



# St Brigid's Marrickville

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

## Twenty First Sunday (Year B)



### Faith is the Defining Virtue of Mary, Pope Francis says

*By Elise Harris, CNA/EWTN News  
8/16/2015 (18 hours ago)*

On the feast of the Assumption of Mary, Pope Francis said that faith is the defining virtue of her greatness and that the mysterious way she was taken into heaven is a foreshadowing of what awaits each of us.

"The Gospel also shows us the truest reason for Mary's greatness and her blessedness: it is faith," the Pope told pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his Aug. 15 Angelus address, marking the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.

Faith, he said, "is the heart of Mary's entire story; she knew - and she said it - that throughout history weighs the violence of the overbearing, the pride of the rich, the arrogance of the proud."

Yet she still believed and proclaimed, "That God does not leave his children alone, humble and poor, but sustains them with merciful care, casting down the mighty from

their thrones, scattering the proud in the conceit of their hearts."

Dogmatically defined in 1950, the assumption of the Virgin Mary's body into heaven is celebrated Aug. 15 every year, and is one of the most important Marian feast days in the Catholic Church.

In his address, Pope Francis turned to the day's Gospel reading from Luke, which recounts Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after conceiving Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

He recalled Elizabeth's greeting to Mary: "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

"This is the faith of our mother, this is the faith of Mary!" he said.

Francis pointed to the famous canticle Mary uttered in response, called the "Magnificat," in which she praises God for the marvelous deeds he has done both in her own life and throughout history.

In this prayer Mary expresses her joy, because she is fully aware of what all the great works in her life at that point mean, namely that through her the Lord will accomplish the salvation her people have long been waiting for, the Pope said.

The prayer also shows us the full meaning of Mary's life, he added, explaining that "if the mercy of the Lord is the engine of her story (then) she who bore the Lord of life (could not be touched by) the corruption of the tomb."

Francis continued, saying that the message of Mary's assumption isn't limited to just her life, but serves as a reminder for each person of what is to come.

"The great things done in (Mary) by the Omnipotent One touch us deeply, they speak to us of our journey in life, they remind us of the end that awaits us: the house of the Father."

Because of Mary's assumption into heaven, we see that life "is not a senseless wandering, but a pilgrimage which, with all of the sufferings and uncertainties, has a sure destination" where the Father awaits us with love, he said.

However, until that destination is reached, God has given his people a sign of consolation and hope for the journey, the Pope said.

And that sign "has a face and a name: the luminous face of the Mother of God, the holy name of Mary, full of grace, blessed because she believed in the word of the Lord."

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### Death of Maureen Power

With fond memories and in Thanksgiving to God for a life well lived, we farewelled Maureen Power on Friday.

Maureen was the longest service Catechist in the Archdiocese, a Sacrament Co-ordinator, a leader of Children's Liturgy of the Word, and in latter years, continued in a support role in our Children's Ministries.

Thank you Maureen.



# Pope Francis

## **Pope to Young People: Without Some Tensions in Life, We'd Be Living in a Cemetery.**

**Laments when he sees someone  
of 20 years go 'Into Retirement'**  
*Vatican City, August 07, 2015 (ZENIT.org)*

*Deborah Castellano Lubov |*

Pope Francis has encouraged young people to find the peace and joy that God gives us in the midst of life's difficulties.

Responding to the questions of young people this morning in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, the Holy Father called on them to welcome and search the true peace and joy God gives, and warned them from false feelings of peace or happiness, that come from 'the enemy.'

Pope Francis held a dialogue with young people from around the world this morning in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall. The young people are in Rome for the international conference of the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM), Aug. 4-10, on the occasion of its 100-year anniversary. More than 1,500 young people from about 38 national delegations, along with 600 Italian EYM families, were present, bringing the total number of attendees to about 2,000.

The EYM is an international movement of Christian formation for children and young people from the ages of 5 to 25 who seek to live following the example of Jesus. Started in France in 1915 as a "Eucharistic Crusade," EYM now is present

throughout the world and recognizes five different models to live out its education and spirituality. It is the second largest youth movement of the Catholic Church, with the first being the Catholic Scouts. The movement has more than 1.1 million young people around the world on five continents. It is the youth branch of the Apostleship of Prayer--the worldwide network of prayer that publishes the Pontiff's monthly prayer intentions--entrusted by the Church to the Society of Jesus.

During the audience, Pope Francis responded to six questions posed by young people of different ages, asked in their native languages. Translations of the questions were made available to the young people, so they could follow along. Francis, who already saw the questions, responded in Italian.

The Pope observed how questions asked focused on tensions and conflicts. The Argentine Pontiff noted that tensions and conflicts signify we are alive, otherwise, we would be living in 'a cemetery.'

"But what would it be if we think of a society, a family, a group of friends, without tensions and without conflicts? ... It would be a cemetery, because only in the dead things are there not tensions and conflicts." Where there is life, there is tension and conflict, he said, but by realizing this and seeking peace with God, we can surpass them.

"Conflicts," Francis noted, "do us good because they help us to un-

derstand differences and realize the importance of finding solutions. Tensions, he underscored, can help young people grow and develop courage, which is needed to face challenges.

"A young person without courage," he said, "is a wishy-washy young person, an 'old' young person! Sometimes I find myself wanting to say to the young people, don't go into retirement because there are young people that go into retirement at 20 years old."

He encouraged the young people to have dialogue whenever there are tensions, especially within the family, and to recognize the value of the elderly.

"Always visiting with the grandparents is a surprise. They always surprise us. They know how to listen and have a patience," Francis said, adding that "when they live in the house they even help to resolve the normal tensions in the family."

"Don't forget the grandparents, understand?" Francis urged, stressing they are the memory and wisdom of the people.

Before concluding, the Pope stressed that though there is much ugliness in the world and war, there is much beauty. "There are so many hidden saints among the People of God," he said, noting, "God is present. God is present, and there are so very many reasons to hope and to go forward. Be courageous, and go forward!"

## **Faith is a Defining Virtue of Mary (from Pg 1)**

Each member of the Church is also destined to share in the glory of Mary, their mother, because we also believe in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and, through baptism, have entered into the mystery of salvation, Francis said.

The Pope concluded by asking for Mary's intercession, so that

"while winding our way on this earth, she turn her merciful eyes upon us."

After leading pilgrims in the traditional Marian prayer, Pope Francis turned his thoughts to all those affected by Wednesday's chemical explosions in Tianjin, China.

Tearing through an industrial area where toxic chemicals and gas had been stored, the Aug. 12 explo-

sions were large enough to be picked up by space satellites, and have so far left 85 dead and more than 700 injured, according to reports.

"I assure my prayers for those who have lost their lives, and for all those suffering from this disaster; may the Lord give relief to them and support those committed to alleviating their suffering."



## Information Directory

### CatholicCare Family Help Line

1300 1300 52

### St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

### Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

### Catholic Church Marriage Tribunal

9390 5120

### Baptisms

**Preparation:** 1st Sundays 10am

**Presentation:** 2nd Sunday Masses

**Baptisms:** 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon or at Masses

### Marriages

Preferably 6 months notice

Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

## Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

**Adult Sacraments** Sr Elena

**CanCare** Fr John, Jenny, Maree

**Care of Sick & Aged** Sr Elena

**CCD in State Schools** Sue King

**Children's Sacraments** Fr John

**Cultural C'tee** Maria Barlow-Sawaszenko

**Ecumenical & Interfaith** John McGrath

Sr Pat Bowthorpe FMM

**Family Groups** Carole Price

**Finance C'tee** Michael Curran

**Justice & Peace** Fr Peter, Peter Jennings

**Liturgical Ministries** Fr John, Sr Elena

**Men's Club:** Arthur Kassiss, John Skinner, Mick Ward

**Pastoral Council** John Skinner, Paige Bullen

### PPC Committees:

- Communication/Engagement:

- Nurturing Liturgy: Paige Bullen

- Social Justice: Peter Jennings

- Spiritual Growth:

- Strong Community: Michael Ward

## Liturgical Timetable

**Mon—Fri:** Masses: 6.45 am, 9.00 am; Wednesday 7.00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration: 7.15-8.45am. Benediction: 8.45am

**Public Hols: Mass 9.00am**

**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); 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 4th Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

## We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen Power; Br Ed Becker FSC,

**Anniversaries:** Budawi Attie; Kathleen McInerney; Zabede Yamine; Caterina Arcuri; Mary Cunningham; Salvatore Buda; Racheda Semrany.

**Recently Ill:** .Owen Wall.;

## Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (247/8)**

Lea's Team

**Counters: Next Week (31/8)** Jim/

Lalo/Maree

**15/16 August**

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,880**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 5,106**

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,828

Credit Cards: \$ 1,278

**8/9 August**

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,615**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 5,683**

**MacKillop International:**

**\$ 2,934 05**

## Mass Texts: Sunday 20 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Proverbs 9:1-6

**Response:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 15-20

**Gospel:** John 6: 51-58

**Intercessions Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

## Mass Texts: Sunday 21 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

**Response:** .Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5:21-32

**Gospel:** John 6: 60-69.

**Intercession Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

## Sunday Mass Ministries: 21st & 22nd Sunday (Year B)

### Lectors/Commentators

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

	22/23 August	29/30 August	22/23 August	29/30 August	22/23 August	29/30 August
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Vanessa Penitani Paul Cloran Leila Walsh	Mary Leask Adrienne Harverson Yvonne Kearsey	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Liz Carnabuci Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	William Metlej Liz Buchel Jim Yeo Leila Walsh Margaret Dos Santos	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Marivic Murray Kerry Anne Pestan Pat O'Reilly	John Lizzio John Freeman Janice Schubach	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Anna De La Cruz	Mary Entriiken John Freeman Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	<b>ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL</b>	John McGrath Kath Walton Frank Wassef	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day	Joanne McGrath John McGrath Jennie Oesman Sue King	Michael Moreira Claude Walton Louis Walton Jacqueline Flett Nicholas Sourlas	Xavier Rego Naomi Rego Natasha Rego Olivia Moreira Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Theodore Bullen
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston	Ted Bain Italian Reader Terry Reyes	Adrienne Harverson Kate Johnston Frank Wassef Maria Wassef George Harb	Geoffrey Lean Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco Terry Reyes' Lope Reyes	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia John Dorrington	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera James Poonan
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>	Arthur Kassiss Robert Gascoigne	<b>YOUTH</b>	Jackie Kassiss Anthony Kassiss Alex Kassiss Thomas Hill Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek

# Parish Calendar 2015 & Coming Events

## Passionist Ministries & Activities

**Frs JohnP, George, Peter & JohnA** at St Brigid's.

**Fr Ron** at Nth Leichhardt

**Frs Lex & JohnP** marriages.

**Fr Jim** on mission, Terre Haute IN

**Fr Phil** on mission, Metairie LA

## Passionist Appointments

**Fr John Auram** has been assigned to Boroko in Port Moresby as Student Formator. He starts this assignment in early September.

**Br Erick Niyiragira** has been assigned to St Brigid's from early December following his ordination as a Deacon. During the year he will also be ordained a Priest.

## 2 Sept: Spirituality in the Pub Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Paddington RSL Club 7.30-9pm, 220-232 Oxford St. With Vashti Hughes, Tru Nguyen MSC, & Mohamed Taha. Moderator: Susan Eichorn. Donation entry. More info: Marea 0414 873 910

## 3 Sept: Faithworks @ St Joseph's Newtown (7-9pm)

A Forum on Valuing LGBTIQ Voices in the Catholic Church.

The Panel is: Melody Gardiner (Community Organiser); Sue and Les Mico (PFLAG); Fr Roy O'Neill MSC (Parish Priest) and Ben Oh (Co-convenor of Rainbow Catholics).

## 4 Sept: Men's Club

After a successful Souvlaki Night at Hamish's, we return to the Annexe for Sept at 7.30pm All men welcome. Food and refreshments available.

## 5 Sept: Spring Gardening

**Can you help us?** We want to finish the gardens for spring and summer and plant new stock. At front of Church from 9am.

## 14 Sept: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## 15 Sept: Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

## 15 Sept: Year 12 Graduation Mass (6pm) & Dinner

## 16 Sept: Registration for Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion

The next cycle of Sacraments starts this night for children in Year 2 and above.

Tonight is for parents only, to focus on how we go about preparation, and to register your child. Please bring a Baptism Certificate.

## Passing of Our Good Friends

This week we celebrated the passing of two of our good friends, Maureen Power, and Brother Ed Becker FSC.

Ed was President of our Vinnies Conference, and was greatly appreciated for his kindness and generosity.

He was often seen going out with food parcels during the day. Ed retired to Cronulla 3 years ago when the Brothers closed their monastery. He was 86 when he died.

Seven members of the parish attended his funeral at Castle Hill on Wednesday.

## RCIA: Adult Sacraments

Adults wishing to be Baptised or Confirmed or to be received into the Church are invited to contact Sr Elena ASAP.

Each year we have groups of Adults receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Preparation for Easter Sacraments is now about to start.

## In the Coming Months

Oct 17-18: Feast of St Paul of the Cross

Nov 8: Harmony Walk (Blacktown)

Nov 15: Centenary of the Opening of the Passionist Monastery.

Parish Celebration at 10.30am Mass and picnic to follow.

Nov 21: Diaconate Ordination of Erick Niyiragira CP (Melbourne)

Nov 21: Erection of the 2015 Crib

Nov 25: Memorial Mass (7pm)

Dec 3-5: Australian Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide

Dec 12: Carols on the Lawns.

## Advance Notice

## Moving Forward Together: Harmony Walk 2015

Sydney will host the 4th annual Harmony Walk – a celebration of Australia's national, ethnic and religious diversity.

It brings together people from all walks of life who strive for an inclusive society around the principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

It will be a fun day suitable for all the family, with multicultural food stalls, entertainment, and of course the walk itself.

The walk is free and suitable for people of all ages and abilities. You can register on the day, but registering beforehand is encouraged. Harmony Walk 2015:

## Sunday, 8 November 2015,

from 1-5 pm, at Blacktown Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. Bring the family and join in this wonderful Sydney celebration!

## St Brigid's & Marrickville Multifaith Roundtable

will once again lead local people on the walk. We encourage locals to travel by train, join us for the Walk In, and the Walk at the Showgrounds. Food and entertainment available.



## **Parish Calendar**

## August

## 22-23 21st Sunday of the Year

SB School Mass (9 am)

Seniors Club (2 pm)

Youth Mass (6 pm)

Teens Youth Group (7pm)

Young Adult Group (7pm)

25 Pastoral Council (7.30pm)

26 Abraham Conference (6-9)

27 Finance Council (7.30pm)

## 29-30 22nd Sunday of the Year

31 CP Provincial Council

## September

1-2 CP Provincial Council

4 Italian Mass (10.30am)

Men's Cub (7.30pm)

## 5-6 23rd Sunday of the Year

10 Clergy Day on Professional Standards