

St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

14th Sunday of the Year - Year C
6/7 July 2019

BEING PEACEMAKERS

Helen Keller is a famous woman. She was 20 months old when she lost her sight and hearing. Soon she lost her ability to speak as well. But through the patience of Annie Sullivan, her teacher, she learned to read and write in Braille. In 1904 she gained her Bachelor of Arts degree. Not long after, she began to write books and tour the world with inspiring and encouraging messages for deaf and blind people. One night after a lecture, someone asked her: 'If you could have one wish granted, what would it be?' The questioner expected to hear her say: 'My wish would be to see and hear.' But she answered: 'My wish would be for world peace.'

Jesus would have applauded her answer. 'Happy are the peacemakers', he told the crowds on the mountain, 'they are the children of God' (Mt 5:9) In today's gospel we hear him say to his disciples and therefore to us: 'Whatever house you go into 'let your first words be, "Peace to this house!"' In harmony with this, you and I will shortly be reaching out to the people near us with our sincere wish: 'Peace be with you!'

For both Helen Keller and Jesus, what peace means, and what the greeting of peace means, is what the Jewish people from way back have called 'shalom'. For them 'shalom!' was and still is the ordinary greeting. They don't say 'hello!' or 'good day!', they say 'shalom!' They understand peace as a gift from God, whom they see as peace in person. In wishing peace to others they are wishing them perfect well-being. Such well-being comes from being in a right relationship with God and with our fellow human beings, a relationship we call 'communion'.

For the Jews, God's gift of peace has included rain to make the crops grow, rich harvests of grain, freedom from enemies and wild beasts, and an experience of God dwelling among his people and binding himself to them in a covenant of love. But there can be no prosperity and well-being without justice. There can be no peace without the willingness to wish for others and to give to others what Australians call a 'fair go'. This reminds me of a connected saying of Indira Gandhi, one-time Prime Minister of India: 'You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.'

Throughout the New Testament, references to peace (shalom) mean not just a state of inner peace and calm, but also a state of harmonious relations within the Christian community. This is what Paul means when he says again and again in his letters: 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.' This is what your priest means when he greets you at the start of Mass with the words: 'The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you...'

But what is particularly important in the teaching of Jesus, is that we be people of peace and good will to everybody else, peace-makers and not just peace-lovers. One Christmas morning in Northern Ireland, in the height of 'the troubles', a Catholic priest went across the road to wish the minister and his congregation a happy Christmas. The minister received him warmly, returned his greeting, and later made a return visit. However, some elders of his Church reacted with anger and took steps to have the minister removed from his parish. But those two church leaders were only doing what Jesus wanted them to do – to be instruments of peace, goodwill, friendship, hospitality and reconciliation in a troubled and divided society.

Being a person of peace and working for peace means welcoming not only those who are close to us, but also those who annoy us and disagree with us. To take the path of peace is to accept people as they are, with all their strengths, limits, and weaknesses.

We come to Mass to receive blessings from the Lord. If we took nothing else away with us from here today but peace, our time would be well spent. The end of Mass is not like the end of a football match or the end of a movie where we simply get up and go. At the end of Mass we are sent out. Having received the peace of Christ, we are then sent out as instruments and ambassadors of the peace of Christ to others.

But in order to keep on being people of peace ourselves, and in order to help break down the walls of rivalry, bigotry, hatred, prejudice, suspicion, fear, anger and bitterness among us, we need to keep on praying that amazing peace-prayer of St Francis of Assisi. So, let us pray:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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Planned Giving 2019-2020

Please pick up your NEW set of envelopes for 2019-2020 if you did not do so last week. . The NEW envelopes commence **THIS** weekend, 6/7 July 2019. Tax deductibility for 2019-2020 NEXT year has been raised from 25% to 30%.

Please destroy any old envelopes and only use the current set from now on.

Receipts for [Planned Giving 2018/19](#),
[CWF Appeal 2018/19](#) and
[Project Compassion 2019](#)

will be available for collection in the church during July. If there are any issues relating to these, please contact the Parish Office.

Attention, Catechists

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine will hold a special Eastern area mass on Wednesday 17 July at Holy Family Catholic Church , 214 Maroubra Rd, Maroubra commencing at 10.30am, with a shred lunch at the Parish Hall to follow. Please contact CCD on 9307 8330 if you are able to attend. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Catholic Mission Appeal (Peter's Pence) "Do Not Fear for I am With You"

NEXT WEEKEND , 13-14 July 2019 at ALL Masses , we will have a third collection in special envelopes to support the great work of the Church protecting children and communities through life-saving projects throughout the world. We all benefit from God's loving presence in our lives—through our partnership with the Church let us be present in the lives of young people in need .

Please give generously

Fr John Pearce CP : "Month's Mind" 6-7 July 2019

This weekend all our Parish Masses will remember Fr John, our former Parish Priest. It is fitting that our remembering occurs at this time, as he would have turned 69 on 6th July.

**The weekend will culminate in light refreshments following Sunday 6.00pm Mass on 7th July.
Please bring a plate of finger food to share
ALL are most WELCOME!**

Parish Administrator's Blog

Dear Parishioner

We have already passed the middle of this year—once that happens we begin thinking of Christmas! I hope your year has gone well so far.

This month I would like to briefly share with about two events: the Team In-service day on July 2 and the Passionist Chapter July 7-12.

Last Tuesday the Parish team gathered for the second time this year. We spent the whole day together, praying, playing ,sharing food and fun. We also took some serious hours to discuss how to improve working together. I want to thank my team for their openness and commitment to support each other as we strive to serve the parish .

This week the ***Passionist Provincial Chapter*** takes place in Melbourne. For us as Passionists, we are Missionaries in over 60 countries. St Paul of the Cross started the congregation in Italy, and now Rome is our headquarters. The ***General Superior*** (ie head of the Congregation) is Fr Joachim Rego CP who grew up in Marrickville and his family is still heavily involved in the parish. We are very proud as this says something about St Brigid's.

Our Congregation is made up of many provinces, one of which is the ***Holy Spirit Province***, which consists of Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Vietnam. The ***Provincial Superior*** (head of this Province) is Fr Tom McDonough CP, also a Sydney boy and a former Parish Priest at St Brigid's and who is up for re-election for a second term. At the Chapter four Consultors (helpers) will also be elected to assist him as the ***Provincial Council***. Fr John Pearce CP was a member of this Council prior to his passing.

The Chapter is a formal gathering every four years, at which we make major decisions and changes. The Council then works together to act upon the decisions we will have proposed to them as a Province. This time always reminds us that we could be asked to change our ministries and go wherever the Spirit calls us to serve when requested by the Provincial Council.

Our request is that you pray for us that whatever changes we make, will be influenced by God's loving plan for humanity.

St Paul of the Cross and St Brigid, pray for us.

With Peace

Erick cp

A Message from the Safeguarding Office
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you—or anyone you know— have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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
Bereavement Ministry: Sr Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Sr Elenita
Ecumenical & Interfaith Jim Yeo
Family Groups Contact: Adrienne Harverson
Finance C'tee : Hamish Flett
Justice & Peace Network Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr Erick, Sr Elena
Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward
Parish Safeguarding Support: Sue King
Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis.
Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (8/7): Jim/Helen
Counters: Next Week (15/7): Jim/Helen

30/6/19

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,755
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,474
Cash & Envelopes: 3,282
Credit Cards: \$ 1,192

24/6/19

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,535
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,932

Calendar

July 2019

3 Social Justice "Movie Night" : 7pm in Annex—"The Staging Post".

5 Term 2 ends

6-7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

7 Baptism Preparation : 10am in Annex
'Month's Mind'- Fr John Pearce CP at 6.00pm Mass followed by light refreshments.

8 Passionist Chapter begins in Melbourne

13-14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Mission (Propagation of the Faith) Appeal: Speaker & Third Collection at all masses
Baptism Welcoming Masses: 9am & 10.30am

20-21 16th Sunday in ordinary Time
Baptisms: 12 noon
22 Term 3 commences
23 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Jose Gomes; Maria Tropea; Hong Khanh Ly.

Anniversaries: Victor Habermann; Francesca & Giovanni Spinella; George Vispoel; Nita Wilde; Joan Patricia Thompson.

Carrying Severe Illness: Geoffrey Leask; Gerard Mithen; Gerard Watts; Rocco Tropea; Stella Pace; Aurore El Tabar; Lena Buck; Mary Harb.

Mass Texts: Sunday 14 (Yr C)

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14
Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.
Second Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18
Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12. 17-20
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 15 (Yr C)

First Reading: Deut 30:10-14
Response: Seek the Lord you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.
Second Reading: Coloss 1 15-20
Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37
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. (**Communion service at 9.00am Monday**)

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 (Viet); 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

GRAND PIPE ORGAN REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT

Dear Parishioners

Recently we told you in our Newsletter that all choirs would soon be located downstairs while the Grand Pipe Organ is being repaired. Below is a short history that will provide you with some further insights regarding this important Parish project.

For many years the Pipe Organ has been in a state of disrepair despite regular maintenance. While it sounds beautiful, the internal electrical circuitry and the primary components of the organ are extremely fragile and likely to fail at any time. Our organ was built in London in 1856 and since then has been rebuilt at least three times. The last major rebuild was in the 1950s when the back of the church was remodelled and the tower added to the church building. It is significant that the organ was purchased and commissioned in readiness for the opening of the new church building in 1921. We will be celebrating the centenary of our magnificent church in two years' time! It will be wonderful to have the organ fully restored for this important celebration as it has played a huge part in the prestigious history of our Parish.

Nine years ago, we began looking at options for the organ. The Organ committee met regularly and considered: the purchase of a new pipe organ; the purchase of an electronic or virtual organ; or the extensive restoration of our own Grand Pipe Organ. After wide consultation with organ specialists, including several from renowned companies overseas, the decision was made to restore our current pipe organ. This work will be carried out by a highly reputable local company that has a solid reputation for restoring aged pipe organs throughout New South Wales.

An important role of the Organ Committee was to address the funding of this project. An Appeal was widely publicized and many parishioners and ex-parishioners made generous donations to the project. We have maintained a record of all who have made formal donations and we are committed to our promise to display the names of these donors at an appropriate location within the church once the work has been completed. Despite having considerable monies in the Grand Pipe Organ Fund, there is still a shortfall in the money needed for the project. We are planning more fundraising activities over the coming year to make up the difference.

We expect that the project will be finished before Easter next year. Once again, we will hear the grandeur of the Grand Pipe Organ in our beautiful church with its internationally acclaimed acoustical properties. Those of you who have attended Christmas and Easter ceremonies here when the church is packed out and the liturgy ends with the Grand Pipe Organ leading the choir in the Hallelujah Chorus will certainly know what we mean!

If you have any questions about donations, the project itself, or have some ideas about possible fundraising activities, please come and say hello to one of the organists or choir leaders after Mass, or drop an e-mail to terry@logicalfusion.com.au.

In closing, may we thank all our fellow parishioners who have helped us to realise this project, especially past donors and those on the Parish Pastoral Council and its Committees—Organ, Finance and Maintenance, and the Parish Team of course.

God Bless

Fr Erick cp and Terry Turner

Stop Press/ Breaking News!!!!!! The letter granting approval of our Application for an Act of Extraordinary Expenditure has arrived from Archbishop Anthony Fisher!

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 14 & Sunday 15 Year C

	6/7 July	13/14 July	6/7 July	13/14 July	6/7 July	13/14 July
5 pm Sat	Mary Leask Leila Walsh Michael Price	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Janice Schubach Marg Barrett	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman	Maria Mansour Francis Seufale	Theresa James Maree Doyle	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John McGrath Bec Wong	Peter Jennings Sue King	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Leila Walsh	Sue King Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun	Bernadette Yammine Catherine Vagnozzi	Kate Johnston Angie Chiapoco	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco	Geoffrey Lean Terry Reyes Maria Barlow	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
6 pm Sun	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	Adrienne Harverson Paige Bullen	Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis	Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek