unless home chased you to the shore
unless home told you
to quicken your legs
leave your clothes behind
crawl through the desert
wade through the oceans
drown
save
be hunger
beg
forget pride
your survival is more important
no one leaves home until home is a
sweaty voice in your ear
saying-
leave,
run away from me now
i don't know what I've become
but i know that anywhere
is safer than here.

Catalyst for Renewal Presents

Catalyst for Renewal Invites you to Four Sessions of Q and A in exploring: **"The Voice of the Unheard."**

In the Crypt @ St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney. 1.30–3pm (Doors open 1.00pm)

In the encyclical *Laudato Si* we are reminded to treat our world and all who struggle in it, with respect.

27th September: Refugees/Asylum Seekers: Beyond the Myth—Fact ↔ Fiction'

Jessie Taylor, Melbourne lawyer and refugee advocate
Fr Aloysius Mowe SJ, Director, Jesuit Refugee Service
MC: Fr Michael Whelan SM

4th October: Living on the Margins

Prof Tony Vinson AM, Renowned Social Scientist
Toby Raeburn RN MA, Churchill Fellow, Lecturer
MC: Catherine Hammond

25 October: Caring for Our Common Home

Bishop George Browning PhD, Retired Anglican Bishop
Anne Lanyon, Coordinator, Columban Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice. MC: Kevin Grant

1st November: Ethics of Wealth Distribution

Danielle Wood, Policy Fellow at Grattan Institute
Lindley Edwards, Non-executive Director, Grameen Bank among other 'hats'. MC: Geraldine Doogue AO

**You are most welcome.
No need to book. No charge**

Passionists & WYD16



Passionist Pilgrims to WYD2016 via Vietnam Immersion

**Great News We are live!!!!
You can now register for our Pilgrimage to Vietnam and Poland.**

1. Simply go to wyd2016.com.au
2. At the **Register Now** button click and complete **"Expression of Interest"**. Remember to fill out your movement as **"Passionist"**.
3. Your "Expression of Interest" will be sent to the official Pilgrim Coordinator (Jo McDade) for validation.
4. You will be sent a confirmation email once your validation has been confirmed, which will allow you to book on your pilgrimage to 2016 World Youth Day

Information Directory

CatholicCare Family Help Line

1300 1300 52

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Catholic Church Marriage Tribunal

9390 5120

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am

Presentation: 2nd Sunday Masses

Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon or at Masses

Marriages

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 Fr John
Cultural C'tee Maria Barlow-Sawaszenko
Ecumenical & Interfaith John McGrath
 Sr Pat Bowthorpe FMM
Family Groups Carole Price
Finance C'tee Michael Curran
Justice & Peace Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr John, Sr Elena
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis, John Skinner,
 Mick Ward
Pastoral Council Paige Bullen,
 Peter Jennings, Adrian Harverson.
Youth & Young Adults: Darren De la Rosa

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Masses: 6.45 am, 9.00 am; Wednesday 7.00 pm
 Eucharistic Adoration: 7.15-8.45am. Benediction: 8.45am

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am

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 (Viet); 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 4th Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Gumerzindo Goncalves.

Anniversaries: Kelvin Sullivan; Peggy Barrett; Leslie Hogan; Anna Matthews; Gregory Hill; Jeremiah Mahony; Carmela De Bono; Marie Harkness; Catherine O'Connor; Maria Nguyen Thi Tin; Helen Roach; Douglas Ferguson; Letizia Tesoriero; Pavlovic Jacob.

Recently Ill: .Owen Wall; Betty Hickey.; Deidre Whitford..

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (14/9)

Jim's Team

Counters: Next Week (21/9)

Lea's Team

5/6 September

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,615

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,907

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,651

Credit Cards: \$ 1,256

29/30 August

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,890

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,533

Priests' Retirement Fund:

\$1,510.00

Mass Texts: Sunday 24 (Yr B)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Response: .I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living

Second Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Intercession Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 25 (Yr B)

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12. 17-20

Response: The Lord upholds my life. Give praise to his name.

Second Reading: James 3:16- 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Sunday Mass Ministries: 24th and 25th Sunday (Year B)

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	12/13 September	19/20 September	12/13 September	19/20 September	12/13 September	19/20 September
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Vanessa Penitani	Kelelia Apikotoa Yvette Apikotoa Mary Leask	Jo Young William Metlej Leila Walsh Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Jack Houssarini Suzie Houssarini Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Samiuela Kula	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young
7.30am Sun	Carolann Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Elizabeth Delaney SGs Maree Doyle Marg Barrett	Janice Schubach Kerry Anne Pestana Theresa James	John Freeman Maria Mansour Marg Barrett	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Kath Walton	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Sue King George Harb Jim Yeo Antoinette Grigg Francis Seufale	Xavier Rego Naomi Rego Natasha Rego Olivia Moreira Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Theodore Bullen	Michael Moreira Claude Walton Louis Walton Jacqueline Flett Nicholas Sourlas
10.30 am Sun	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Italian reader Bernadette Yammine	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine Beatrice Lau Antoinette Grigg Kalala Sakopo	Gepffrey Lean Mely Siasat Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera James Poonan	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia John Dorrington
6 pm Sun	<u>TEEN GROUP</u>	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks	Jackie Kassis Arthur Kassis Adrian Begg Xavier Rego Thomas Hill	Pei-Pei Coa Lea Paladino Tony Hayek Noeleen Fernandez Ever Landero	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek

Parish Calendar 2015 & Coming Events

Passionist Ministries & Activities

Frs John, Peter & George at St Brigid's.

Fr Ron at Campsie Parish

Fr Lex & Peter, marriages.



9 Sept: ACBC Media Release

Bishop Long Welcomes Announcement Australia Will Accept 12,000 More Refugees
Australia has a primary

obligation to protect desperately vulnerable people and so I welcome the Prime Minister's announcement today that an extra 12,000 refugees will be accepted from Syria and Iraq.

'This is a generous response to suffering that demonstrates the compassion of the Australian people,' says Bishop Vincent Long, Chairman of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

'These are the sort of vulnerable people we should focus on when responding to claims for refugee status,' he added.

11 Sept: Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

Our sisters ask for your prayer this weekend as they hold their Provincial Chapter from 11-15th September. Thank you. We thank them for their long presence in our parish.

13 Sept: Guest Speakers from John Berne School

St Brigid's supports the John Berne School at Lewisham as it supports teenagers on the edge to get back into mainstream schools or into TAFE.

16 Sept: Registration for Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion

The next cycle of Sacraments starts this night for families of children in Year 2 and above. **Tonight is for parents only**, to focus on how we go about preparation, how we can pray as families, and to register your child. Please bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

20 Sept: Catechists Mass

Annual Mass at the Cathedral at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow.

1 Oct: Launch of Sydney Alliance Parking Permits for Home Nurses and Carers

Over the past 18 months, our Inner West District members, two from St Brigid's, have been working with Marrickville, Leichhardt and Sydney Councils to introduce a specified parking permit for Nurses and Carers for people in their homes. Negotiations have been long.

On this day we will celebrate the launch of these permits, allowing workers to care for people in their

homes without getting an overstay fine. It's hopefully at RPA, 2.30-3.30pm.

2 Oct: First Friday Anointing

At all Masses

3-4 Oct: Grand Finals Weekend

A rare opportunity to celebrate the Grand Finals of both AFL and NRL on the one weekend.

Congratulations Yr 12's

Congratulations to all our Year 12's as their High School classes are now completed.

We wish them well in the coming weeks as they prepare for the HSC exams.

Many Schools held their Graduation events this week, and the transition to new school leaders.

RCIA: Adult Sacraments

Adults wishing to be Baptised or Confirmed or to be received into the Church are invited to contact **Sr Elena** asap. A group has now started on Wednesday nights.

Each year we have groups of Adults receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Preparation for Easter Sacraments has now started.

St Brigid's Presents Community Christmas Carols

12th December from 6pm



Pope Urges Parishes to Take in Refugees

6 September 2015

Pope Francis has called on every Catholic parish in Europe to take in a refugee family, saying the Vatican's two parishes would lead by example.

Calling for a 'concrete gesture' ahead of a Jubilee Year of Mercy starting in December, the pope urged 'every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary in Europe (to) take in a family.'

Faced with the tragedy of tens of thousands of asylum-seekers flee-

ing death (as) victims of war and hunger who are hoping to start a new life, the gospel calls on us and asks us to be the neighbour of the smallest and the most abandoned, to give them concrete hope,' he said, giving the Angelus blessing in Saint Peter's Square in Rome.

It's not just about saying 'have courage, be patient', Francis, who has made poverty and migration a key theme of his papacy, told thousands of faithful gathered in the square. 'Christian hope is more combative', he said, calling on 'Europe's bishops, the true pastors to back my call in their dioceses.'

'The Vatican would lead the way, he said, announcing that its two parishes would take in two refugee

families 'in the coming days'.

Drawing on a gospel story in which Jesus heals a deaf and mute man, the Argentinian-born pontiff said a miracle had also taken place in Europe, where 'we have been healed of the deafness of selfishness and the silence of retreating into ourselves.'

'The closed couple, the closed family, the closed group, the closed parish, the closed country, that comes from us, it has nothing to do with God,' he stressed.

New Annulment Procedures

On Tuesday Pope Francis announced new streamlined procedures for Marriage Annulments, that will see the process happening quicker.

Parish Calendar

September

12-13 24th Sunday of the Year
John Berne School Day
Child Protection Sunday

14 Feast of OL of Sorrows

15 Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Casimir Year 12 Graduation
16 Children's Sacraments
Information Night (7pm)
17 St Brigid's School, End of Term
Mass
17-18 SB School Staff Spirituality
Day
End of Term 3 for Schools

19-20 25th Sunday of the Year
20-25 CEO Leadership Course (John)
26-27 26th Sunday of the Year
Social Justice Sunday

October

3-4 26th Sunday of the year
Grand Finals Weekend