



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Sunday 12 (Yr.A)

LETTING GO AND LETTING GOD

Have you ever become involved in a project that you thought was worthwhile, and one that would benefit others? Then, having starting it, you realize that your involvement was getting out of control? The hours you put in, the interruptions to your usual routine, the energy and concentration required, have all been eating too much into your time. So much so that's there's simply no 'me-time' left. So you begin telling yourself and hearing from friends: 'Your project is starting to take over your whole life!'

Or else, have your efforts to do good in your local community and make a positive difference, been stirring up opposition from some group or other, that is absolutely determined to keep things just the way they are? 'Don't rock the boat,' they keep warning you. 'Don't try to do anything different.' 'Don't start anything new.'

'Back off now!' But it's too late to back off, cost what it may, so convinced are you of the value of what you are doing.

If you can identify with any part of what I've been saying, then the prophet Jeremiah in the First Reading today is your patron saint, the first of many people moaning and groaning to God about the rotten time they've been having for all their efforts. Now in temperament, Jeremiah was a gentle soul. When God first called him to be a spokesperson for God, he protested that he was too young for the job (1:4-10). But God told him not to be afraid and promised to be with him and deliver him from his fears and doubts. In his current situation, as

described in the Reading, he's going to need that deliverance, because even his friends have ganged up on him, and been giving him a rough time.

Jeremiah has done what God asked him to do. He has accused his people of turning away from God by entering into shady and shaky political alliances with their enemies. For this Jeremiah has predicted doom and gloom. But so far there has been none. So his hearers have mocked and jeered at him, belted him up, and even put him in prison. On his release, he feels compelled to let God know how angry he is with God for all

the rotten things he had endured. On the other hand, he has also felt compelled to keep warning people about their need to change their ways in order to avoid the catastrophe that's definitely looming.

Can you and I identify with Jeremiah? Do we ever feel like shaking our fists at God and shouting, 'How could you let me

get into this mess?' But there is more to the story of Jeremiah than his moans and groans. In that part of his story we've been hearing today, Jeremiah changes his tune. He thanks God that in all his troubles he has experienced God right by his side, has experienced God as his hero and champion providing maximum support. So while the prophet is in solidarity with us in our moans and groans, disappointments and complaints, he is also urging us to keep trusting God. No matter what we have to do and what we have to endure in our lives, God will never abandon us, and will keep staying right beside us.

In our Gospel reading today Jesus is just as encouraging. Don't be afraid, he says. Don't be frightened even of



Calendar

JUNE 2017

- 24/25 **Sunday 12 Year A**
 24 PFGM Trivia Night: Hall: 6.00pm
 25 **CONFIRMATION: 2.00pm**
 Baptisms: 12 noon
 Youth Mass: 6.00pm
 Youth: Hall at 7.00pm
 Young Adults: Annexe at 7.00pm
 27 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm
 30 Term 2 ends

JULY 2017

- 1/2 **Sunday 13 Year A**
 Aboriginal & Torres Strait
 Islander Sunday
 Holy Father's Appeal
 Baptism Preparation: 10.30am
 8/9 **Sunday 14 Year A**
 Apostleship of the Sea
 15/16 **Sunday 15 Year A**
 Catholic Mission Appeal
 Baptisms: 12 noon
 17 Term 3 commences
 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
 30 Our Lady of Snows: 1.30pm

those who might murder you. For they cannot kill your soul, they cannot break your spirit. When all is said and done, the only fate to fear is ending up in hell. (Jesus interpreted hell as being like 'Gehenna', literally that big rubbish dump to the south-west of Jerusalem, where fires raged continually).

Jesus is telling his followers – ourselves included – that they will face opposition, just like he did. It will come from even saying that we are Christians, people for Jesus. It will come from being Jesus' kind of people. It will come from walking in his footsteps, telling his truths, sharing his wisdom, and living his values and teachings.

But Jesus assures us that God will never stop taking care of us. Jesus also assures us that God is going to reward us for all our efforts to stay faithful to Jesus, no matter what ridicule, mockery and nastiness other persons might dump on us. After all, if God cares even for two sparrows that can be bought for a coin in the market, how much more caring will God be of those persons who keep following Jesus his Son as closely as they pos-

sibly can?

God is so aware of us, so much in love with us, and so much on our side, in fact, that he has counted every hair on our heads. We can trust, then, that on the Day of Judgment Jesus will be acknowledging us and praising us before God. We can trust that he will be reminding God of just how loyal and true we have been to Jesus, and of just how hard we have tried to live as wise and faithful servants of Jesus, even if we have sometimes messed up.

Alexander Micallef, Alexander Moreira, Eliza Skinner
 Alisha Mafi, Anita Lagarto, Annabel Thomson
 Ashlee Cha-Cha, Brianna Howell, Jameson Howell
 Damian Azevedo, Dhylan Nassif, Eliza Pasfield
 Ema Jazbec, Emily Alvars, Emily Giang, Gabriella Lopes
 Isabella Da Silva, Jake Peralta, James Nunes-Malek
 Juliette Triccas, Katherine Almeida, Laura Nolan
 Ledia Gzifa Ekoue, Leilani Melody Kama, Logan Teixeira
 Luke Santos, Nisefolo Gabriel Kama, Pauline Massih
 Phoenix Vu, Rhianna Blake, Sasha Dennise Rances
 Sophia Tran, Tomas Ferreira da Gama, William Parsonage
 And Maya Gomes Almeida

We are to live in hope, then, are we not? We are to stop worrying, are we not? We are to let go and let God, are we not?
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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This weekend we welcome Bishop Terry Brady among us as he comes to administer the third Sacrament of Initiation—Confirmation. Thanks to all who helped in the preparation of our children: Sr Elenita, Trish Ferguson, Mary Ters and Amanda Stephens.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES (PLANNED GIVING)

NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES FOR 2017-2018 are available for collection from the table at the main doors of the church this weekend. These will commence use from NEXT weekend, 1-2 July 2017.

Envelope receipts are available for **1/7/2016 to 31/12 2016 together with those for CWF Appeal 2016/2017 and Project Compassion 2017**.

FAREWELL

During the week two of our involved parishioners were remembered at funeral masses, **Deidre Howell** and **Denis Haberman**. May the Lord hold them close. RIP

"PILLOWCASES FOR VIETNAM"

"Many thanks to you all for your ongoing generous support of our pilgrimages to Cambodia and Vietnam. Thanks to a donation for our Vietnamese Community, we have a number of pillowcases we can sell, with all the money going to the Mai Tam Centre (<http://www.maitamhouseofhope.com/home>). The Mai Tam Centre takes in abandoned children who have been born

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

Marriages

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

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 Skinner, Mick Ward

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

HIV+. It feeds them, educates them and mediates them, as well as trying to relocate them back to their mothers(with appropriate support). In addition, they also have some cottage industries to give the mothers some financial independence. They also provide hospice care for those in the terminal stage of illness, mostly adults. They have graciously welcomed us in our 2014 and 2016 pilgrimages. **We will be selling these pillowcases after Masses on Sunday 9 July 2017."**
Many thanks

Fr Peter Gardiner CP

HEALING MASS

Friday 7 July at 8.00pm at St Joseph's Enfield. Rosary from 7.00pm. Celebrant: Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD

MARY MACKILLOP NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE 2017

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. Cost Ex Sydney: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement: \$610.00 For further information: Sr Therese Leydon on 8912 4845 OR Sr Annie Bond on 8912 4818 OR

MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2017

Sydney : 7-9 December 2017

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

Already 11,00 have enrolled. And we as a parish hopefully will be well represented. There are lots of ways to be involved and we as a parish have been asked to billet –find accommodation for up to 30 young members of our other Passionist parishes throughout Australia.

PALMS AUSTRALIA—VOLUNTEERS WANTED

During 2017 Palms is supporting volunteers on mission in Timor Leste, Samoa, South Africa, PNG, Kenya & Thailand. More volunteers are needed for all these places. If you would prefer a volunteer opportunity locally, invaluable assistance can be provided in the Palms office at Petersham. Enquiries: Roger on 9560 5333.

We Remember

Recently Deceased: .Deidre Howell; Denis Habermann; Rosa Agostinho; John Cristovao; Hazel Boorman

Anniversaries: ..; Phyllis McGuckin; John & Ada Wood; John Ward; Alexandre Santos; Jose Andrade; Rosalia De Zamora; Ned Eid; Josephine Kilmartin; Jose Carvalho; Fr Stephen Sleeth CP; Fr Bernard Kenney CP

For our Sick: Fr Jacob Kuman CP; Fr Julio Aco; Meryll Mascurine; Richard Gonsalves; Maria Guilfoyle; Clare Fuller; Kevin & Barbara Smith; John & Mary Matthews;.

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (26/6):
Lea's Team

Counters Next Week (3/7): Jim;
Lalo; Maree

10/11 June

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,830

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,472

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,227
Credit Cards: \$ 1,245

17/18 June

1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,265

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,535

Mass Texts: Sunday 12 Year A

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Response: .In your great love, answer me, O God.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 13 Yr A

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11. 14-16

Response: I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11

Gospel: Matt 10: 37-42

Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

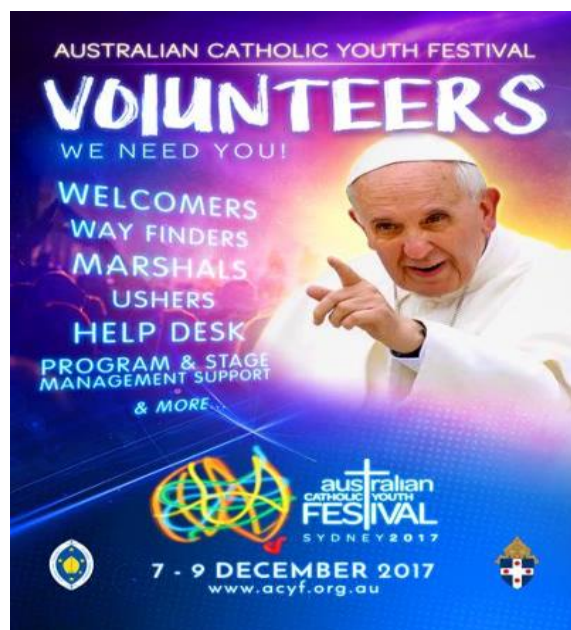
EREMOS—WINTER RETREAT DAY

"Home is our place of origin and our place of arrival"

Saturday 29 July 2017, 10am to 4.00pm at Canisius Centre for Ignatian Spirituality, 102 Mona Vale Rd, Pymble. Led by the Eremos Retreat Team.

A welcoming space for to consider some ways to understand and take to heart our various experiences of leaving home, the spiritual journey we travel, and our times of turning for home. Personal reflection, company in thoughtful conversation, a Labyrinth walk and silent meditation.

Fully catered buffet lunch and morning tea included
Cost: \$75, \$10 less for concession.



Pastoral Ministers for the Mission of the Church.

Have you thought of being a priest or a religious or a lay pastoral minister? May be a short term lay missionary?

Have you considered that you might be the right person to be a leader or minister in the Church in the years ahead?

Don't be afraid to speak to one of the parish team!

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

	24/25 June	1/2 July	24/25 June	1/2 July	24/25 June	1/2 July
5 pm Sat	Gabrielle Bietola Leila Walsh Paul Cloran	Mary Leask Susie Houssarini Michael Price	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30 Sun	Pat O'Reilly Carolann Ibbotson	Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James	Mary Enriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL	John Skinner Therese Skinner Bec Wong	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day Judith Flett	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath		
10.30 am Sun	Mely Siasat Ital...iaain Readers.	Bernadetter Yammine 'Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi	George Harb Mely Siasat + 4	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb + 3	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
6 pm Sun	YOUTH	Arthur Kassiss Hoseph Ooi Robert Gascoigne	Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Nathan Harverson Naomi Rego	David Cloran Kristy Cloran Anthony Kassiss Alex Kassiss Lea Paladino	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek