



# 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 13 1/2 July 2017**

## THE COST of DISCIPLESHIP

For all the great things the Church of yesteryear achieved, it also did some terrible things. One of the worst demands it made was that a Catholic who married a person who was not a Catholic did so at a side altar, oratory or in the sacristy of the Church. How humiliating this directive was. For how long were we going to punish the Protestant Reformers and young Catholic woman or man who fell in love with someone from these denominations? In these ecumenical days, it's hard for us to understand these actions.

Today, especially at weddings, I hear older Catholics talk about this experience more than anything else. It's often given as the reason why the person or their family stopped practising their Catholic faith. Recently an older wedding guest told me that her wedding day at the side altar was the last day she came to the Church of her own free will. She never had her children baptised and her painful experience was still palpable forty years on as she compared and contrasted her wedding day with the Catholic marriage ceremony of a couple in a similar religious circumstance to her own which we had just celebrated. All I can do in such circumstances is apologise for the hurt our short sightedness caused and be full of admiration for those who were subjected to similar treatment but have remained constant to our Catholic community.

These days inter-denominational marriages are rarely the reasons over which a family will divide. But we know that other religious issues can still break up a family. It's always a tragedy when this happens. For example, maybe you've had a son, daughter or a grandchild join a reli-

gious sect or cult. It's heartbreaking stuff for parents who wonder what their child sees in the sect and where it will all end.

The Church has sometimes let families down in this regard. Appearing to prefer dogma to the complexities of people's lives, formal liturgy to creating communities of hospitality, care and justice, the church can appear to be out of touch, especially with our young. I know that every person in authority in the Church today knows that the Catholic Church needs to listen to our young people, hear about the issues that concern them and present our faith in a way they find accessible and engaging. Very

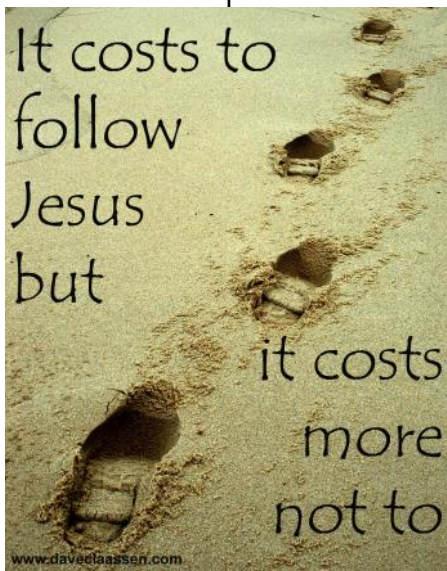
often it's not what we say about our rich faith, it's how we say it. Many people don't leave the mainstream churches because they are attracted by another group's doctrine, though some do want the world to be very black and white. Many leave for smaller groups offering a tightly knit community.

From today's Gospel we know that the same family heartbreak occurred in the early church. At this time, however, Christianity was the small sect drawing believers away from Judaism, to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah.

It ripped families apart. The early church became the new family of many followers who were disowned. They lost their life and found a new one in Christ.

There can be moments when a family's lifestyle, beliefs, behaviour or values are such that one member feels that, in conscience, or by conviction, he or she does not belong anymore.

When this happens we can listen carefully to reasons the



## Calendar

### 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  
Term 3 commences
- 17
- 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

### AUGUST 2017

- 5/6 **Transfiguration**  
Vocations Awareness Week  
CWF Appeal (1)  
Baptism Preparation: 10.30am
- 8 St Mary of the Cross

family member gives. Maybe we have lost something essential in our life together that needs challenging and change. And maybe it's the family member who is in the wrong.

Keeping the lines of communication open, speaking the truth with calmness and love and remaining as compassionate as possible are the best Christian responses.

I can't pretend that any of this is easy, but, when I have seen families do it, the prophetic, truthful and charitable rewards Jesus offers in today's Gospel are powerfully in evidence.

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who participated in our Trivia Night last weekend. Very creative dressing-up/ table decorations and impressive "trivia" knowledge - a great night was had by all! AND best of all—almost \$2,000 was raised to assist our friends who were affected by the recent fire at Patrick Minehan Village. Thank you again for your generosity!

#### **HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL ("PETER'S PENCE")**

**THIS weekend at ALL Masses.**

Pope Francis invites us to share his vision of a truly uni-

versal family where we see every person as our sister or brother, share what we have freely, seek to ease another's suffering and offer real hope.

The Holy Father's Appeal allows Pope Francis to contribute to global charitable causes including disaster relief, the refugee crisis & to help alleviate poverty. Please give generously in the special envelopes provided.

#### **SAD NEWS**

During the week we received the sad news of the sudden death of Mrs Celina Rego. Our deepest sympathy to her beloved husband George and all the Rego family. Her funeral will be this Wednesday at 11.00am.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS**

to our confirmation candidates of 2017 and especially to Sr Elenita, Ms Amanda Stephens, Mrs Mary Ters and Mrs Trish Ferguson for preparing the children Thank You



**Please be sure to pick up your NEW SET OF ENVELOPES FOR 2017-2018** from the table at the main doors of the church if you did not do so last weekend. These will commence use from 1-2 July 2017.

**Also available for collection are :** Planned Giving receipts 1/7/2016 to 31/12 2016 together with those for CWF Appeal 2016/2017 and Project Compassion 2017 .

#### **"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 HIV+. It feeds them, educates them and medicates 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. **Pillowcases will be on sale after Masses NEXT weekend, 8/9 July 2017."**

Many thanks

**Fr Peter Gardiner CP**

#### **PASSIONIST COMPANIONS RETREAT**

Where? -The Carmelite Retreat Centre, Varroville, Campbelltown.

When? – Friday evening 1 Sept until after lunch on Sunday 3 September 2017.

**A time of Reflection and Meditation.**

Enquiries: Carole at [capearlwood@yahoo.com.au](mailto:capearlwood@yahoo.com.au) or the Parish Office.

## **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 Sun-  
days at 12 noon

### **Marriages**

Preferably 6 months notice  
Contact: Parish Secretary  
8577 5670

### **Pastoral Ministry Con- tacts:**

**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 Skin-  
ner, Mick Ward

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

### **SYDNEY CATHOLICS—WE NEED YOU!**

"A Christian who is not a revolutionary today,  
is not a Christian": Pope Francis.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ASSEMBLY**

Sydney Catholics needed to stand with other Sydneysiders to claim back  
Sydney FOR THE PEOPLE who have worked and paid their taxes to build this  
city and who can no longer afford to live here.

Join with Archbishop Fisher, State Housing Minister Anthony Roberts, Great-  
er Sydney Commission's Sarah Hill and/or Lucy Turnbull AO to discuss Syd-  
ney's Affordable Housing Crisis.

**Date Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 6.00pm**

**Place: St Mary's Cathedral Hall, CBD**

**Register with: [sydneyalliance.org.au](http://sydneyalliance.org.au)**

### **"CHURCH AND CULTURE" - AQUINAS ACADEMY**

**Presenter:** Robert Gascoigne. 4 Wednesday mornings, July 12-Aug 2, 10am-  
12noon. Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney. Cost: \$144/person (incl class  
notes). **Register:** 9247 4651 OR [www.aquinas-academy.com](http://www.aquinas-academy.com)

### **MARY MACKILLOP NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE 2017**

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Aus-  
tralia, 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](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au)

### **We Remember**

**Recently Deceased:** .Celina Rego; Giuseppe Fava; Americo Martins

**Anniversaries:** ..Madalena Pham Thi Ba; Elaine Downing; Parcy Walsh;  
Fale Von Dingledge; John Kean Victor Habermann; ;

**For our Sick:** Henna Doueihy; Fr Jacob Kuman CP; Fr Julio Aco; Meryll  
Mascurine; Richard Gonsalves; Maria Guilfoyle; Clare Fuller; Kevin & Bar-  
bara Smith; John & Mary Matthews;.

### **Parish Collections**

**Counters: This week (3/7):**  
**Jim, Lalo, Maree**

**Counters Next Week (10/7): Jim;**  
**Lalo; Maree**

#### **24/25 June**

**1st (Passionists): \$ 2,030**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,699**

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3 454  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,245

#### **17/18 June**

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,830**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,472**

### **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

### **Mass Texts: Sunday 14 Year A**

**First Reading:** Zech 9: 9-10

**Response:** I will bless your name forever, O  
God, my king.

**Second Reading:** Romans 8:9. 11-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**Intercessions Response:**

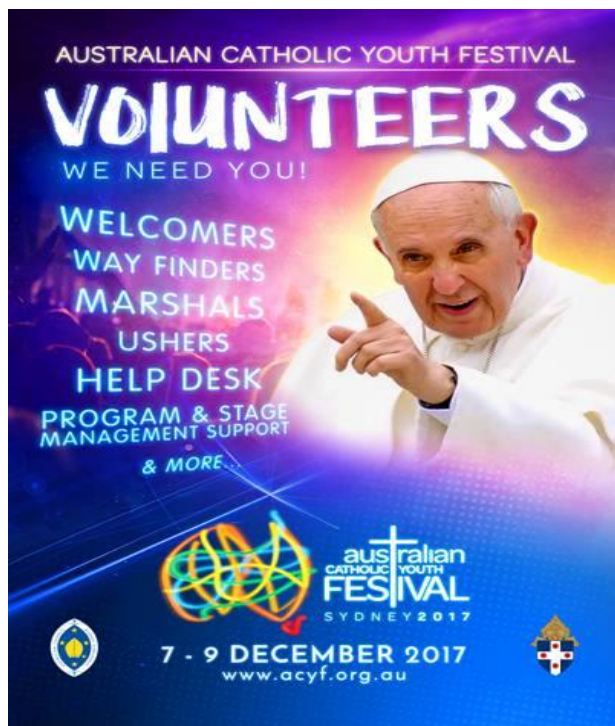
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## NAIDOC IN THE CITY

Enjoy a lunchtime feast of traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and achievements.

**WHEN? MON-DAY;WHERE?HYDE**



## 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

	1/2 July	8/9 July	1/2 July	8/9 July	1/2 July	8/9 July
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Mary Leask Susie Houssarini Michael Price	Margaret Dos Santos Liz Buchel Michael Schiano	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	William Metlej Gagriella Bietola Ofa Tpol Kelelia Apikotoa Jo Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
<b>7.30 Sun</b>	Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach	Carolann Ibbotson John Freenab Mary Leask	Mary Entriiken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Janice Schubach Margret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	John Skinner Therese Skinner Bec Wong	Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Kath Walton	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner		
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb + 3	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine +4	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Arthur Kassis Hoseph Ooi Robert Gascoigne	TEEN GROUP	David Cloran Kristy Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Nathan Harverson Naomi Rego Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek