

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



Pentecost Sunday Year C 8/9 June 2019

PENTECOST GRACE DAY BY DAY

All through Easter time we've been reading and listening to that great book, the Acts of the Apostles. While it's about all the apostles of the infant Church, all the missionaries of God's love at that time, it's also about the love of God in person. I'm speaking, of course, about the Holy Spirit, who in the Book of Acts is both God's love in person (Grace) and the chief apostle. Again and again the Holy Spirit speaks to people and their needs through other human beings. Again and again other human beings act as agents, instruments, and missionaries of the Spirit. That's very significant, for it is still one of the main ways the Holy Spirit gets through to us, enlightening and healing us.

One of our biggest needs as human beings is to grow up and mature. Becoming mature-thinking and mature-acting people involves moving away from selfishness and self-centredness and reaching out to others with interest, care and concern, and working with others to make that better world that is God's Kingdom). We learn to do this through our association and contact with other human beings. What's particularly useful, helpful and important in our dealings with others, and especially with close family and friends, are our conversations. This is especially the case when our chatting to one another gets beyond the superficial, and has to do with what matters most. On both sides, the sharing which takes place is not just listening to the other's words, but also of responding. By sharing our insights with an open mind and an open heart, we help one another grow and develop as good, sensible, responsible and warm-hearted people.

Again and again, if we are to make progress and change our ways of living, it may be necessary to hear from those we talk to, things which are chal-

lenging, things which are perhaps even quite painful, but which turn out, at least in the long run, to set us free to become better people. In fact, through the journey of a whole life-time, we may hear ourselves being called to face many challenges and make many changes.

There's another dimension to all this. In fact, there's a third party in all this. In the words of others, even unintended remarks and chance conversations, God's word may be addressed to us, God's word of truth, the truth that sets us free, the truth that delivers and encourages us.

The word of God as it comes to us from others in conversation can be painful. We need strength to reply to the call and challenge which God speaks to us through others. Perhaps what we hear from others stirs up certain fears. Can we, e.g., take the risk of listening to them, even when they are on our side? Isn't there some danger that if we listen to them, our self-esteem may shrink? Isn't there some danger that if we listen to the truth coming from another person, we may end up being psychologically dependent, even under that person's spell?

Faced with such risks, it takes considerable courage to engage in the kind of conversations which will challenge us to become more mature, more responsible, more caring and more generous people. We find the courage to face the truth only if the other addresses us sensitively, i.e. with respect, with care, and with love. Love is the only way which works. Were we to be brutally confronted with what may be in us, e.g. our anger and superficiality, our resentment and self-rejection, we might crumble to pieces. But the gift of the acceptance, encouragement and support of the other person creates in us the strength we need – to listen, to know ourselves better, and to accept ourselves as we are, not only with our weaknesses, but also with our strengths and our possibilities.

The gift of the other's care and concern, the friendship and communion they give us, creates in us a deep sense of freedom – freedom to become a better person, freedom to open up and share with others the love and care which has been given to us.

Faced with the risks involved, the freedom to take those risks and let ourselves enter into a life-giving conversation and sharing with others, is experienced as both a power and a gift. It is a gift, not something self-generated, a gift given to us by people who love us and care for us. Yet should we start to state what they have done for us and express our gratitude, this would be too much. For typically, those significant others we talk to and support us, simply don't realize just how much they mean to us. They may cut us short, or say something like 'it was nothing', or 'what are friends for?' The strength and support which they communicate to us goes beyond what they see themselves as giving. This takes us beyond them as God's instruments to God's self, the ultimate source of that understanding and support which another human being communicates to us.

The implication of the experience is that in the conversations, friendship, love and support, through which we grow and mature, the Holy Spirit of God is also present as the deeper dimension of the meetings and conversations which change us for the better. This is so true that we can truly speak of certain people who are important to us, people who support us and keep us going, as real 'Godsends'.

On this feast of Pentecost, then, let us give thanks to God for sending us the Holy Spirit day after day, the Spirit who comes to us whenever a friend or family member or some significant other says to us what we need to hear, and reaches out to us with their support and friendship, and helps our lives become more meaningful, more fulfilling, and more worth living!
bgleesoncp@gmail.com

Accommodation Wanted.

Young (20yrs) female student from Italy (speaks English) seeking accommodation in Marrickville area with people her own age. Please phone Giulia on 0456 900 336 if able to assist

Piety Store

Large collection of Rosary beads, wall rosaries, finger and bracelet rosaries now available. Also, a variety of Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Birthday and Holy cards.

40 Year School Reunion

Ex-students of Bethlehem College, Ashfield, Year 12 of 1979 and Year 10 1977 are invited to attend the 40 Year Reunion on Saturday 10 August 2019. Please contact Eliza at eljam@netspace.net.au for further details.

FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Vinnies Winter Appeal for 2019.

Next weekend 15-16 June will be our annual Vinnies Winter Appeal for 2019. Envelopes will be available this weekend for anyone that needs to take it home to fill out.

A separate collection will happen at the masses next weekend for any donations. Winter is always a tough time for our clients, your generosity would be appreciated.

Women in Leadership

Benedictine Abbey—July 4-7, 2019

Cost: \$300 for talks plus accommodation.

Bookings: 0242360533 OR cottagere-treats@jamberooabbey.org.au

Rob Galea "Coming Home" Tour

Sunday 28 July 2019 at O'Grady Auditorium, Southern Cross Vocational College, Burwood. Tickets on sale: www.frgministry.com/tickets

Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

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.

ST BRIGID'S YOUTH

**THIS Sunday June 9th :
Senior Youth at
7.-8.30pm**

**NEXT Sunday June 16th at
4.00-5.30pm**

**Sunday June 23rd:
6.00pm YOUTH MASS
followed by Young Adults
in Annexe**

**ALL WELCOME!
Bring a friend**

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 (10/6): Jim/Lalo/Maree
Counters: Next Week (17/6): Jim's Team

2/6/19

1st (Passionists): \$

2nd (Parish): \$

Cash & Envelopes:

Credit Cards: \$ 1,192

26/5/19

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,795

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,263

Calendar

June 2019

8-9 Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Pastoral Message

Senior Youth: 7-8.30 in Annexe

98th anniversary of the opening mass and blessing of The Church.

10 Public Holiday Mass only: 9am

14 Confirmation Reflection Day

15-16 Most Holy Trinity

Vinnie's Winter Appeal: ALL Masses

Passionist Family Groups Combined

Gathering: 6.00pm in Hall

40 Days death Anniversary of Fr. John

16 Baptisms: 12 noon

Feast of St Anthony : 1.00pm

Junior Youth: 4-5.30 in Annexe

21 NO Mass at 9.00am

Casimir Founder's Day Mass at 9.30am—all welcome.

22-23 Body and Blood of Christ

Baptisms: 12 noon

CONFIRMATION: 2.00pm

25 Pastoral Council Meeting: 7:30 pm

28 Feast of the Sacred Heart

St. Brigid's School Mass: 9:00 am

Vietnamese Mass : 6:00pm

We Remember

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Renae Governor; Thelma Lowe; Margaret Barker; Bruno Nadile; Aileen Bennet; Brian Turner; Amy Cloran; Anna Hoang Thi Nguan; William Edwards; Annie Collins; John Bell; Elizabeth Matthews; Joy Matthews; Antonia Farrugia; Vilma Vella; Maria Dahdah; Angelo Di Tommaso; Boulos Lakiss; Harold Turner; Peter Killalea; Stanley Kean; Joseph Nguyen Quang Linh; Luigi Vanni; Stanley Roberts; Fernanda Parungao; Antonio Zeaiter; Mauricio Quintal; Nayef Akkary; David Menezes; Gladys Bunch; Massad Massad; Bernard Mahony; Filomena Di Sisto; Penny Hutton; Marie Griffin; William Bamford

Carrying Severe Illness: Gerard Watts; Rocco Tropea; Aurore El Tabar; Maria pergola; Mary Harb; Maria Tropea.

Mass Texts: Pentecost (Yr C)

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Response: Send forth your spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Gospel: John 14: 16-16. 23-26

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Mass Texts: Most Holy Trinity(Yr C)

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

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

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: John 16: 12-15

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

Our dear Edna Taylor's 106th Birthday celebration with the Seniors Group.



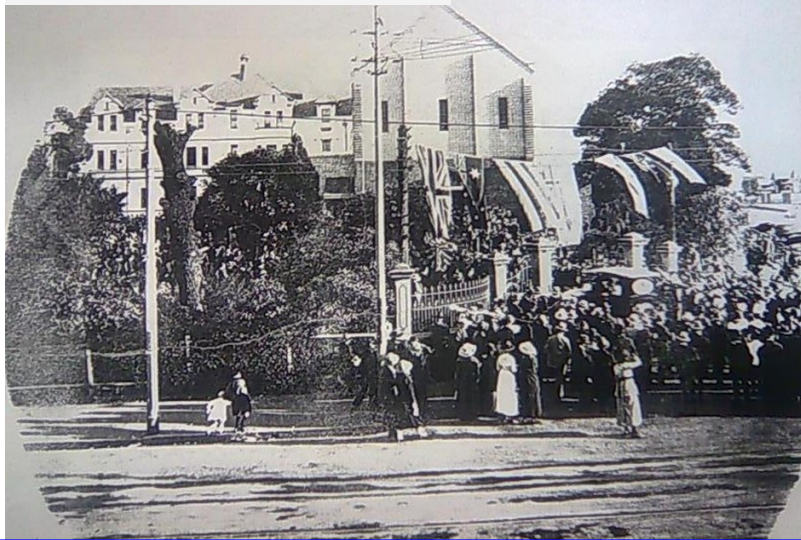
SPECIAL OCCASSIONS/EVENTS

“Last Saturday 1 June was the first social gathering of the St. Brigids Men’s Club since the death of our friend, brother and former parish priest, the late Fr. John Pearce CP.



As witnessed by the photo the St. Brigids men together with other friends and relations gathered at John and Terese Skinner’s home for the monthly social event and we honoured it to the founder of the St. Brigids Men’s Club, Fr. John Pearce. We shared many stories about him. “Padre John” will always be remembered and loved.”

98th ANNIVERSARY
05 June 1921— 05 JUNE 2019



“The ceremony of blessing and opening of the magnificent Father Alphonsus Memorial Church of the Passion, Marrickville was performed on Sunday in the presence of a huge gathering When His grace the Archbishop of Sydney arrived at 3 O’Clock, thousands were unable to gain admission.” From the Catholic Press 9 June 1921

Sunday Mass Ministries: Pentecost & Most Holy Trinity Yr C

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	8/9 June	15/16 June	8/9 June	15/16 June	8/9 June	15/16 June
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Karen Whitby Robert Whitby Mary Leask	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Leila Walsh Michael Schiano	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola
7.30am Sun	Mary Leask Janice Schubach	Carolan Ibbotson Margaret Barrett	Theresa James Janice Schubach Francis Seufale	Maria Mansour Margaret Barrett	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Peter Jennings Jim yeo	Bernadette Sara Frank Cowell	Peter Jennings Judith Flett	Sue King Jenny Oesman Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Thomas Georges Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Italian Reader	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine 4 Italian Ministers	Geoffrey Lean Terrey Reyes Tony Cipolla	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
6 pm Sun	Senior Youth	Junior Youth	Senior Youth Pedro Moreira Kath Walton	Junior Youth John Skinner Therese Skinner Adrienne Harverson Paige Bullen	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek