



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Sunday 27 in Ordinary Time - Year B

Our Lady of the Rosary

TOGETHER FOR LIFE

When you and I were babies we needed others to survive. When we grow old and weak we will again need others to survive. But here's a secret! In between, we need others too.

God says to us in the poetic story we hear today in our First Reading about the relationship between man and woman: 'It is not good that the man should be alone' (Genesis 2:18). God means, surely, being permanently alone. While it's sometimes necessary and valuable to be alone and content with our own company, this can be only for the time being. We are social beings, and we need others to be fulfilled and complete. To feel this need is not a sign of sickness but of health. Insanity, on the other hand, has been defined as a condition in which people can no longer connect with others.

The most dangerous lion is not the gregarious one, or the one that roars the loudest, but the silent one who walks and stalks alone. Psychopaths and serial killers nearly always turn out to be lonely, angry individuals.

Isolation is a very painful condition. It causes people to turn in on themselves. Sometimes it leads to violence and to addictions to alcohol, drugs, or sex. Then fear, shame and guilt lead people to stay in their isolation. Persons who commit suicide are often people who have slipped into total isolation.

A survey was carried out among elderly people in America. When asked who was closest to them, two out of three said it was their pet dog or

cat. How sad is that? In our poetic story today, God first gives animals and birds to the man. But Adam is unable to find among them a truly suitable companion.

Next, in this same symbolic story God gives a woman to the man. As soon as Adam lays eyes on Eve he's gobsmacked at the sight. Instantly he recognises her as his life partner - made of flesh and blood too, sharing the same human dignity, truly his companion and equal. (True communion and community happen only among equals, but never when one dominates the other).

In marriage God has answered the human need for friendship, companionship, closeness, intimacy and warmth - what humans pine for but don't always experience. To some extent such needs may also be met by belonging to other types of community - to a community of religious women or men e.g. Those persons with a particularly close relationship with God report that they never feel totally isolated and alone.

All of us are more or less wounded by selfishness. When people get married they bring to it not only their strengths but also their weaknesses. Getting married is entering a learning situation, a school of love, but one where the partners can sometimes be slow learners. But when a couple lets God become a big part of their partnership, their bond can last a lifetime.

What are the things that weaken the marriage bond? Lack of respect, poor communication, selfishness, jealousy, anger, nastiness, insults, aggression, abuse, violence, bullying, and above all

infidelity. On the other hand, respect, affection, openness, honesty, generosity, patience, kindness, empathy and fidelity, strengthen the marriage bond.

Just like a garden, relationships suffer from neglect. They have to be constantly worked at. If people are experiencing difficulties in their marriage they should not be afraid to seek help. Relationships which have weathered some storms are sometimes the deepest and the strongest. The quality of the relationship between the couple is so important that it must be put far ahead of a career, material gain and financial success. This is illustrated by pictures in the paper now and then of a couple with their arms around each other, while behind them their house is burning down, and saying to each other words like these: 'Well, after all, we've still got each other, haven't we?'

What God has united', Jesus says, 'let no one separate'. (Mk 10:9). This makes much sense both for the lifelong personal needs of the couple and for the lifelong needs of their children.

Togetherness for life certainly remains the ideal both for Jesus and his followers. But our Church community has to face the fact that many marriages breakdown, and some of the victims of a broken marriage feel a deep longing for a new life partner and a brand new start. But this raises an acute question for the Church community: Can there be only point-blank black & white refusals? Or does sharing in the compassion, caring and kindness of Jesus point to the possibility of reaching some truly creative pastoral solution? But there are no easy answers to this dilemma. So, let's think, pray and talk about it! A lot!

Fr Brian Gleeson CP
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Parish Team

We welcome members of the family of **Fr Thomas Nguyen CP** to Marrickville for the next two weeks, including his brother who is also a priest in Vietnam, and hope they enjoy their time here in Australia.

Our prayers are with **Sr Elena CP** who, together with **Fr John Curtis CP**, is currently visiting Passionists working in PNG. She will return at the end of this week.

Prayers are also with **Fr Joachim CP**, **Fr Tom CP**, **Fr Denis CP** and all the other Passionists gathering in Rome for their Chapter

Patrick Minahan Village

A very big "Welcome Home" to our parishioners who lost their homes as a result of fire! The Rebuilding of Block D has been completed and the Opening Ceremony will be held this week. Fr Erick CP and Sr Elenita CP will be there for the Blessing Service and Plaque unveiling.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Parishioners are advised that the Church Carpark will be **CLOSED** and **UNAVAILABLE** for parking **NEXT Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October.**

We apologise for the inconvenience—the carpark will re-open on Thursday 11th October.

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. Suitable for Pre-school and Primary students. — ph 8912 4883 OR educator@mmp.org.au OR phone 8912 4883.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Devotion to Honour our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick at Earlwood Grotto **NEXT 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 jpointo@sydneycatholic.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend journey of spiritual healing to help women and men overcome the painful effects of an abortion experience. The last retreat for this year will be on 16-18 November.

Further details: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au.

Confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555

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 (8/10): Jim's Team

Next Week(15/10): Lea's Team

30/9/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,885

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,457

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,327

Credit Cards: \$ 1,130

23/9/18,

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,895

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,655

Annual Memorial Mass

7.00pm on Friday 2 November 2018

(Feast of All Souls)

Our faith tradition calls us to remember those whom we have farewelled from this life and sent forth on the next step of their journey to their eternal resting place during the month of November.

This year, our Bereavement Team invites you to celebrate this tradition every Friday night throughout November, beginning with our

Annual Memorial Mass on 2 November at 7.00pm.

On the following Friday nights we will hold a **Prayer Vigil at 7.00pm** in the church focussing on grief and loss as outlined below. You are invited to join each other in prayer, silence and solidarity for those who grieve. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

November 9— loss of loved ones through illness

November 16—loss of loved ones through misadventure

November 23— loss of a child: prenatal, postnatal

November 30—loss of missing loved ones

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Br Charles Mercieca CP; Maria Dos Santos; Olimpia (Lina) Barbara.

Anniversaries: Nguyet Thi Nguyen; Rosa Errichiello; Alma Carney; Fr Raffaele Tresca CP; Maria Rosa Costa; Francis Kim Teck NG; Len Carney; Tuy Xuan Pham; Molly Cahill; Maria Torres; Edwin D'Souza; Gino Sama; Victims of Bali Bombings in 2002.

Carrying Severe Illness: Mary Harb; Lucja Suter.; Francesca Millena

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 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

Mass Texts: Sunday 28 (Yr B)

First Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Response: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

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 ***THIS SUNDAY***, October 7th
after the 10.30 Mass (11.45am)
at the Calvary Shrine in the church grounds



Calendar

OCTOBER

6/7 Sunday 27 in Ordinary Time

Baptism Preparation: 10.00am in Annexe
Holy Rosary: (Multilingual) Calvary Shrine at 11.45am
10 Re-Opening of Minahan Court, Block D
11 Parish Maintenance Committee: 7.15pm
Marrickville Ministers' Fellowship

13/14 Sunday 28 in Ordinary Time

Safeguarding Information—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 Prep Commences:**
7.00pm in Shrubland Hall

27/28 Sunday 30 in Ordinary Time

First Reconciliation Presentations At ALL Masses
Baptisms : 12 noon
29 Safeguarding Training: 7.00pm
30 Safeguarding Training : 10.00am (repeat)
31 **Reconciliation Prep (2): 7.00pm in Hall**

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 27 & Sunday 28 Year B

	6/7 October	12/13 October	6/7 October	12/13 October	6/7 October	12/13 October
5 pm Sat	Mary Leask Michael Price	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	Elizabeth Delaney Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paulk Cloran	Jo Young William Metlej Gabriella Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell
7.30a m Sun	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini	Carolyn Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Mary Enriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Bec Wong John Skinner	Sue King John McGrath	Frank Cowell Jenny Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	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	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine Italian Ministers	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	Robert Gascoigne Arthur Kassis	TEEN GROUP	Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	TEEN GROUP	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin