



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 24 in Ordinary Time - Year B

PERSONAL Vs. SECOND-HAND FAITH

There are two kinds of faith. The first is inherited faith. This is the faith that comes from ancestors, our forefathers and foremothers. More immediately it is the faith practised and passed on by parents. The second kind of faith is a personal faith. It is the faith of those who, helped by the 'amazing grace' of God, believe because of their own reasoning and reflection. There are gains and losses to be had with each kind.

Those who inherit their faith have the advantage that they are not easily tempted to doubt or denial. Even when confronted with attractive arguments against what they believe, their faith stays strong. This is because of their strong family traditions about it, and because it has never been part of them to analyse what they believe. But they also have a disadvantage. They have not thought enough about their faith. It is more a habit and a routine than a matter of personal conviction. So too they find it hard to put into words just what they believe or live what they believe. It's not yet a big part of their personal identity. Until it is, they may be more cultural than convinced Christians.

Those with a personal faith have this particular advantage. They have discovered God for themselves. They have reached their convictions with their own minds. But they too have a disadvantage. What they believe can be shaken by arguments to the contrary, and when that happens they may be tempted to ditch their faith, to toss it completely overboard. For them to keep on believing, their faith has to be grounded in something more than themselves and their own thought processes.

The best kind of faith is a mixture of both inherited and personal faith. While affirming and valuing what has been passed down to them, such believers also count on their capacity to question the origin and meaning of what they believe, to think

things out for themselves, and to conclude that their personal beliefs are solidly-based, meaningful and helpful.

It's just not enough to say, 'My family has been Christian. My parents are believers.' Because an inherited faith is a second-hand faith! Every generation has to own and personalise the faith that has been passed on. It has been said that some churchgoers are little better than baptised pagans. That's unduly harsh. But just the same, we see some glum and tired, bored and indifferent faces in church, the faces of people who come late and leave early. Words of the 19th century philosopher Frederick Nietzsche come to mind in their regard: 'Christians should look more redeemed.'

It's important for us to come up with our own answers, and to be able to state our beliefs and values as Christians. It is not sufficient to repeat the official answers and state the official formulas, such as 'consubstantial with the Father'. For faith to be alive and influential in our lives, we have to make inherited faith our personal faith. What our family believes is not ours until we are walking the journey of faith ourselves, and 'walking the walk, not just talking the talk', as the rappers put it. The more convinced believers we have in the Church, the more it is founded on rock, not on sand.

The questions Jesus asked his apostles today are the most important in the whole gospel. First he asks: 'Who do other people say I am?' The answers they give him were way off the mark. Then he turns to them and asks: 'And you, who do you say I am?' Peter speaks up for the group, 'You are the Christ.' He says, 'you are the Messiah, the Saviour'.

Peter got Jesus right. Jesus was and still is the Messiah. But he did not get Jesus fully and perfectly right. He did not know or accept that Jesus would be a suffering Messiah, not a military and political leader. That was something he had to learn, and learn the hard way.

What Peter did get right were his words as far as they went. But when he came to acting on his faith, he failed. His lowest point was when he denied that he ever knew Jesus. This shows that we need God's grace, not only to profess our faith in words, but also to live it, to practise it, and especially if or when we find ourselves under pressure. In fact, in asking us what do we think of him, Jesus also implies that additional question: 'So, what are you going to do about it?'

So, for the great grace of an active and practical faith, let us pray to the Lord, both for ourselves personally, and for one another!

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
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Catechists' Mass—St Mary's Cathedral

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

Bible Study

"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"

St Paul of the Cross, Dulwich Hill, Parish Hall, over four Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.00pm Commencing NEXT Wednesday, 19 September.

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.

Pilgrimage Walk 2018

NEXT 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-deisydney@gmail.com.

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

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.

RISE 30 Day Challenge

Commencing 17 September 2018

Brothers, do you want tomorrow to be better than today? The RISE 30 day Challenge will give you the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. Journey with men all over the world. menriseup.org/p/Australia

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

St Mary's Cathedral on 7 October 2018 at 2.00pm, join the Dean to pray the HOLY ROSARY. Prayer intentions will be: the Family, the Rekindling of Faith and the Sanctification of the Church and Clergy. Prayer will be joined with the prayers of thousands around Australia and the World as part of the "OzRosary" and the "Global Rosary" Projects.

Catholics for Renewal

September Newsletter including editorial on Bishops' Response to the Royal Commission, paper by David Timbs on "Priest shortage" and an open letter to Pope Francis on "the Pope as a Game Changer". www.catholicsforrenewal.org.au

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

For your Diary.....

"Voices for Justice": 1-4 December 2018 in Canberra

Organised by Micah Australia and supported by Act for Peace. Gather with hundreds of Christians to lobby MPs and senators on the importance of rebuilding Australian aid to world's poor and vulnerable. Registrations now open. 1800 025 101 OR info@actforpeace.org.au.



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 (17/9): Lea's team
Next Week(24/9): Jim/Lalo/Maree

9/9/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,000
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,650
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,512
Credit Cards: \$ 1,138

2/9/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,760
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,463

**Calling ALL Youth, Musicians,
Parishioners and Priests**

MASTERCLASS
**"Running a Successful
Catholic Youth Mass"**

Sunday 7 October 2018
1.30-6.00pm

(followed by Youth Mass)

at

Parish of Our Lady of the Way, North Sydney

Presented by: Michael Paton,
Graduate of Sydney Conservatorium of Music
Composer, teacher, and currently Youth and
Music Minister at North Sydney

Topics:

The Importance of Music in the Liturgy
Practical techniques to effect real change
Ways to highlight the beauty of the Liturgy
to young people
Youth Mass in Action
(Light Supper Included)

Register Online: parish2020.com/register

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Louis Rego.

Anniversaries: Maria Bep Thi Vo; Catherine O'Connor; Maria Nguyen Thi Tin; Helen Roach; Gillian Sofatzis; Letizia Tesoriero; Douglas Ferguson; Pavlovic Jacob; Jose Luis Da Costa; Kathleen & John Parry; David Schembri; Lola Trethowan; Joseph Trong Quoc Pham; Catherine O'Sullivan

Carrying Severe Illness: Fr Petrus Baruwake CP; Mary Harb; Lucja Suter.

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

Mass Texts: Sunday 25 (Yr B)

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12. 17-20
Response: The Lord upholds my life, give praise to his name!
Second Reading: James 3: 16—4: 3
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37
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?

"May our preparation towards the Plenary Council in 2020 renew and strengthen our Parish Community as we discern together the question,

What is God 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

15/16 Sunday 24 in Ordinary Time

16 Dulwich Hill Fair : 10am-4.00pm

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
Parish Maintenance Committee: 7.15pm

13/14 Sunday 28 in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 24 & Sunday 25 Year B

	15/16 September	22/23 September	15/16 September	22/23 September	15/16 September	22/23 September
5 pm Sat	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Gabriella Bietola Paul Cloran	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelly Hopper	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	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Margaret Barrett	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	John Freeman Maria Mansour Mary Enriken Susie Houssarini	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubbach Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings		Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day Judith Flett	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa
10.30 am Sun	Maria Barlow Italian reader George Harb	Mely Siasat' Kate Johnston Italian Reader	Terry Teyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito Maria Barlow	George Harb Mely Siasat	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun
6 pm Sun		YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Tony Hayek Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	YOUTH	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin