



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 23 in Ordinary Time - Year B

HEALING OUR HANDICAPS AND WOUNDS

Every time we find ourselves listening to the stories of God at Mass, we need to ask ourselves two questions: 1. "Where am I in the story?" 2. "Where are we in the story?" Let's apply that now in the story we hear today about Jesus' healing of a handicapped man, handicapped by being both deaf and dumb.

Our first response to the story might be: "Well, I'm not deaf and I'm not dumb. I'm not handicapped. Or if I am, not much!. So, what's the story got to do with me?" The fact is, we've all got limitations, we've all got handicaps, and we've all got wounds. Just because ours are not as obvious as that of the man in the gospels, doesn't make them any less real.

In one way or another we are all wounded and hurting. We see this in husbands who take refuge in work, we see it in wives who are wounded by lack of attention from their husbands. We see it in parents who are fighting with one another or with their children. We see it in children who are not getting the love they need, or are feeling smothered by "helicopter parents" hovering too close.

Some people carry deep wounds from bad experiences as a child. Others are wounded by sickness, or the death of a loved one. Some are wounded by the infidelity of a partner, or by not being able to accept themselves as they are. Some are wounded by failures at work or in relationships. Others are wounded by being unable to forgive or forget. Some are wounded by rejection.

Some of us are more wounded than others. But the deepest wounds may be those not visible to the eye. Inside each of us may be a whole hidden world of suffering.

With some people their inner wounds have driven them to drugs, drink, depression or pornography, or a combination of all these. In others their inner wounds have led to a compulsion to prove

themselves, to appear successful, to win, to dominate, to show off and even perhaps to an obsession with helping others—to act out a kind of "messiah complex".

On the road to healing, the first step is to own that we are wounded and hurting. Counselling with a caring therapist or even deep conversations with a trusted friend, may help.

But no matter what our wounds are, what needs healing most of all is our heart, our mental and emotional outlook. If only our heart could change we could move on and give so much more to our relationships. But as a result of especially painful experience, the heart is often left empty, cold and unwelcoming, hard and unyielding, and weighed down with worry and anxiety. Maybe we even find ourselves suffering from a broken heart?

We should not be surprised by any of this. It means simply that we are human beings, who have hearts of flesh, not hearts of stone. Just the same, our wounded hearts ache to be relieved and healed, so that we can find freedom and deliverance, love and peace, joy and contentment.

The miracle Jesus did on the deaf and dumb man reminds us that hearing is a precious gift. But it is only with the heart, a heart like the heart of Jesus, that we can hear what is hurting other most of all. The cry of someone in need may reach our ears, but if it does not touch our heart we will not feel that person's pain and we will not do anything about it. The miracle that Jesus worked reminds us too that the gift of speech is a precious gift. But if we do not speak our words from the heart, they will be empty, hollow, and a waste of time.

In touching the ears and tongue of the handicapped man, Jesus also touched his wounded heart. More than anything else it was that touch which made him a different person, a new man in fact. That was the real miracle. It's the same for us. So, for the healing of our wounded, damaged or broken

hearts, we must look to Jesus, just as Pope Francis has recently advised:

If there are times when you experience sadness, depression, negative feelings, I would ask you to look at Christ crucified. Look at his face. He sees us; in his eyes there is a place for us. We can all bring to Christ our wounds, our pain, our sins. In his wounds, there is a place for our wounds. There they can be soothed, washed clean, changed and healed. He died for us, for me, so that he could stretch out his hand and lift us up.

We must also be ready to look to other human beings, persons who can and will put us on the road to recovery. In this great work, we can experience them as agents of Jesus—the greatest and best healer there has ever been—of wounded, handicapped, and broken people—of people like us, you and me.

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
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Child Protection Sunday—9 September 2018

As we mark the end of National Child Protection Week today, please encourage your children to take a postcard home. They are located at the main doors of the church. The children can then write the name of their three trusted adults on the card.

[See details on page opposite.](#)

Congratulations!

To Annaliese Roehrig from Casimir Catholic College who last Friday at St Mary's Cathedral received 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 and the way in which they give witness to Christian values in the faith life of their school. A wonderful achievement!

Catechists' Mass—St Mary's Cathedral

ALL Catechists are warmly invited to attend the Annual Archdiocesan Mass on Sunday 23 September 2018 at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea in the Cathedral College School Hall.

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.

Bible Study

"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"

A four week study about Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Presented by Deacon Louis Azopardi and Fr John Ssemaganda.

Where: St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill, Parish Hall. When: Commencing Wednesday 19 September 2018, 7.30-9.00pm

Pilgrimage Walk: 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

"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: verbum-deisdney@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 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 OR
Rosa: 0408 161 240.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend journey of spiritual healing to help women and men overcome the painful effects of an abortion experience—renew, rebuild in a safe, confidential and non-judgmental environment with trained spiritual counsellors. The last retreat for this year will be on 16-18 November.

Further details: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555

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 OR www.palms.org.au

"Rest in the Heart of God, in a silence of faith and love."

St Paul of the Cross



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
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 (10/9): Jim's Team
Next Week(17/9): Lea's Team

2/9/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,760
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,463
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,325
Credit Cards: \$ 1,138

26/8/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,905
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,277

Child Protection Sunday

"Someone Will Listen to You"

*"If you feel scared, curious, embarrassed,
sad or worried*

*Tell an adult you trust—a parent, aunty,
teacher or an older sister or brother
so they can help you.*

*You can also ring the Kids Help Line
on 1800 551 800
any time of the day or night"*

The above words are the text of the
"Someone Will Listen To You" postcards available
from the stand at the main doors of the church.

On the Noticeboard you will see
the Safeguarding Poster .

These resources have been prepared by the
Archdiocesan Safeguarding and Ministerial
Integrity Office.

We thank all those, especially children and young
people, who have been involved in the development of
these resources.

Lord,

we pray for our children.

*May they be safe in families, schools and
church, and have a voice that is heard.*

*May they grow into faithful and loving adults
who know that they are deeply loved.*

AMEN

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Denis Wemyss.

Anniversaries: Audrey Pember; Delia Edwards; Maria Joo Lan Tan; Kieren Basic; Kenneth Suter; Monica Nguyen Thi Yen; Eileen Blackall; Hend El-Daher; William Warrello; Peter Semrany; Kelvin Sullivan; Peggy Barrett; Leslie Hogan; Anna May Matthews; Gregory Hill; Jeremiah Mahony; Carmela De Bono; Marie Harkness.

Carrying Severe Illness: Mary Harb; Lucja Suter.

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.

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

Mass Texts: Sunday 24 (Yr B)

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9
Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
Second Reading: James 2: 14-18
Gospel: Mark 8 : 27-35
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Why not be involved?

"As we continue our parish journey of preparing for the Plenary Council, Lord grant us the courage to speak boldly and to listen humbly and with an open heart to what the Spirit wants for the Church"
Lord hear us



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

<http://plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org>

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

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

8/9 Sunday 23 in ordinary Time

13 Finance Committee: 7.30pm

15/16 Sunday 24 in Ordinary Time

22/23 Sunday 25 in Ordinary Time

23 Youth Group: Sunday 7pm in Hall
Young Adults: Sunday 7pm in Annexe
Catechists' Mass: Cathedral at 2.00pm

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

Social Justice Sunday

OCTOBER

1 Public Holiday Mass only: 9.00am

6/7 Sunday 27 in Ordinary Time

Baptism Preparation: 10.00am in Annexe

10 Re-Opening of Minehan Court, Block D

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 23 & Sunday 24 Year B

	8/9 September	15/16 September	8/9 September	15/16 September	8/9 September	15/16 September
5 pm Sat	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Luke Nguyen Jade Picknell	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Luke Nguyen Jade Picknell
7.30am Sun	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Margaret Barrett	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	John Freeman Maria Mansour Mary Entriiken Susie Houssarini	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John McGrath Sue King	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa
10.30 am Sun	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Italian reader George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine	Terry Teyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito Maria Barlow	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun
6 pm Sun	TEEN GROUP		TEEN GROUP	Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Tony Hayek Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin