



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 30 in Ordinary Time - Year B

PRAYING IN PAIN

Every now and then we come across people knocked for six by things that happen to them. We've seen e.g. people on television in deep grief because a loved one has been murdered, or been killed in a car accident, or their house with all their belongings has just burnt to the ground. In the face of such disasters, they may sit on the ground with their heads in their hands, rocking from side to side, or they may just stare blindly ahead. In their extreme pain they are often incapable of saying even one word about what they are feeling. So when someone asks: 'How are you feeling?' or 'Is there anything I can do?', or 'Can I bring you a cup of coffee or tea?' there's just no answer. The victims of sudden disaster simply cannot answer anything at all. In their numb state they are feeling just too much pain and too much shock even to hear what is being said to them, let alone responding to what is being said.

The first step to easing their pain, is for them to find a language, however slowly, to express it. So we are not surprised to find in the pages of the bible a language to express the pain that comes from loss, and the pain that comes from fear. In fact there are many prayers of lament, many lamentations of one kind or another in the bible. What they have in common is that they are cries from the heart, shouts of suffering, groans of anguish, and even screams for help. One we will soon come across is in the Responsorial Psalm for our 33rd Sunday: 'Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.'

Cries, shouts and groans to God when people are in acute pain not only help people to express themselves. They are also expressions of hope that 2 things can get better. Lamentation, then, is not pessimistic, it is trustful. It refuses to remain powerless and passive in the face of pain, frustration, disappointment or disaster.

When that poor blind beggar Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is near by, he shouts out his lament: 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' But some of those near by resent him expressing his pain and his scream for help. They tell him rudely to 'just shut up'. But Bartimaeus knows that if things are ever going to change for the better, he must communicate to Jesus the loss of his sight and his lack of any income to buy food, clothing,

or any of the necessities of life. Having been blind nearly all his life, he's had enough of living in his world of total darkness, and he's just not going to take it any more. So, with the arrival of Jesus on the scene he's convinced that his one and only chance of a brand new start has arrived at last.

His cries for help stop Jesus in his tracks. He tells the bystanders to reach out to Bartimaeus by calling him over. They now change their tune. 'Courage,' they say, 'Get up; he is calling you.' Jesus asks him: 'What do you want me to do for you?' When the blind man blurts out his desperate plea, there and then Jesus heals him and praises him for his faith in Jesus, his life-saver. Saved by that faith, he goes on to use his newly restored sight to follow Jesus along the road, as his newest, his most enthusiastic, and his most grateful disciple.

So this marvellous healing of the blind man takes place as the result of a prayer of lamentation. Its story reminds us that in the frustration and anger over bad things that happen to us or others, in situations of acute pain, it's quite all right and indeed advisable, to give vent to our feelings, and even, like Bartimaeus, to yell or even scream at God for help. After all, God is big enough, great enough and good enough, to absorb all our cries of pain and all our cries for help.

But if, on the other hand, we've been brought up to think that the religious response to pain and suffering should be silence and passivity, then we won't ever pray those prayers of complaint and lament to God that we need to pray. We'll just take it all on the chin, and fall into a crumpled heap of depression and anxiety. To do that, however, means that we will be depriving ourselves of a language to state our suffering. Instead of honestly telling God our loving Father and Mother exactly what we are thinking and feeling, our prayer will be a kind of polite and reverent game of 'make-believe'.

We will also deprive ourselves of the possibility of divine help and healing in one form or another. Just as Bartimaeus touched the heart of Jesus and found the comfort and healing he needed in his life-long predicament, you and I will also find that our prayers of lament will go straight to the heart of God. In every painful situation and especially when

We find ourselves or others burdened with unbearable pain, may we also hear Jesus our Saviour saying to us too, those same tender and gentle words he spoke to Blind Bartmaeus:

“What do you want me to do for you?”
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47th General Chapter of the Passionists **October 2018**

We give thanks for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit which has been present at the 47th General Chapter of the Passionists in Rome this month.

We pray for this guidance to continue with **Fr Joachim Rego CP**, re-elected for a second term as Provincial General, and his new leadership team over the next six years.

We also give thanks and welcome back to Australia **Fr Denis Travers CP** as he completes twelve years service as a General Consultor in Rome .

Parish Team

We welcome back **Fr Thomas CP** from his (no doubt much too brief) travels with his family who will be returning to Vietnam this week.

Br Tony CP will be away from the Parish Monday to Wednesday this week experiencing the delights (and possibly not much sleep) on retreat with Yr 12 students from Casimir Catholic College.

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!!!

Blessing of Passionist **Centenary Cross at St Brigid's**

NEXT Sunday, 4 November 2018, we will welcome back Fr John Pearce CP to concelebrate 10.30am Mass . This will be followed by the Blessing and Dedication of our beautiful Centenary Cross at the front of the church, & morning tea on the lawns . ALL WELCOME!

Charitable Works Appeal

NEXT weekend, 3/4 November, at ALL masses we will be conducting the second appeal for the current financial year. Envelopes are available this weekend from the church doors to be returned next week. Your donations assist the parish as the more parishioners contribute to the appeal, the less we have to take from other parish funds to reach our assigned target.

Contributions to CWF Appeals
are 100% tax deductible

Mass at Woronora Cemetery.

Next Sunday, 4 November 2018, to remember and pray for those buried at Woronora Cemetery, Mass will be celebrated *in Italian* by Fr Adriano Pittarello in the Pieta Mausoleum at 2.00pm.

Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting

Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers.

Date: Friday 23 November. 6.30pm Mass; 7.30pm Dinner; 8.30pm Presentations

Place: St Paul of the Cross Parish, Dulwich Hill
Details: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org

“Come and See” Passionist Discernment Week

From December 3-9 2018, the Passionist will be running a Discernment Week at their student house in Melbourne. This will be a time to experience Passionist Community life in a real way—live, pray, eat, discuss together. For further information contact Br Luke Bulley CP at:

Imbulley@icloud.com

Volunteers Wanted—HOPE Programme

CatholicCare is seeking volunteers to co-ordinate their playgroup for the HOPE programme, which supports young, disadvantaged mothers. The Playgroup is held on a Monday, once a month from 10am-1.00pm in Lewisham. Further information: **please contact 13 18 19 OR catholiccare.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. u. 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

Maintenance Committee Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau

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

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (22/10): Jim/Lalo/Maree

Next Week(29/10): Jim/Lalo/Maree

21/10/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,080

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,822

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,656

Credit Cards: \$ 1,166

14/10/18

1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,165

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,238

Annual Memorial Mass 7.30pm NEXT 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:

Anniversaries: Maria Pham Thi Quy; Peter Thang Hoang; Angelo Basile; Sowariammal; Sr Ita Maher OSU; Michael Bergan; Allan Hanscombe; Victoriana Sapong; Sr Mary Canisus Lasick RSM; Vincent Dinh Tu Vu.; Rosita Gomez.

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 30 (Yr B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 31 (Yr B)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Congratulations!



To Winifreda
and Victor
Jauco on their
Diamond
Wedding
Anniversary
19/10/18

To Carole
and Michael
Price on their
Golden
Wedding
Anniversary
20/10/18



Calendar

OCTOBER

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

CWF 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

Armistice Day/Remembrance Day

Welcoming Masses: 9am and 10.30am

15 **First Reconciliations: 7.00pm**

16 **Farewell Mass: Mrs Sandford: 10.00am**
Prayer Vigil: loss thru misadventure- 7pm

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 30 & Sunday 31 Year B

	27/28 October	3/4 November	27/28 October	3/4 November	27/28 October	3/4 November
5 pm Sat	Gabriella Bietola Paul Cloran	Michael Price Mary Leask	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	Elizabeth Delaney Carole Price Michael Price Paul Cloran Carmel Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi Taleah Teixeira Jade Picknell
7.30am Sun	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini	Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James	Maria Mansour Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John McGrath Peter Jennings	John Skinner Bec Wong	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Christina Day Judith Flett	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	Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi	George Harb Mely Siasat Italian Ministers	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	YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	YOUTH	Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthoy Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin