



## 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 29 in Ordinary Time - Year B Feast of St Paul of the Cross

### THE LEGACY OF ST PAUL OF THE CROSS

Australian poet, Adam Lindsay Gordon (1833-1870) once wrote this now famous verse: 'Life is mostly froth and bubble, two things stand like stone. Kindness in another's trouble, courage in our own.' As far as they go, they are wise words and good words. But in answer to the question, 'Where do you get kindness, and where do you get courage?' they tell us nothing.

St Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, both vowed and lay, also put a high value on those two human qualities. But he was very clear and definite on where to find and how to develop them. He kept stressing that the way to both kindness and courage is to remember with love and gratitude the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. Loving reflection on the different scenes of the Passion, he insisted, is both a revelation of the goodness of God and a school of virtue. It's there that Jesus our Teacher shows us how to react and respond to every life situation - with dignity, patience, courage, kindness, generosity and forgiveness. No wonder then that the Holy Founder of the Passionists kept saying over and over again: 'the Passion of Jesus is the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love!' (Passionist Constitutions Ch1, #1)

But if the Passion of Jesus is a story of God's unlimited love at work, on the part of those who crucified him it is also a story of love refused, of love denied, of love betrayed. So, it is a story of evil too. The evil of human coldness and callousness, indifference and cowardice, pride and envy, malice and hostility, viciousness and cruelty!

But, thanks be to God, that's not all there is! The passion story is the story of the light shining in the darkness, of goodness triumphing over evil, of

love defeating hatred, and of resurrection trumping death and destruction. No wonder, then, that the writer of our fourth gospel can proclaim with such conviction: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life' (Jn 3:16)!

Jesus died with nothing but love and generosity, compassion and forgiveness in his heart. How he died was, in fact, the summary and climax of how he lived. How he died was the completion and fulfilment of his mission to love, his mission not only to keep telling people that God is love, but also to show people in dozens of different ways, just how real and warm, how strong and constant, how kind and caring, how understanding and forgiving, how patient and enduring, is God's love for them! He demonstrated this in his powerful preaching and teaching. He showed it too in his remarkable healings, which were much more than practical help. They showed what goes on in the mind and heart of God, of what God thinks of his suffering people, of how God 'feels' for them, and of how God shares in their hopes and struggles, doubts and fears, sorrows and joys.

Yet those evil men that killed Jesus could not bring themselves to accept the kind of God that Jesus was representing and proclaiming - a God who loves ordinary people, who loves the little ones, and who welcomes sinners to his table and eats with them. A God of the 'lost'! A God of aliens and outsiders! A God of the grief-stricken and broken-hearted! A God, in fact, with love for all!

The passion story is definitely, then, a story of the enduring love of Jesus - dying for what he believed in, dying for what he lived for, dying as he had lived, dying with words of love and forgiveness and compassion in his heart and on his lips. So,

John does not hesitate to comment with a sense of triumph: 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him' (Jn 3: 17).

Today the triumph of Jesus of goodness over evil, continues in you and me—continues in who we are, what we say, and what we do. Accordingly, as expressed so powerfully in the Passionist rule of life:

*We are aware that the Passion of Christ continues in the world until he comes again in glory; therefore, we share in the joys and sorrows of our contemporaries, as we journey through life towards our Father. We wish to share in the distress of all, especially those who are poor and neglected, we seek to offer them comfort and to relieve the burden of their sorrow. Ch.1,#3.*

*The power of the Cross, which is the wisdom of God, gives us strength to discern and remove the causes of human suffering. Ch1,#3*

So, brothers and sisters, on this Feast of our Founder and Hero, St Paul of the Cross, let us renew our dedication to showing and telling with all our might, in word and deed, that stunning and challenging good news, the best news ever told, of God's overwhelming love—shown in the living, suffering, dying and rising of Jesus Christ, who remains forever our loving Saviour and our strongest Hope!

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**STOP PRESS!!!!**

**Congratulations**

**Fr Joachim Rego CP**

**on your overwhelming re-election  
to the position of Superior General  
of the Congregation of the Passion  
for a further six years, --  
and on the resultant standing ovation  
received from your fellow Passionists!!!!**

We ask parishioners to continue to pray for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to be present at the 47th General Chapter of the Passionists in Rome this month, where many other important decisions for the future are being made.

#### **Parish Team**

**We welcome back Sr Elenita CP** renewed and refreshed from her Annual Retreat, and ready to lead our Sacramental Team in the preparation of our parish children to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this term.

**Fr Thomas** and his family are visiting Melbourne and Brisbane this week before they return to Marriickville for a few more days prior to returning to Vietnam at the end of the month.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE—SAFEGUARDING**

Last weekend, **Sue King, our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer**, spoke at all masses about the additional Ministries that are now affected by Safeguarding requirements. The front page of last week's Newsletter (see Website Issue 38,14/10/18) was also devoted to this subject.

Some of you would already have been contacted by Sue by e-mail or letter.

By virtue of the employed OR volunteer work you do at other places eg. schools, other Parishes etc, some of you may already have a **Working With Children Check approval** and/or may have signed the **Code of Conduct** and/or completed the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's **Safeguarding Induction Training for Volunteers**.

**If this applies to you**, please forward copies if these documents to Sue ASAP, as St Brigid's Parish is required to hold copies of these documents as part of our records to be in full compliance with the requirements of the Safeguarding and Ministry Integrity Office.

**NB As per Sue's e-mail, please ensure you send Date of Birth with WWCC—it cannot be verified without this date. Thank You**

#### **Thank You!!!**

To Mrs Chau & Mr Dang Zhou Su and Mrs Hien & Mr Long Nguyen from our Vietnamese Community who have donated the beautiful new marble step on which our Readers and Celebrants will now stand at Mass, and for the second marble step under the Lectern itself. Not only do they look magnificent, but they now make this area safer for our parishioners and priests as they contribute to our masses.

A very generous gift to our parish  
**THANK YOU!!!**

#### **St Brigid's Justice & Peace Group**

NEXT Meeting: NEXT Wednesday 24 October at 7.30pm in Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME

#### **Reflection Day**

**"Join the Conversation—Live like Pope Francis"**

NEXT Saturday 27 October 2018 at St Patrick's Church Hill, 10am-3pm. BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Details: [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com).

#### **Mass for Pregnant Mothers**

Are you expecting a baby or do you know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Most Rev Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 18th November at 10.30am. RSVP/Enquiries to: [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) OR 9307 8401.



### 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:

<b>Adult Sacraments</b>	Sr Elena
<b>Bereavement Ministry</b>	Sr Elenita
<b>Building/Maintenance</b>	MichaelDaher/Pongia Fenukitau
<b>Care of Sick &amp; Aged</b>	Sr Elena
<b>CCD in State Schools</b>	Sue King
<b>Children's Sacraments</b>	Sr Elenita
<b>Cultural Committee Chair</b>	
<b>Ecumenical &amp; Interfaith Co-chairs</b>	John McGrath , Pat Bowthorpe FMM
<b>Family Groups Contact</b>	Adrienne Harverson
<b>Finance C'tee Chair</b>	Mary Leask
<b>Justice &amp; Peace Network Chair</b>	Peter Jennings
<b>Liturgical Ministries</b>	Fr Erick, Sr Elena
<b>Men's Club Co-chairs:</b>	Arthur Kassis, John Skinner, Mick Ward
<b>Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:</b>	Sue King
<b>Pastoral Council Co-chairs</b>	Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis

#### Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (22/10): Jim/Lalo/Maree**  
**Next Week(29/10): Jim/Lalo/Maree**

#### 14/10/18

**1st (Passionists): \$ 2,165**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,238**  
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,108  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,130

#### 07/10/18.

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,170**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,114**

### Annual Memorial Mass 7.30pm 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 7.30pm. ( note change of time)

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:** John Smith.

**Anniversaries:** Sr Betty Marion McDonald RSJ ; George Fountain; Franceschino Fois; Diwata Christine; Dorothy Thornley; Douglas Brown; Gwen Hockey; Therese Lahoud; Br Gabriel Preston CP; Marie Cashman; Dulcie Sykes; Ethel Hall; James Pearson; Ivy Reynolds.

**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 29 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 53: 10-11  
**Response:** May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place our trust in you.  
**Second Reading:** Hebrew 4: 14-16  
**Gospel:** Mark 10: 35-45  
**Intercessions Response:**  
Lord, graciously hear us

#### Mass Texts: Sunday 30 (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

*“May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always  
in our hearts”*

**Feast of ST PAUL OF THE CROSS**

**THIS Sunday, 21 OCTOBER , 10.30am**

**followed by picnic on the lawns (in Hall if wet)**

Please  
bring a  
plate to share



On the occasion of the Feast of the Founder of the Passionists , a practical way of thanking them for their care and support over so many years is a contribution to the Passionist Aged Care Fund .

Envelopes are available at church doors.

**Calendar**

**OCTOBER**

**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**  
Justice & Peace Gp: 7.30pm in P.Centre

**27/28 Sunday 30 in Ordinary Time**

**First Reconciliation Presentations At ALL Masses**  
Baptisms : 12 noon  
Youth Mass: 6.00pm  
29 Safeguarding Training: 7.00pm (P. Office)  
30 Safeguarding Training : 10.00am (repeat)  
31 **Reconciliation Prep (2): 7.00pm in Hall**

**NOVEMBER**

1 Feast of All Saints  
2 Feast of All Souls and **Annual Memorial Mass at 7.30pm**  
Men’s Group: 7pm in Annexe

**3/4 Sunday 31 in Ordinary Time**

**CBF Appeal—ALL Masses**  
Baptism Prep: 10am in Annexe  
**Blessing of Centenary Cross: 10.30am Mass**  
7 **Reconciliation Prep (final): 7pm in Hall**  
9 **Prayer Vigil: loss through illness—7pm**

**10/11 Sunday 32 in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 29 & Sunday 30 Year B**

	20/21 October	27/28 October	20/21 October	27/28 October	20/21 October	27/28 October
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Karen Whitby Robert Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Gabriella Bietola Paul Cloran	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Elizabeth Delaney Margaret Barrett	Pat O’Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Maria Mansour Mary Enriken Susie Houssarini	Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	John McGrath Peter Jennings	Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Christina Day Judith Flett	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	<i>Separate list</i>	Mely Siasat Italian Rader Kate Johnston	Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Geoffrey Lean Maria Necesito Darren De La Rosa	George Harb Mely Siasat Italian Ministers	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera  Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia  Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks	YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Tony Hayek Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	YOUTH	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin