

# St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia*

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



**19th Sunday of the Year - Year C**  
**10/11 August 2019**

## "Whose Democratic Values do I Share?"

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor.

So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia'. 'Common-wealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So we respond to our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire.

And that would please our Lord.

**Why?**

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps, in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people.

We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray :

"May our hearts be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all people throughout the world"

AMEN

*Fr Michael Tate*

### CWF Fund Appeal

Please return your contributions if you did not do so last weekend.

**Funds raised go to important works throughout the Archdiocese including family counselling; scripture teaching and youth works; seminaries; outreach to Indigenous communities; and support for our Catholic deaf community.**

100% tax deductible

Parish Levy this Appeal: \$10,100.00

### Feast of the Assumption: Thursday 15 August 2019

This is a Holy Day of Obligation..

Mass Times:

**6.45am; 9.00am (incl St Brigid's Primary School)**

**11.15am Casimir Catholic College**

**6.00pm Mass (Vietnamese)**

**7.30pm Mass (English)**

### Student Catechist Program News

The Eastern area of the Archdiocese of Sydney has seven Catholic High Schools involved in this program of assisting in Scripture classes in local primary schools. One of these is Casimir Catholic College.

In the recent Catechist Newsletter for Term 3, the following feedback was recorded from Sue King, Catechist Coordinator at St Brigid's, to John Abi-Elias, Director of Religious Education and Formation at Casimir College:

**"Peter & Matthew** did an excellent job today teaching the Stations of the Cross to Year 6. They were well prepared and fully covered the subject. They involved all students in the lesson and assisted them when they needed help. Their timing was amazing, finishing the final prayer right on the bell.

On April 12, **Samuel & Jayden** took the Yr 6 students for an Easter lesson. They were also well prepared and did an excellent brain-storming session about how we can be Easter people. The students really enjoyed this part of the lesson. It is a pleasure to have these young men take the Year 6 class."

***Congratulations and Thank You to these young members of our parish who are quietly working with our Catechists to share their faith with other young people.!***

### "ReUnyte"

***All of Christ's family together in prayer and worship Sunday 25 August 2019 at 7.00pm at St Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 536 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill.***

***Everyone is Welcome!***

### The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening

Young Catholic professionals looking to network with others and learn how to live your faith in the workplace are invited to join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday 19 August 2019 at 6.00pm at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for a cocktail evening. Online booking ESSENTIAL. Contact: bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

### Table Tennis for Seniors

Seniors interested in playing a game of Table Tennis for fun and fellowship? Contact Thila Shan on 9554 7487 or email Thila@live.com.au.

### Ecumenism in Australia, Yesterday and Today

Lecture on Pope John Paul II's Ecumenical Encyclical, **"Ut Unum Sint"**. Discussion of the Encyclical's call to action, how far have we come and how far to go? Fr Gerard Kelly, Catholic Institute and Thomas Westenberg, Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.. Thursday 29 August 2019 at 6.00pm at Peter Cosgrove Centre, Lev 18, Tenison Woods House, 8-20 Napier St, MacKillop campus, ACU Nth Sydney. Refreshments provided Bookings ESSENTIAL: [www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=536172&](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=536172&).

### Reflection Day for Women

***"Give me the living water, that I may never thirst again."* (Jn 4:15)**

Saturday 7 September 2019 at Mt Schoenstatt/230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa, 9.30am-3.00pm. Register by 4 September at: [infor@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:infor@schoenstatt.org.au) OR 4773 8338. Cost \$25?BYO lunch-tea & Coffee provided.

***Take some time out for prayer and reflection during September.***

### "How can we make our Society more Civil"

Seminar conducted by Eva Cox AO, social commentator and advocate for a "truly civil society". Sunday 14 September 2019, 10.30am-3.30pm at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, Nth Sydney. Further details: [grail-sydney@ozemail.com.au](mailto:grail-sydney@ozemail.com.au) OR pp55 3053.

### Artes Christi—Hunchback of Notre Dame

4-20 October 2019 at 1880 HALL at Surry Hills. Theatre capacity limited so bookings ESSENTIAL. Discounts on all long-weekend sessions. [www.theword.org.au](http://www.theword.org.au) OR 1800 101 201.

### Retreat: Healing After Abortion

October 25-27, 2019 offered by Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. Further information: phone 0400 092 555 OR e-mail [info@rachelvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelvineyard.org.au)

### "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage—commencing in Melbourne on 22 October 2019, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and finishing in Sydney on 2 November. Further info/brochure: [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

### *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](mailto: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  
**Children's ministry:** 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 (12/8):** Jim's Team  
**Counters: Next Week (19/8):** Jim's Team

4/8/19

**1st (Passionists):** \$ 1,830

**2nd (Parish):** \$ 4,158

Cash & Envelopes: \$2,966  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,192

28/07/19

**1st (Passionists):** \$ 1,755

**2nd (Parish):** \$ 4,494

## Calendar

### August 2019

**10/11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**National Vocations Awareness Week ends**

**15 Feast of the Assumption: Holy Day of Obligation**

**16 Mass at Minehan Village: 11.00am  
Berne School Trivia Night: Hall**

**17/18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17 Tongan Mass: 10.00am followed by refreshments in Hall**

**18 Vietnamese Dominican Laity 25th Anniversary Mass & Procession  
Jnr Youth in Annexe: 4.15-5.30pm**

**24/25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Baptisms: 12 noon**

**27 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm**

**29 Finance Committee: 7.00pm**

**30 Primary School 'Father's Day Mass': 9am**

**31/1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Father's Day**

**Baptism Preparation: 10am in Annexe**

### September 2019

**7/8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## We Remember

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Maria Widjaja; George Sippel; Magno Paqlinawan; Mary O'Brien' Dante; Dominic Pham Van Quy; Endriawati Widjaja.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Fr Brian Gleeson CP; Zenia Lakoma; Saane Kama; Betty Hickey; Eileen McClement; Edna Taylor; Geoffrey Leask; Mary Harb.

### Mass Texts: Sunday 19 (Yr C)

**First Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9

**Response:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8-19

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 32-48

**Intercessions Response:** Lord, graciously hear us.

### Mass Texts: Sunday 20 (Yr C)

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10

**Response:** Lord, come to my aid.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12: 1-4

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 49-53

**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

## **Reflection: Diane Bergant CSA**

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent—**vigilance**—in anticipation of the return of the master.

This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence & call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times.

We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold.

However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities.

In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

### **Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 19 & Sunday 20 Year C**

	<b>Lectors/Commentators</b>		<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Altar Servers</b>	
	<b>10/11 August</b>	<b>17/18 August</b>	<b>10/11 August</b>	<b>17/18 August</b>	<b>10/11 August</b>	<b>17/18 August</b>
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Karen Whitby Robert Whitby Mary Leask	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Leila Walsh	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Carolan Ibbotson Pat O'Reilly	Janice Schubach Marg Barrett	Janice Schubach Theresa James	Maria Mansour Marg Barrett	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	Peter Jennings Sue King	Anna Aurea Peter Jennings	Peter Jennings Judith Flett Jessica Hartany Jose Hartany	Sue King Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Kate Johnston Elvie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Kate Johnston	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine Carmela Meoli Rosetta Naticchia	Carmela Meoli Rosetta Travia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Senior Youth	Junior Youth	Senior Youth	Junior Youth	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek