



## St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia*

**One Family, Alive in Christ**

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***We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people***

## Sunday 15 in Ordinary Time - Year B

### CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

We have heard Mark say in the gospel today: '... (the twelve apostles ) set off to preach repentance' (6:12). What did the apostles mean and what did Jesus mean when they called on people to 'repent'? In a nutshell, they were asking people to completely change their lives. Right now let's explore some of what repentance involves.

Repentance and conversion go together. They are about change and transformation. Conversion is turning away from something else. For every person it involves turning away from how I live my life now to another way of living—a new, better, more genuine, more Christ-like way!

It happens when I respond to the gift of God to me, the gift of God's love, God's grace. It happens when I come to see and accept that God loves me with an infinite and unconditional love, a forgiving and everlasting love, a love that led his Son to stretch out his arms on the cross to embrace me, and a love that has been with me every step in my life's journey.

This love that God has for me is brilliantly illustrated in the famous story Jesus told of the lost son who runs away from his father and family and their love, and gets himself into one hell of a mess (Lk 15).

As it happened with the prodigal son, the beginning of the process of conversion is marked by a loss of tranquility, and by feelings of restlessness, dissatisfaction and disillusionment. This is necessary, for without unrest there is no need to feel change. Further along the path, the conversion requires time and effort and struggle to grow and mature. It requires rooting out old habits, bad habits, and establishing new habits, good habits. It requires working at treating others differently, and working at creating a different environment, a more peaceful, harmonious and caring atmosphere around us in which to live and work.

It requires admitting and facing painful facts about myself: I have done wrong, I have hurt others. I have let them down. I have deceived myself. I have flopped and failed again and again. It requires humbly admitting that I cannot change and become a better person without outside help, that I need to put my trust in the power and love of God to free, heal and change me. Only those who have nothing can receive everything. The Word of God says so over and over again.

My conversion will be shown gradually in a change in my relationships—in how I relate to the members of my family, to my fellow parishioners, to the people I work with, to the people I pass in the street, to strangers, to the general public, to Jesus Christ in person, and to myself. My conversion will happen in the ways I begin to think about people and life, in the ways I feel about them, and in the ways I respond to them.

My conversion will happen too in my change of values, as I re-make my life-commitments in keeping with the best human values. These are not values of this world where everything revolves around competition and success. No—my new values will be the values of Jesus—truth, honesty, compassion, integrity, acceptance, affection, friendship, kindness, forgiveness, generosity, fairness, peace, patience, joy, fidelity and trust. I will remember that God does not ask me to be successful—for success is not a gospel value—but to be faithful, faithful always.

I will show my conversion by deliberately and consistently reaching out to the poor, the lost, the losers, and the broken. Was it not to them most of all that Jesus announced the coming of the Kingdom of God? Did he not say that it belonged to them? Did he not say both in word and action that the kingdom of God is above all for misfits, the 'uglies', the sinners, the tax-collectors, the lepers, the lonely and the prostitutes? Did he not demon

strate over and over that the kingdom of God is a kingdom for the messy and the losers rather than for ‘the beautiful people’ - the rich and famous celebrities of the glossy magazines?

It cannot be stressed strongly enough that conversion is about turning away and turning to—turning away, on the one hand, from selfishness, sin and evil, as well as golden calves of money, prestige, status, power, and, on the other hand, turning to God, o Jesus Christ, and to our shared values as a church community—truth and integrity, goodness and love, justice and equality, peace and joy. Turning away and turning to, all through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit of God given to us with our baptism!

So, during the rest of our prayer today—with others and alone—let us ask God for the grace of conversion—for one another, for our church community, and for our society and its culture!

**Fr Brian Gleeson CP**  
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#### **News from the Parish Team**

**Fr Erick CP** will be away from the parish next week attending the annual Clergy Conference for the Sydney Archdiocese.

**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.

#### **Catholic Mission Appeal (Propagation of the Faith) 2018**

*“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings peace.....” (Isaiah 52:7)*

This is the theme for this year’s appeal and captures the work of the Church in Myanmar to bring peace and good news mainly through the power of education. At the height of his historic visit to Myanmar, Pope Francis acknowledged the support of Catholic Mission in his homily during a public mass in Yangon. Today we welcome **Jane Sulis** to speak about their work. Please give as generously as you can in the special envelopes provided

#### **Planned Giving 2018/2019**

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

**PLEASE DESTROY ALL ENVELOPES DATED EARLIER THAN 1 JULY 2018 AND ONLY USE CURRENT 2018/2019 ENVELOPES IF YOU WISH TO CLAIM A RECEIPT FOR THE NEW TAX YEAR.**

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 .**

#### **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, aunties, grandmothers—and also to Mary, Mother of God. Here in Australia, it also refers to our first Australian saint—St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who reminds us that “wherever we see a problem, do something about it.”. As NAIDOC 2018 comes to a close, 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**

**THIS 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. Help our Youth with their future formation. Details: John on 0432 342 039 OR youthministry@passionists.com

#### **Day Retreat**

***Does the Forest Pray?**  
**Daily prayers are delivered**  
**on the lips of breaking waves,**  
**the whispering of grasses**  
**the shimmering of leaves.***

**Date:** Saturday 28 July 2018

**Venue:** Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo

**Bookings:** 02 4236 0533

E-mail: cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

**Cost:** \$30.00—BYO lunch, Morning & afternoon tea provided.

**Presenter:** Sr Veronica osb

***Bring a good pair of walking shoes as we take a stroll in our forest***

#### **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



**Saluti dall' italia!!!!!!**



### Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (16/7): Jim's Team**

**Next Week (23/7): Lea's Team**

**8/7/18**

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,930**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,080**

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2,958

Credit Cards: \$ 1,122

**1/7/18.**

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,960**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,411**

### We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** Leonardo Hachem

**Anniversaries:** Vince Mazzeo; Antonio Merlino ; Austin Lowe; Connie Cloran; Giuseppe Biviano; Charles Rby; Gi-oan Viet Khoi Tran; Anthony Kim Siang Ng; Maria Anastasi; Jack Ribeiro; Mantoura Yammine; Jack Shannon; Victo-rio Latagan.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Maureen Thorne; Sheila Kettle; Lucja Suter.

### 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

### Mass Texts: Sunday 16 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Amos 7: 12-15

**Response:** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your 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.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

NEXT Tuesday 17 July 2018

**PLEASE NOTE!**

Owing to filming in the church and surrounds next TUESDAY, the following changes will take place:

The church CARPARK will be locked on Monday evening and, together with the GROUNDS, will be UNAVAILABLE all day Tuesday

Mass WILL be celebrated in the CHURCH as usual on Tuesday at 6.45am and 9.00 am

All parishioners will be asked to LEAVE the church as soon as the 9.00am mass finishes

The CHURCH will be LOCKED and unavailable for the rest of Tuesday.

We will be back to normal on Wednesday 18th July.

We apologise for any inconvenience but this will be of some benefit to our parish

Calendar

JULY

14/15

Sunday 15 in Ordinary Time

Catholic Mission Appeal: all masses

Youth Retreat

17

Filming in church/grounds: see opposite notice

21/22

Sunday 16 in Ordinary Time

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Term 3 Commences

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Parish Pastoral Council

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San Lupo Rehearsal :7pm in church

Lectors/Ministers Renewal: Stradbroke Room at 7pm

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San Lupo Vigil Mass

28/29

Sunday 17 in Ordinary Time

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Lectors/Ministers Renewal: Stradbroke Room at 9.30am

Our Lady of Snows Vigil: 11am

San Lupo Proc & Mass: 1.30pm

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AUGUST

4/5

Sunday 18 in Ordinary time

CWF Appeal: all masses

August Baptism preparation: 10am in Annexe

8

Feast of St Mary of the Cross

10

P/School Mass: St Mary of the Cross

11/12

Sunday 19 in Ordinary Time

Commissioning of Lectors/Ministers at all masses

15

Feast of the Assumption

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 15 & Sunday 16 Year B						
Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers		
	14/15 July	21/22 July	14/15 July	21/22 July	14/15 July	21/22 July
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran	Jo Young William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John McGrath Sue King	Chris Roehrig Peter Jennings	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Christina Day Judith Flett		
10.30 am Sun	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Mely Siasat Italian Reader	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine George Harb	Kate Johnston George Harb Mel Siasat Italian Ministers	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera2121	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
6 pm Sun	TEEN GROUP	YOUTH	TEEN GROUP	YOUTH	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek