



# 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 16 Year A 22/23 July 2017

### WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT

People who are perfectionists get a great deal done. They show a marvellous attention to detail. But there's a shadow side to this. They may become workaholics, and be unable to relax, to stop and think, to stop and listen, to stop and talk, or simply to stop. Being high achievers themselves, they may expect too much, indeed may demand too much, of others. They may want others to be just like them, and may even pressure others to conform. In being like this they may, in fact, become their own worst enemies.

We may possibly know people who are so perfect and yet so locked up in themselves, that they have cut themselves off from others – not listening, not speaking, not caring, and not helping.

There may be something of a perfectionist mentality in us, especially about other people. Should we find ourselves dwelling on the flaws and faults of others, if we find ourselves wondering why they don't think and feel and act just like us, if we find ourselves saying with Henry Higgins, 'why can't a woman be more like a man?', if we find ourselves getting frustrated or annoyed by the weaknesses of others, we are possibly expecting too much of them. And we are possibly failing to respect the individual differences among us of experience, background, culture, character, personality and temperament.

Jesus in the Gospel today speaks to this situation. He speaks of that field in which the wheat his Father has sown is growing. But all through the field there is not only the wheat from the divine sower, but many weeds as well. Jesus is

telling us that not a single one of us is really perfect, that we too are mixtures of good and not so good. And so a husband cannot expect his wife to be all wheat with no weeds in her character, and vice versa. Neither can children expect absolute perfection from their parents, and vice versa.

If this is true of all human beings as individuals, it is true too of all human organizations, societies, and structures. Capitalism and socialism e.g. are not only different. They are also imperfect. In both systems weeds can be found as well as wheat.

The Church too is imperfect. The Second Vatican Council said that it is sinful as well as holy, and that it is 'always in need of reform' and renewal. Weeds were even found in the original Christian community that Luke tells us about in the Acts of the Apostles. While those first Christians in Jerusalem prayed together, shared their lives, shared their food and the rest of their goods and possessions, one couple named Ananias and Sapphira, were the exceptions. They wanted to keep things back for themselves.



Disciples around him were saying to Jesus: 'Let's root up all those weeds! Let's burn up those cities which won't welcome you! Let's put them right and show them who's boss! Let's have the kingdom now!' But Jesus says to them in effect: 'Wait! Let God be God! Let the wheat and the weeds exist for now side by side! Wait till God is ready to start the harvest and sort things out!' Be like God, be patient, and wait!

This suggests that our basic first response to the weaknesses and failings of others is meant to be understanding, compassion, gentleness, patience, and respect. St Francis de Sales used to say that more flies are caught with a spoonful of honey than a

# Calendar

## JULY 2017

22/23 **Sunday 16 Year A**  
**Marriage Sunday**  
**Bible Sunday**  
 Baptisms: 12 noon

29/30 **Sunday 17 Year A**  
 29 Our Lady of Snows: 11.30am  
 San Lupo :1.00pm

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## AUGUST 2017

5/6 **Transfiguration**  
**Vocations Awareness Week begins**  
 CWF Appeal (1)  
 Baptism Preparation: 10.00am

8 **St Mary of the Cross at 9.00am**

11 Young Adults: 8pm in Annexe

12/13 **Sunday 19 Year A**  
**Vocations Awareness Week ends**

15 Feast of the Assumption

19/20 **Sunday 20 Year A**  
 Baptisms: 12 noon

22 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm

24 Finance Committee: 7.30pm

barrel full of vinegar.

Jesus, however, did not say that things should always stay the way they are. No, he speaks of growth, and therefore about change, and about the power to change that God puts in the wheat that God has sown. So, through the power of God a person who is lost and confused can find meaning and purpose. A smoker can stop smoking. A drinker can stop drinking. A mean person can become a generous one. A sex addict can become chaste. A narrow mind can expand. A fault-finder can become an affirmer and supporter. A racist person can become a welcoming and befriending one. And if we ourselves are sick and tired of the way we have been living, we too can change direction.

In fact we are not to let the weeds in us choke the wheat. We are to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. And yet despite all our best efforts, the reality is that both we and they will remain a mixture of wheat and weeds till God is ready to reap the harvest. So we must be like that little koala in a poster who keeps saying, 'Be patient with me, for God hasn't finished with me yet!'

For the amazing grace of God for ourselves and others, that we might accept the things we cannot change, and change the things we can, let us pray to the Lord of the harvest, during the rest of our Eucharist together today!

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## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SUNDAY 2017

This weekend in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday when we remember, honour and pray for all marriages and families. This year we reflect on the importance of knowing ourselves through contemplating Christ. A brochure on this theme, **"Know Yourself: How to Prepare for and Live Marriage Well"**, has been prepared for the occasion and is available on the table near the main door. Please take a copy to read and pass on to others.

## BON VOYAGE, FR ERICK CP!

Fr Erick CP, together with his younger brother, is now on his way to visit his homeland of BURUNDI, for the first time since he left at the age of five years. They will also visit TANZANIA, where they lived for twelve years before coming to Australia when they were 17 and 12 years old. We wish them a very safe trip on what will no doubt be a very emotional journey, and look forward to their return in late August.



## THANKS RON

During the week members of our Marrickville St Vincent de Paul Conference gathered over a meal to thank Ron Maroun for his leadership of the conference for the past seven years and his membership of fifteen years. The parish also thanks you and your family for your dedication and generosity in your work and leadership of our very busy group of volunteers. Congratulations for a job well done. We also wish Jonathan Harverson every blessing as he takes on the position of chairman from Ron.

## GRAND OPENING—GIFT OF BREAD OUTREACH

THIS Sunday 23 July 2017: 10.00am to 2.00pm

(rear of Shrubland Hall behind St Brigid's Church).  
 BBQ + SALADS + DRINKS + ENTERTAINMENT Featuring Richard (Big Rich) Barakat  
 We are deeply grateful to St Brigid's Parish, Marrickville and the Passionist Community for providing facilities for the Gift of Bread in the outbuilding behind Shrubland Hall and to the St Vincent de Paul Society for graciously allowing us to share their 'Vinnies Room'.

## CENTENARY CROSS

In 2015 the Parish celebrated 100 years since the Passionists took possession of Shrubland Estate and opened the new monastery. At the time the Pastoral & Finance Councils decided to commission a large Celtic Cross to be built in the Church forecourt to remember all who

## 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 Sun-  
days at 12 noon

### Marriages

Preferably 6 months notice  
Contact: Parish Secretary  
8577 5670

### Pastoral Ministry Con- tacts:

**Adult Sacraments** Sr  
Elena

**Care of Sick & Aged** Sr  
Elena

**CCD in State Schools**  
Sue King

**Children's Sacraments**  
Sr Elenita

**Cultural Committee  
Chair**

George Harb

**Ecumenical & Interfaith  
Co-chairs** John

McGrath, Pat Bowthorpe  
FMM

**Family Groups Contact**  
Adrienne and John

Harverson

**Acting Finance C'tee  
Chair**

Mary Leask

**Justice & Peace Network  
Chair** Peter Jennings

**Liturgical Ministries** Fr  
Tim, Sr Elena

**Men's Club Co-chairs:**  
Arthur Kassis, John Skin-  
ner, Mick Ward

**Pastoral Council Co-  
chairs** Paige Bullen, Peter  
Jennings, .

had walked on this land, from the Aboriginal peoples, to the migrant peoples from early days, to us who are here today. On advice of the builders, we decided on a granite cross, as it was thought a sandstone cross would not last forever. Now in July 2017, the Centenary Cross has come to birth. Over the next week or so the cross will be erected in the forecourt of our church grounds..

### PLANNED GIVING—WEEKLY ENVELOPES 2017/2018

Please be sure to use only 2017-2018 envelopes and destroy any earlier envelopes.

Also available for collection are : Planned Giving receipts 1/7/2016 to 31/12 2016 together with those for CWF Appeal 2016/2017 and Project Compassion 2017 .

**They will remain in the church until the end of July, after which time they will be available for collection from the Parish Office.**

### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed by donating to the appeal last week-end. Special envelopes are still available in the church this weekend for your gift if you did not do so last weekend.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 7-9 December 2017

It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day!

Already 13,000 have enrolled, and we, as a parish, hopefully will be well represented. There are lots of ways to be involved, including providing accommodation for up to 30 young members of our Passionist parishes throughout Australia. *Can you help us with accommodation for a few nights?*

### NEW SINGERS WELCOME!

**For Sunday 10.30am Mass**—if you have a reasonable ear for music and enjoy singing at Mass, why not come along and join us? For further information, please pop upstairs to the choir loft before or after mass and see Mary or Terry.

## We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** .; Annamaria Visintin; Sean O'Connor; Cecilia Nadile; Elizabeth Rankin; Sr Maria Sabarina De Sienna;

**Anniversaries:** ..George Elia; Chris Lane; Helen Buchel; Ibrahim Yammine; Roger Bugeja; Sou Van Dinh; Giuseppina Cappadona; Amanda Archinal; Gregory Devlin; Maria T.K Trang Hoang; Sr Frances Bartley SGS; Nguyen Van Hung; Dominic Nguyen Van Ai;

**For our Sick:** Lily Sterling; Richard Gonsalves; Maria Guilfoyle; Clare Fuller;.

### Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (24/7):**  
**Lea's Team**

**Counters Next Week (31/7):**  
**Jim/Lalo/Maree**

#### 15/16 July1.

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,995**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,325**

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,117  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,208

#### 8/9 July

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,775**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 3,972**

### Mass Texts: Sunday 16 Year A

**First Reading:** Wisdom 12: 13. 16-19

**Response:** .O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 26-27

**Gospel:** Matthew 13: 24-43

**Intercessions Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

### Mass Texts: Sunday 17 Yr A

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 3: 5. 7-12

**Response:** ..Lord, how I love your law!

**Second Reading:** Romans 8: 28-30

**Gospel:** Matthew 13: 44-52

**Intercessions Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

### **PASSIONIST COMPANIONS RETREAT**

**Where?** -The Carmelite Retreat Centre, Varroville, Campbelltown.

**When?** – Friday evening 1 Sept until after lunch on Sunday 3 September 2017.

**A time of Reflection and Meditation.**

**Enquiries:** Carole at capearlwood@yahoo.com.au . OR the Parish Office

### **“THEOLOGY ON TAP”**

**When:** Monday August 7th at 6.30pm,

**Where:** The Rose Hotel (52-54 Cleveland St)

Sponsored by Notre Dame Chaplaincy.

<http://www.facebook.com/Theology-on-Tap-127369587336998>

### **“CAMELOT “ MUSICAL**

Presented by Artes Christi with cast and live orchestra of over 75 people, it brings to life the pageantry, romance and intrigue of King Arthur’s Court. This production is proudly supporting EPHPHETA, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people.

**When:** 18-20 August 2017 **Where:** Seymour Centre

**Cost:** \$40.00/\$35.00 for groups of 7 and over.

**To book:** 9351 7940 OR [www.camelot2017.com](http://www.camelot2017.com)

### **SYDNEY RUNNING FESTIVAL—17 September 2017**

*The only day of the year the Harbour Bridge closes for a running festival!*

This year, for the first time, Asylum Seekers Centre has joined as an official Charity Partner with Blackmore’s

Sydney Running Festival. This will be a great opportunity to increase the Centre’s profile and raise awareness of the work it does. You can raise funds for the Centre by registering to run at [www.sydneyrunningfestival.com.au](http://www.sydneyrunningfestival.com.au) and marking Asylum Seekers Centre as your charity OR you could register as a volunteer marshal at Hyde Park, Oxford and Flinders Sts. . Phone Danijela on 9078 1953.

**[danijela.spadina@sylumseekerscentre.org.au](mailto:danijela.spadina@sylumseekerscentre.org.au)**

A great way to spend a Sunday in Spring & support the Asylum Seekers Centre!

### **Liturgical Timetable**

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

**Public Hols: Mass 9.00am**

**Saturday:** Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am & 4-4.45pm; Marriages 10-3 pm;

Mass: 5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)

**Sunday:** Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual); 4.30pm (Vietnamese); 6pm

### **Ministry of Support to Aged and Infirm**

**Mass** is celebrated monthly in all the Aged Care facilities in Marrickville.

**Communion** is taken to sick residents in Aged Care facilities & in their homes on a weekly basis, by Ministers 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.

### **Lectors/Commentators**

### **Communion Ministers**

### **Altar Servers**

	22/23 July	29/30 July	22/23 July	29/30 July	22/23 July	29/30 Juli
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Gabriella Bietola Paul Cloran Leila Walsh	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	William Metlej Leila Walsh Margaret Dos Santos Jim Yeo	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
<b>7.30 Sun</b>	Pat O'Reilly Carolann Ibbotson	John Freeman Janice Schubach	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach	Mary Entriaken John Freeman	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL: Year 4	John McGrath Kath Walton	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day Judith Flett Teachers	Jennie Oesman Jessica Hartany Sue King Peter Jennings		
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Kate Johnson Italian Reader Mely Siasat	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine	Kate Johnston George Harb Mely Siasat Italian Ministers	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco Terry Reyes Lope Reyes	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	YOUTH Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Nathan Harverson Naomi Rego	Ackie Kassis Tony Hayek Thomas Hill Alex Kassis Anthony Kassis	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek