



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Sunday 17 in Ordinary Time - Year B

GIVING OUR ALL WITH TRUST

You've probably heard that ad on TV : 'from little things big things grow.' Certainly a little can go along way. That is to say, a little in the right hands can go a long way. That's what we notice in today's story about Jesus. Five barley rolls and two small pickled fish, in the hands of Jesus, go to feed five thousand men, plus thousands more women and children.

The principle stil holds, that a little can go a long way. Let me tell you a story about this that comes from Florida in the USA. Its about a woman called Sue and a man called Tony.

One Saturday morning Sue was roaming through a crowd at a garage sale when she noticed a young black man looking at her intently. Catching her eye, he came up to her with an air of hesitancy and hope. 'Mrs Lester?' he asked. "yes" replied Sue, wondering how he knew her name.

'Mrs Lester' he went on, 'I was hoping so much that I would see you when I came back to Florida'. Then he pured out his story. Years before, Tony has been a student where Sue was a teacher (and still taught). The school was 'the end of the road' on the socio-economic scale. As the locals put it, if the kids didn't make it there, the next stop was prison. Tony himself came from a poverty=stricken and dysfunctional home. The one bright spot in his life was the kindness and encouragement shown to him by his teacher—Mrs Lester.

He said to Sue: 'Day after day, when everybody else was telling me I was stupid and bad, you would sit me in your office and say: ' Tony, you can do anything you want with your life if you set your mind to it'. You even invited me and some other kids to your home. By the way, do you still have that blackboard with coloured numbers in your garage...?'

Tony had returned to Florida after recently graduating from he University of Michigan and was soon to start work as the business manager of a reputable firm.

The surprise reunion between teacher and student continued in the middle of the garage sale, with Sue inviting Tony to come back to his old school to tell his story to the students there.

In our story today, Jesus is the number one hero, always concerned about the needs of others. He quickly notices that people around him are desperate for something to eat, and right away he does something practical about it. But the second hero after Jesus him self is surely the small boy. After all, whose bread did Jesus multiply? Whose fish did he divide and share? None other than those of the small boy, who had only a little to offer, but gave all he had. And in what the child gave, Jesus found the material of a miracle.

Both stories tell the same truth. To make a difference to others, to bring meaning and hope and care into their lives, we need to bring them all the gifts we've got. We need to share who we are and what we have with that unselfish love, gentleness, patience and peace, named in our Second Reading. And we need to do that in the name of Jesus, who takes every good deed done to our fellow human beings as done to him in person.

Yes, dear People of God, a little in the right hands, given in the right spirit, can go a very long way indeed. It can even contribute to the making of that better world, which was the dream of Jesus. The dream he shared when he came into Galilee preaching and teaching about remaking this rough-tough world into the Kingdom of God!

So, when you and I are more concerned to get than give, and whenever we are asked to give something we hesitate to give, let us think of the generosity of that small boy. And in our holy communion with Jesus today, let us ask him to help us 'give our

All' by sharing with others our daily bread, and anything and everything else that counts a personal resources. And always with faith and trust that Jesus, our number one hero ,will receive and bless our efforts in ways we can't even begin to imagine!

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
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Planned Giving 2018/2019

Please collect your new set of envelopes for **2018/2019** 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 .**

Ecumenical Prayer Evening

THIS Sunday, 29 July at 7.30pm at St Paul of the Cross Church, Dulwich Hill. An evening of prayer, readings from scripture and music in the style of Taize. Light supper to follow. ALL WELCOME!

CatholicCare—Help Wanted!

Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories?

Compassionate people **urgently** needed to provide short-term foster care.

Information Night on Tuesday 14th August 2018, 5.30-8.00pm at 2C West St, Lewisham. Enquiries/bookings: 13 18 19 OR connect@familyspirit.org

“The Bishop’s Blend”

Join the fifth edition of the breakfast events for young professionals hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers on Monday 6 August 2018 at 7.00-8.30am at Radisson Blue Hotel, 27 O’Connell St Sydney. TICKETED event.— thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrite.com

Developing Your Own Spirituality II

Presenters: Michael Whelan SM , PhD and Marie Biddle RSJ, MA, MTh

Aquinas Academy, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney on 4 Thursday mornings, 10.00am-12noon from August 2-23 2018. Cost: \$144 incl summary notes. To register: secretary@aquinas-academy.com OR phone 9247 4651.

This course will be repeated on 4 Wednesday evenings from 6-8.00pm form 7-28 November.

Volunteers Wanted

“Sharing a Meal” programme which has been operating for 20 years at St V de Paul Church, 117 Redfern St, Redfern, is urgently seeking helpers. Every Tuesday and Friday morning, 8.45am-10.45am. Contact: Jenny on 0407 977 180 if interested

Invitation from MSC Office

Saturday 4 August 2018 at 10.30am: Meeting of people interested in Missionary, Evangelical and Social Activities at Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave, Kensington. ALL ideas welcome—please stay for a meal. Enquiries: mscmisio@nscmission.org

“Knowing Peace Beyond Understanding”

Discovering God in the unsettling mystery of life’s surprises. At Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, on August 4 2018 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Presenter: Cathy Kennedy. Cost: \$30.0 BYO lunch.

The Grail meets Laudato Si’

Seminar: Changing the World at the Grail Centre, Nth Sydney on August 11 2018 from 10am-12noon. ALL Welcome, especially Gens X, Y and Millenials AND their ideas . Enquiries: grailsydney@ozemail.com.au

“Yearning for Peace”

Meditation Tour to India in February 2019 led by Fr Joe Pereira.

Information Evening: Thursday 23rd August at 6.00pm at Aquinas Academy, 5th floor, 141 Harrington St, The Rocks. RSVP by 17/8/18. Enquiris: Marie 0418 265 117 OR info@spiceodyssey.net.au

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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

***“The Passion of Jesus is totally the work of love.
You should never lose sight of this.***

***May the Passion of the Lord
be always in your heart.”***

St Paul of the Cross



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 (30/7): Jim/Lalo/Maree

Next Week (6/8): Jim/Lalo/Maree

22/7/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,865

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,809

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,670

Credit Cards: \$ 1,139

15/7/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,795

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,165

CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL 2018-2019

***"Almsgiving helps us to recognise our neighbour as our brother or sister, and to acknowledge that what we possess is never ours alone."
Pope Francis, 3 March 2018***

**The FIRST Appeal for the new financial year:
NEXT weekend, 4-5 August 2018,
in ALL parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Your contributions will support :
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD—
scripture teaching in state schools
Ephpheta Centre (services for hard of hear-
ing)
Catholic Chaplaincy (to universities, aged
care, hospitals)
Seminariesand more.

100%. TAX DEDUCTIBLE

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Friedah SIMBEL; Lisa COLUCCIO.

Anniversaries: Helen & Peter Buchel; Dominic Nguyen Van Ai; Daniel Guilfoyle; Eileen Minehan; Betty Scollard; Alfred Taylor; Timothy O'Brien; Thomas Bunch; Ivy Heares; Thomas Pearson; Lucia Amoranto; Kathleen Mahony; Sr Ruth Boland RSJ; Giuseppina Buda; Anthony Coorey.

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

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.

Mass Texts: Sunday 17 (Yr B)

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Response: Open wider your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: John 6: 1-5

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 18 (Yr B)

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4. 12-15

Response: The Lord gave them bread from
heaven

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 17. 20-24

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us



Saluti dall'italia!!!!



Calendar

JULY

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

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

18/19 Sunday 20 in Ordinary Time

Baptisms: 12 noon

25/26 Sunday 21 in Ordinary Time

P/School Mass: 9.00am
Baptisms: 12 noon
Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm

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SEPTEMBER

1/2 Sunday 22 in Ordinary Time

Fathers' Day
Southern Cross Meeting: 2.00pm in Hall
Vietnamese Reconciliations

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Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 17 & Sunday 18 Year B						
Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers		
	28/29 July	4/5 August	28/29 July	4/5 August	28/29 July	4/5 August
5 pm Sat	Please volunteer	Mary Leask Michael Price	Please volunteer	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Please volunteer	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini		Mary Entriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Please Volunteer	John Skinner Bec Wong		Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath		
10.30 am Sun	Please volunteer	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi		Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
6 pm Sun	Please volunteer	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne		Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek