



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 26 in Ordinary Time - Year B Social Justice Sunday

BELIEVERS TOGETHER

A Hollywood star of the 1930s and 1940s, Greta Garbo, is famous for saying 'I want to be alone'. But it's only human and natural to want to be with other people. Many of us join a group or club for that reason. It may be a group at work, such as a football tipping competition one. It may be a sporting group like a football, cricket, netball, bowls, golf, fishing or tennis club. It may be a social group, e.g. one that plays cards together. It may be a political party. It may be a church group, such as 'Passionist Family Groups'. Some of us, in fact, belong to several groups at once.

We join because we want to meet other people, join in the activities of the group and work for the goals of the group. Being with other people widens our horizons and gives us the satisfaction of feeling wanted, accepted and respected. Life in a group, however, can become a problem if the group becomes exclusive, and if its members become either fearful or contemptuous of persons outside the group.

In our gospel today, the apostles are feeling very threatened by a man outside their group who is successfully casting out demons in the name of Jesus. Perhaps they are afraid Jesus will invite him to replace them. But like some selfish child who has more than enough toys but won't share any, they seek to stop the man in his tracks. But Jesus is much more generous than they. He tells them to let the outsider be: 'You must not stop him,' he says, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

Some of us were brought up to believe that ours is the one and only true Church. The Second Vatican Council did not push that line. While it did assert that our Catholic Church is directly descended from Jesus Christ and the apostles, and while it

did assert that our Catholic Church has all the means of salvation – ways of being at right with God - it recognised that Christians in other denominations can be real and genuine followers of Jesus. Just like Catholics! (As the famous Irish writer James Joyce once put it: 'Here comes everybody!'). Vatican II recognised that through baptism non-Catholic Christians too are joined to the person of Jesus, are members of his body on earth, and are destined to enjoy the company of God for ever in heaven. Just like Catholics!

So, even though we have our differences, some of them quite serious, Vatican II called them 'brothers and sisters', not outsiders, and certainly not heretics or impostors. It also recognised that their churches are anything but fakes and shams. Their churches in fact, bring the grace of God - the presence and love of God - to their members. Like the Catholic Church they too are expressions of the Christian church as a whole.

So, while we rightly take pride in all the many good features of our Catholic community, we also recognise and affirm all the good people and all the good deeds that exist in the Anglican, the Uniting, the Baptist, the Pentecostal, and the Lutheran forms of the one Church of Jesus Christ, just to name a few. We do this even as we also pray that we and they will in time become more united in faith, hope and love than we are already.

Another great truth proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council, one that also leads to tolerance, dialogue and cooperation, is that the Spirit of God - the Holy Spirit - influences the minds, hearts and lives of persons in the other great world religions, e.g. the Jewish religion – known as 'Judaism'. There are people in other world faiths living near us wherever we are. Some, like us, believe in one true God. So, it's important that we meet them, accept and affirm them, as good people too and as children

Of God, children of the one Creator who through our human parents has made us all. Like us, they too keep striving to know and live that truth which the Spirit of God keeps making known in our various faith communities.

As Jesus said so well, 'the wind (of the Spirit) blows where it pleases' (John 3:8)!

So, for the continuation of the presence and influence of the Spirit of God among all our communities of faith, let us keep giving praise and thanks to God—their Lord, their King, and ours!

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
bgleesoncp@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

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

**School Holiday Family Fun—
Mary MacKillop Place**

October 9th, 10th, 11th 2018 (10.30am - 12.30pm inclusive). Explore Mary's home, Bobs the dog trail, arts & crafts; face painting; balloon animals, show bag included, guided Museum Tour for adults. 1 adult & Child: \$18.00. Additional child: \$2 each, add'l adult: \$5 each. Suitable for Pre-school and Primary students. — ph 8912 4883 OR educator@mmp.org.au OR phone 8912 4883.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Healing Mass

Friday 5 October commencing with Rosary at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Enfield Celebrant: Fr John Iacono. Further Information: 0412 115 961

Devotion to Honour our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick at Earlwood Grotto on **Sunday 14 October 2018** commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm. Principal celebrant: Bishop Peter Ingham.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering

"A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land"

This will be the last gathering of the year! A chance to renew or begin relationships with social justice reps from other parishes. Guest speakers, delicious lunch and refreshment during the day, easy public transport.

When; Saturday 20 October, 10.30am-3.30pm

Where: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt Nth.

Cost: FREE—RSVP ESSENTIAL for catering on 9307 8465 OR jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org

'Srodowisko'- Vocations Camp for Men

19-21 October 2018 at Grose Vale. Designed for men 18-35. Mass, prayer, talks, good food, bush-walks, archery. Cost: \$75.

Enquiries/Registration Vocationcentre.org.au

Further Info: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZ1OT4_S9Q

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

For your Diary.....

Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi

Looking for a different way to start 2019?

A 7-day, not-for-profit, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains commencing at Emu Plains on 2 January 2019 and finishing at Bell on 8 January 2019. Further Info and Registration: www.epiphanypilgrimage.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



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

Bereavement Ministry Sr Elenita

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

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer: Sue King

Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings,

Arthur Kassis

Youth Ministry: John Nguyen & Oliver Bautista

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (1/10): Jim/Lalo/Maree

Next Week(8/10): Jim's Team

23/9/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,895

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,655

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,525

Credit Cards: \$ 1,130

16/9/18,

1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,005

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,057

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2018

"A Place to Call Home"

"All over our nation, a ruthless housing market leaves people struggling to find secure and affordable housing, whether they live in cities or in regional areas. That struggle has a corrosive affect on family life, on employment, on study and on our capacity to contribute to, and benefit from, our society. At its worst, the struggle leaves the vulnerable homeless—sleeping in cars, on the streets or in doorways.

The last Census showed the number of homeless Australians had increased to ***over 116,000 people.***

The Bishops say housing is 'an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others.'

We pray that Australia will hear the challenges that the Bishops' Statement for 2018 offers: to confront an economy that has allowed housing to become out of reach of so many."

*Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen,
DD OFMConv, Bishop of Parramatta*

*Let us make sure ALL are welcomed in our Parish,
and let us support the work of St Vincent de Paul and
CatholicCare by volunteering or raising donations*

"Everyone deserves a Place to Call Home"

*Copies of the 2018 Statement available
from Church Doors*

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Fr Petrus Baruwake CP; Isabel Martins; Friedrun (Mutz) Heberstein; Maria Da Costa.

Anniversaries: Margaret den Bakker; Asteria Billedo; Patricia Guilfoyle; Leo Taylor; Angela Quinlan; Louis Schembri; Claude Scollard.

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 26 (Yr B)

First Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29

Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden your heart.

Second Reading: James 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 27 (Yr B)

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

WORLD ROSARY

6/7 October 2018

Come and join the St Brigid's parish community
as well as parishes throughout our country
and the world in saying the
Holy Rosary on October 7th
after the 10.30 Mass (11.45am)
at the Calvary Shrine in the church grounds



Calendar

SEPTEMBER

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
Holy Rosary: Calvary Shrine at 11.45am

10 Re-Opening of Minahan Court, Block D
Parish Maintenance Committee: 7.15pm
11 Marrickville Ministers' Fellowship

13/14 Sunday 28 in Ordinary Time

Safeguarding Info—ALL masses

15 Term 4 commences

20/21 Sunday 29 in Ordinary Time

21 P/School Family Mass: 9am
Feast of St Paul of the Cross: 10.30am
+ picnic on lawns
Baptisms : 12 noon
23 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm
24 **First Reconciliation Commences: 7.00pm**
in Shrubland Hall

27/28 Sunday 30 in Ordinary Time

First Reconciliation Presentations At ALL Masses

Baptisms : 12 noon
Safeguarding Training: 7.00pm
Safeguarding Training : 10.00am (repeat)
31 **Reconciliation Prep (2): 7.00pm in Hall**

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 26 & Sunday 27 Year B

	29/30 Sept	6/7 October	29/30 Sept	6/7 October	29/30 September	6/7 October
5 pm Sat	5th Sunday Please Volunteer at all masses	Mary Leask Michael Price	5th Sunday— Please Volunteer at all masses	Elizabeth Delaney Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paulk Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell
7.30am Sun		Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini		Mary Entriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun		Bec Wong John Skinner		Frank Cowell Jenny Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun		Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi		Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	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		Robert Gascoigne Arthur Kassis		Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin