



## 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 22 in Ordinary Time - Year B

### BEING CLEAN AND PURE

*'... the things that come from within,' says Jesus, 'are what defile' (Mk 7:15)*

There are three kinds of cleanliness, three ways of being clean. There is bodily cleanliness, i.e. hygienic cleanliness, as when we take a bath or shower, or use a hospital sanitizer to ward off germs. There is ritual cleanliness, as when our priest at Mass washes his hands. And there is ethical cleanliness, i.e. moral cleanliness, which Jesus emphasizes today as the kind that matters most.

The opponents of Jesus blame him because his followers are not observing Jewish rules of ritual cleanliness. They are not washing their hands before and during meals. In reply Jesus calls them 'hypocrites'. They are hypocrites because, as he points out: 'You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

The word 'hypocrite' has an interesting history. It begins by meaning simply someone who answers. It goes on to mean someone who answers in a set dialogue and conversation, i.e., an actor. Finally, it comes to mean someone whose whole life is a piece of acting, without any sincerity at all. Jesus tells his opponents they all fit that category. 'You are hypocrites,' he says to them, 'you are great pretenders.'

What Jesus was up against was the belief of his enemies that the human rules and regulations they stressed were the essence and the heart of religion. For them to keep the rules was to please God, to break the rules was to sin.

What was true when Jesus was walking around Palestine is still true. Anyone for whom religion is just a set of human rules, anyone for whom religion means conforming only on the outside to rules and regulations, anyone for whom religion is only the

exact compliance with a list of taboos, is a hypocrite.

Take the case of legalistic Jews at the time of Jesus. Just like some politicians recently, they might fiercely hate fellow human beings, even colleagues. They might be full of envy and jealousy. They might conceal bitterness and pride. But e.g., so long as they carried out the prescribed hand washings correctly, the values, meanings and intentions behind such rules did not count.

So, Jesus takes them on. He begins by quoting the Word of God as expressed in the prophet Isaiah: 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.' He insists that what really defiles a human being is the evil behaviour that comes from within - from the thoughts and desires of the heart. He strings together a powerful set of examples: - malicious intentions; sexual irresponsibility; theft; murder; adultery; greed; hurting and injuring others; trickery and deceit; self-indulgence; jealousy; slander; contempt; and acting the fool in ways that harm others.

One of the excuses we often hear from people who stay away from church is that those who go are 'hypocrites'. I don't believe that to be true. Yet what they say does point to the danger of identifying religion with outward observance - with such religious practices as going to Mass, fasting, reading the bible, saying morning and evening prayers, and putting money on the plate. These are good and worthwhile things to do, but only if our hearts, disposition and attitudes towards God and our fellow human beings, are right. If in our hearts there lurk enmity, bitterness, grudges, hate and contempt for others, all the outward practices in the world will show us up for what we really are - hypocrites!

So, let's be sure to pray to Jesus our Saviour in our Holy Communion with him today, both for ourselves and one another, to save us from any and

every kind of hypocrisy, and to help us to live and act with clean, committed, pure, sincere, constant and consistent hearts!

**Fr Brian Gleeson CP**  
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### **Congratulations!**

To Annaliese Roehrig from Casimir Catholic College who has been selected to receive the Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence for 2018. The Archbishop's Award recognises the outstanding young women and men in our Catholic Schools. It recognises the positive contributions they each make to the community as practising Catholics, and the way in which they give witness to Christian values in the faith life of their school. A wonderful achievement!

### **Parish Fund-Raiser**

If you missed out last weekend, make sure you keep a lookout for delicious pastries/sweets/cookies/cakes at very generous prices being sold after masses. Thanks to the generosity of our Vietnamese parishioners, all proceeds will go directly to the parish and our parish programmes.

### **Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement Fund**

THIS weekend, 1-2 September 2018 at all masses. Funds raised will be used for accommodation and living expenses, dental and medical care, extra home care where needed etc for aging diocesan priests throughout the Archdiocese. Special envelopes are available on the stands at the main church doors.

[www.donatesydneycatholic.org](http://www.donatesydneycatholic.org)

### **New Singers Welcome— Sunday 10.30am Mass!**

If you have a reasonable ear for music and enjoy singing at Mass, why not come along and join us—we'd love to meet you!

For further information,  
please pop upstairs  
to the choir loft and  
see Mary or Terry.

### **Thank YOU!**

To all who contributed to the recent Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. Total amount raised: \$1252.90.

### **Healing Mass**

**NEXT Friday 7 September 2018** at 8.00pm at St Joseph's Enfield, preceded by Rosary and Reconciliation.

Celebrant: Fr Sabu Adimakiyil VC

### **Catalyst for Renewal**

**Sunday 9 September, 2-4pm** at Verebruggen Hall, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie St, lecture by John Allen on "Pope Francis' Efforts for Reform and Implications for the Australian Church pre-

paring for its Plenary Council". \$30.00. Bookings essential : [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au) OR phone 9990 7003.

### **"Praying in the Cloud"**

A silent retreat day with the Cloud of the Unknowing and the practice of Centering Prayer.

Saturday 8 September from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. **Presenter:** Sr Magdalen Mather osb. **Cost:** \$30. BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided. Bookings: [cottagere-treats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottagere-treats@jamberooabbey.org.au)

### **Pilgrimage Walk 2018**

Sunday 23 September 2018.

**Theme: Blessed Sacrament** in honour of 200 years of the preservation of the Blessed Sacrament in Australia. Starts at 9.30am at Holy Name of Mary, Hunters Hill and ends with Mass at St Patrick's Church Hill after six prayer stops along the way. Further information: [pilgrimage2018@westnet.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage2018@westnet.com.au)

### **"More Alive, More Human" - Silent Retreat**

September 28-30, 2018 at Hartzler Park, Bowral, 25 Eridge Park Rd, Burradoo, NSW. Cost \$240.00 inclusive of accommodation and meals. Presented by Verbum Dei. **Enquiries:** [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com).

### **T.S Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral"**

Presented by Artes Christi to coincide with the Canonisation on 14 October of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was the first Archbishop since Thomas Becket to be martyred at the altar. It is also supporting persecuted people today via *Aid to the Church in Need*. Shows 27 Sep-14 Oct. Venue: 1880 Hall, St Peter's Surry Hill. Group Tix (Gps of 7 or more) from \$30.00. Bookings ESSENTIAL via [www.theword.org.au](http://www.theword.org.au) OR phone 1800 101 201.

### **School Reunion**

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School—mums of students from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Saturday 13 October at 11.30am at the Lantern Club, 21 Roselands Ave, Roselands.

Buffet lunch- \$55.00 per head. RSVP AND payment must be received by 21 September 2018. **Contact** Carole: [capearlwood@yahoo.com.au](mailto:capearlwood@yahoo.com.au) OR Rosa: 0408 161 240.

### **Palms Australia—Opening our hands to the World**

Seeking volunteers to take up the challenge of overseas mission in 2019. Further Information: [kevin@palms.org.au](mailto:kevin@palms.org.au) OR [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### **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

**Parish Collections**

**Counters: This week (3/9): Jim/Lalo/Maree**  
**Next Week(10/9): Jim's Team**

**26/8/18**

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,905**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,277**  
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,139  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,138

**19/8/18.**

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,655**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,066**

**Happy Father's Day**

*God our Father,  
we give you thanks and praise for fathers  
young and old.*

*We pray for fathers, newly embracing their vocation;  
may they find courage and perseverance  
to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for fathers around the world  
whose children are lost or suffering;  
may they know that the God of compassion  
walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers  
but still mentor and guide us with  
fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfathers and  
great grandfathers  
who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love.*

**AMEN**

**We Remember**

**Recently Deceased:** Denis Wemyss

**Anniversaries:** Maria Mandile; Antony Le Van Thach; Gerard Farrugia; Vui Thi Bui; Giuseppe Simone; Nell Lane; Joseph Shakour; Joseph Obeid; Carlos Caringal; Joseph Thong Hoang; Eva Amaral; James Macartney; Charles Hockey; Claude Opack; Raymond Cloran; Charles Formosa.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Mary Harb; Lucja Suter.

**Mass Texts: Sunday 22 (Yr B)**

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4: 1-2. 6-8  
**Response:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.  
**Second Reading:** James 1: 17-18. 21-22. 27  
**Gospel:** Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23  
**Intercessions Response:**  
Lord, graciously hear us

**Mass Texts: Sunday 23 (Yr B)**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35: 4-7  
**Response:** My soul give praise to the Lord.  
**Second Reading:** James 2: 1-5  
**Gospel:** Mark 7: 31-37  
**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.  
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.



## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

### Why not be involved?

This weekend our Parish is lighting our Plenary Candle to refocus on preparation at the local level, to listen and dialogue on our hopes and plans for the Catholic Church in Australia during the 21st Century.

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

*"We pray for our local parish community as we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit calling us to be 'Church', to open our hearts and to share in the parish plenary council process. Lord hear us."*



<http://plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org>

## Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 1/2 Sunday 22 in Ordinary Time**  
**Fathers' Day**  
**Archdiocesan Priest's Retirement Appeal**  
**National Child Protection Week** begins  
 Baptism Preparation: 10am in Annexe
- 7 Vietnamese Confirmations
- 8/9 Sunday 23 in ordinary Time**  
**Child Protection Sunday**
- 15/16 Sunday 24 in Ordinary Time**
- 22/23 Sunday 25 in Ordinary Time**  
 Youth Group: Sunday 7pm in Hall  
 Young Adults: Sunday 7pm in Annexe
- 25 Casimir Graduation Mass: 11.00am  
 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm
- 27 First Reconciliation—Parents' Information & Enrolment Night at 7pm in Shrubland Hall**
- 28 Term 3 ends
- 29/30 Sunday 26 in Ordinary Time**

### OCTOBER

- 1 Public Holiday Mass only: 9.00am
- 6/7 Sunday 27 in Ordinary Time**

## Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 22 & Sunday 23 Year B

### Lectors/Commentators

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

	1/2 September	8/9 September	1/2 September	8/9 September	1/2 September	8/9 September
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Mary Leask Michael Price	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Luke Nguyen Jade Picknell	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Luke Nguyen Jade Picknell
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Mary Entriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	John Skinner Bec Wong	John McGrath Sue King	Frank Cowell Jenny Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	TEEN GROUP	Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	TEEN GROUP	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin