



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Sunday 14 in Ordinary Time - Year B

THOSE THAT SPEAK FOR GOD

When people from ordinary backgrounds become celebrities, eg Meghan Markle, the wife of Prince Harry, the football star David Beckham and pop idols Adele and Guy Sebastian, journalists and television crews often seek out the family and neighbours of the new star to find out what they think of their local boy or girl made good. Mixed impressions and reactions are given. Some show their surprise, some their shock, some their delight, some their pride. But others show disbelief or jealousy. While some locals claim they saw it coming, others refuse to admit that anything out of the ordinary has happened. They urge caution, and claim that all the hype and hoopla will soon fizzle out. The saying is just too true: "Familiarity breeds contempt!"

In our Gospel today Jesus comes back to the town of Nazareth. This is not a social visit. Like other towns in Galilee, Nazareth too has to hear the Good News that with Jesus God has stepped into the world and begun to rule over everything and everyone as their king. When Jesus highlights this in the local synagogue, his listeners are amazed. They wonder about the wise things he has said, about where he got his ideas, and about how on earth he has been curing so many sick and handicapped persons. But despite their favourable impressions of him, the later let their prejudices, their pre-judgements take over. They decide that all along Jesus had been fooling them into thinking he's someone special. "Just who does he think he is?" they sneer, "Local boy made good? No Way!"

They try to cut him down to size, their own size. They sniff "Once a carpenter, always a carpenter! Don't we all know his mothers, his sisters and his brothers? There's nothing special about them. He's got too big for his boots!" Mark summarises their negative reactions in six sad words: "And they

would not accept him." For his sheer ordinariness as their local tradesman cancels out their first impressions of his new and special wisdom and of the reports reaching them from other places of his extraordinary deeds.

How does Jesus react to these locals and their prejudices against him? In the words of the storyteller, he is "amazed at their lack of faith." So he tells them: "A Prophet (ie one who speaks for God) is only despised in his own country." Mark has told us already that even members of his own family were convinced he was out of his mind (3:21). His being rejected by his former friends now makes his experience of rejection complete.

His rejection in Nazareth by his own people also makes him powerless for the most part to work any miracle among them. The negative way they react to him and their lack of trust actually limits his ability. So after curing just 'a few sick people' he moves elsewhere, and it seems, sad to say, that having moved on, he never sets foot in Nazareth again.

In the 1960s there was a popular song called 'The Sounds of Silence'. One remarkable line says: 'The words of the prophets are written on the subway wall and tenement halls.' The messages of prophets are two-way communication. They state what God wants to tell people for their own good. But rejection or resistance to the message tells God what the people think of the message and the messenger.

I think you will probably agree that it's an extremely painful thing to try to tell someone what they need to hear for their own good only to be told: 'What's it got to do with you? You back off!' Parents know that pain, when their children tell them 'What would you know? You're so last century! You're a has-been. A loser!' Teachers know the pain of it when their pupils just scoff or giggle at a lesson they've so carefully prepared. Police know the pain of resistance when they try to restore order

order in the midst of violence, and for their trouble are spat on and called 'pigs' or worse.

Day by day you and I face situations in which God is calling us to stop, look and listen, in order to take in and accept some message for our good, a message being delivered to us by another person in our lives, someone who is on our side, someone who is a real prophet, a spoke person for God, an actual god-send, whether they know it or not.

So in our prayer together today, let us ask God both for ourselves and one another, that we might always be open to hearing and heeding the Word of God, in whatever way God speaks to us, and through whatever person or persons God sends us as his messengers, his agents, his angels!

Fr Brian Gleeson CP bgleeson@gmail.com

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

News from the Parish Team

Fr Erick CP is currently away from the parish on annual leave for two weeks. We wish him safe travel, and a relaxing and joy-filled time as he celebrates his 'significant' birthday with his family.

Sr Elena CP is currently in Rome for six weeks as a delegate to the Passionist Sisters' Chapter. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Sisters' deliberations. (And hopefully at least, a little time for the Sisters to relax and enjoy the eternal city!) Sr Elena will return to the parish in early August.

Fr Thomas Thanh CP—great news!!! We learned this week that Fr Thomas has received his visa and will no longer have to commute to Melbourne!

THIS weekend we welcome **Fr Brian Gleeson CP** from Endeavour Hills, who will be known to many of our parishioners and who has generously offered to assist us as Acting Parish Priest at Marrickville in Fr Erick's absence.

Planned Giving 2018/2019

Please collect your new set of envelopes for 2018/2019 THIS weekend if you have not yet done so. They have commenced from last weekend.

If you would like to receive new envelopes, please contact the Parish Office

Receipts for those who requested them are now available at the main doors of the church for **Planned Giving (25%)**, **CWF Appeal** and **Project Compassion**.

Holy Father's Appeal—SS Peter and Paul

“Works of love directed to one's neighbours are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior

grace of the Spirit.”

Thank you to all who contributed last weekend to this Appeal. Please return your envelopes if you have not yet done so in order for us to forward our parish gift asap. Donations go towards the global charitable causes of Pope Francis which are aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, crises, poverty. Please give what you can in the special envelopes.

NAIDOC Week—8-15 July 2018

“Because of her, we can!”

The “her” in this year's theme is a reference to the strong women in our lives—mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers—and also to Mary, Mother of God. Here in Australia, we also refer to our first Australian saint—St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who reminds us that “wherever we see a problem, do something about it.” We give thanks for these women and all the strong women in our lives who surround us with their love, their strength, and their care. May they continue to inspire us with their energy to follow in their footsteps in living the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we work for a world of safety, fairness and justice for all.

St Brigid's Youth Carwash Fundraiser

NEXT 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

Apostleship of the Sea: Sea Sunday Appeal

THIS Sunday, 8 July we give thanks and pray for all who live and work at sea—without them we would not have most of the items we buy. Donations marked Sea Sunday Appeal, may be forwarded to GPO Box 368 Canberra ACT, 2601.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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
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 (9/7): Jim/Lalo/Maree
Next Week (16/7): Jim's Team

8/7/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,960
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,411
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,953
Credit Cards: \$ 1,122

1/7/18

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,660
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,953

"An ULURU EXPERIENCE"

"What an experience I had two weeks ago spending a weekend at Uluru with the Indigenous Deadly Runners, the programme initiated by Robert De Castella.

I had the privilege to be part of the Sydney Deadly Runners who joined with twenty two other teams from around Australia and with the 2018 Australia Olympic Team to run around the rock at Uluru, a distance of 9-10 kilometres.

It was a special time for me not only to meet so many different people, but also to hear the many stories of the people there which have shaken my perspective.

They are real stories of success and triumph through struggle and challenge..... the weekend will stay with me—a moving experience to honourably represent and to be part of the indigenous Marathon Foundation, with its motto of:

Run, Sweat, and Inspire.
#teamsydneydeadlyrunners#

Br Tony Simbel CP

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Lily Sterling; Giuseppe Mancuso; Domenico Galimi

Anniversaries: Francesca & Giovanni Spinella; George Vispoel; Juanita Wilde; Joan Thompson; Ng Thi Trinh; Duong Thi Viet; Jacob Yammine.

Carrying Severe Illness: Eileen McClemant; Edna Taylor; Marie Keys; Malcolm Keys; Lucja Suter.

Mass Texts: Sunday 14 (Yr B)

First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5
Response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10
Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 15 (Yr B)

First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15.
Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us saving help.
Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13
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

Please return you donations asap

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

JULY

7/8 Sunday 14 in Ordinary Time

NAIDOC Week commences

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

23 Term 3 Commences
24 Parish Pastoral Council
25 San Lupo Rehearsal :7pm in church
Lectors/Ministers Renewal: Stradbroke Room at 7pm
27 San Lupo Vigil Mass

28/29 Sunday 17 in Ordinary Time

28 Lectors/Ministers Renewal: Stradbroke Room at 9.30am
Our Lady of Snows Vigil: 11am
San Lupo Proc & Mass: 1.30pm
29 Our L of Snows Proc & Mass:1.30pm

AUGUST

4/5 Sunday 18 in Ordinary time

CFW Appeal: all masses

8 Baptism preparation: 10am in Annexe
Feast of St Mary of the Cross

10 P/School Mass: St Mary of the Cross

11/12 Sunday 19 in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 14 & Sunday 15 Year B

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	7/8 July	14/15 JULY	7/8 July	14/15 July	7/8 July	14/15 July
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Jo Young William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	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 Marg Barrett Mary Entriiken 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	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Italian Reader George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine George Harb	Geoffrey Lean Terry Reyew Lope Reyes Maria Necesito Maria Barlow	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera
6 pm Sun	TEEN GROUP	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks Kevin Boyce	TEEN GROUP	PeiPei Coa Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek