



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 33 in Ordinary Time - Year B

THE PASSION OF THE EARTH

We've all heard, and heard with sadness, of the Passion of Jesus Christ. We are well aware of our own sufferings, and to some extent the sufferings of whole populations of people such as those in Myanmar, Syria and Iraq. What we need to become far more conscious of, however, is the passion of Mother Earth, the one and only planet inhabited by human beings, the one and only place where human beings can live, the one and only place where God has put us. Tragically, as a result of massive industrialization, our earth, is being exploited, assaulted, ravaged and destroyed at a rate unprecedented in history. For me, 'the time of distress' mentioned by Jesus in his gospel prophecy today, is the distress of the earth at the present time, and the distress of the peoples of the earth who, more than ever before, are asking questions of survival and sustainability: 'Is it all over, Red Rover? Or is there anything we can do to save God's good and beautiful world, not only for ourselves, but for all the generations of human beings who will come after us?'

Consider just a few facts about the damage that has been inflicted and continues to be inflicted on the finite resources of our earth by our modern, technological, industrial, consumer, throw-away society. In general terms and global terms our modern industrialized society is destroying our air, water, sunlight and soils, and causing the extinction of a vast number of creatures that God has placed on this earth with us. Every part of the globe and every ecosystem on earth is now affected, in some instances in an irreversible way.

There is a terrible problem with LAND. Poor land management, overgrazing, chemical agriculture, crops of one kind only, deforestation and population pressures have caused soil poisoning, soil erosion and desert territory on an alarming scale. About 3500 million hectares - an area the size of North and South America are affected by land degradation resulting in reduced cropping and ultimately desert territory. Experts at Cornell University, New York, estimate that world-wide about 85 billion tonnes of soil are lost each year. Here in 2 Australia from a total of 5 million square kilometres used for agriculture and grazing, about 2.7 million square kilometres are af-

ected by wind erosion, water erosion, and salinity. Applying the brakes will involve tree planting, improved farming techniques, organic farming and better land use, with or without government assistance.

There is a terrible problem with WATER. Human activity is polluting water in the oceans, rivers and lakes. More than 97% of all the water on earth is sea water. During the 1998 UNESCO Year of the Ocean it emerged that the oceans are being seriously over-fished and polluted. Areas of the ocean close to the continental shelf are contaminated with human, agricultural, industrial and radioactive waste, much of it toxic and carcinogenic. Because we human beings have tended to treat the oceans as sewers, the Baltic, Mediterranean, Black, Caspian, Yellow and South China Seas, are all seriously damaged. Even Australia's Great Barrier Reef, which runs for 1,284 miles, is under threat to its coral and sea creatures because of rising ocean temperature and agricultural pollution.....

There is a terrible problem is with AIR. Chemical pollution is changing the composition of the earth's atmosphere, destroying the ozone layer, producing climate changes and exposing human beings to higher levels of dangerous ultraviolet radiation. Concentration of carbon dioxide, methane, carbons and other 'greenhouse' gases are expected to increase by 30% during the next 50 years. This build-up is likely to raise Earth's temperature by between 1.5 and 4.5 degrees centigrade by the year 2030. As the oceans warm up and expand, sea levels will rise, leading to ferocious storms and severe flooding over lowland areas. Some of our Pacific Island neighbours must either evacuate or perish. In the run up to the Kyoto meeting on climate change in December 1997, there was a call for a 60% reduction in the use of fossil fuels. The politicians settled for a miserly 6%. Australia opposed even that. Dependence on supplies of polluting oil for transport, building materials, cars, plastics and pharmaceuticals, means that our capitalist economies would simply collapse if the oil wells run dry.

There is a terrible problem with FORESTS. Tropical forests once covered 20% of the land area of the earth. They are now disappearing at an extraordinary rate. An area greater than the United Kingdom is

cleared and destroyed each year, for logging, cattle ranching and agriculture. Since 1780 two thirds of Australia's native forests and three quarters of our rainforests have been removed, with drastic effects on land fertility, climate, rainfall, agriculture, human health, rivers, and the mega-extinction of species. In Australia 2,200 plant species are endangered, half of our mammals are threatened, 10% of our native birds, 20% of our reptiles, amphibians and freshwater fish. Meg-extinction is the direct result of the industrial economy into fragile eco-systems like rainforests.

But far too many of us have failed to even register what is happening, let alone respond to it in sustained and creative ways.

How then, should we respond to the ecological crisis, this passion of Mother Earth? Unless and until we do so collectively and creatively, the question remains as the elephant in the room!

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Parish Team

Fr Erick CP, Fr Thomas CP and Br Tony CP

will be in Melbourne attending Passionist meetings this coming week returning for Thursday evening's *First Reconciliation Celebration* for our parish children..

Sr Elena CP will be away from the Parish for one week commencing Sunday 25 November on retreat, returning Saturday 1 December

Charitable Works Appeal

Please return your envelopes asap if you have not yet done so in order that we may finalise our return to the Archdiocese. Your donations are of great assistance to our 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

St Brigid's Piety Store

Now Available: Christmas Cards (PK of 10): \$6.00
Columban Calendars: \$9.00 (ALL proceeds to work of St Vincent de Paul Society).
Weather Statues as well as statues of Baby Jesus and a wider range of Baptism candles.

Safeguarding Training: November 2018

NEXT Session: Tuesday 24 November at 10.00am in the Parish Centre

FOR YOUR DIARY !!!!!!!

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 2018
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
on the Lawns

Food from 6.00pm—Carols from 7.00pm

Fireworks: 8.50pm

More details next week.....

ALL WELCOME!!!!

NO PARKING!

The driveway between the Church and Shrubland Hall is NOT a parking area. It is Private Property and must be kept clear at ALL times as it the emergency access for the Passionist Community Monastery which includes some retired and elderly priests

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY

St Brigid's Primary School

"Celebration of Cultures"

You, Me, Everybody, Technology!

Friday 30 November from 4.30pm

This is the major fund-raiser for the school each year - stock up from stalls laden with delicious food for a cooking-free weekend! Also Prize Wheel; Games, Raffle; Kids' Stall; Performances. (and just possibly an appearance by a contestant from 'Family Food Fight').

ALL WELCOME!

World Day of the Poor 2018: 18/11/2018

"The poor man cried and the Lord heard him" Ps 34: 7

In the words of Pope Francis..."the poor evangelise us, helping us to discover everyday the beauty of the Gospel. Let us not waste this opportunity for grace. Let us all feel on this day that we are debtors to the poor...." Let us reach out to the poor and render our charity actively.

Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting

Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers.

Date: NEXT 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

Advent Teaching Day: "The Journey"

Saturday 24 November, 9.45am-3.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Enfield. Speaker: Fr George Sigamony. Cost: \$15.00. Please bring your Bible and a dish for communal lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Details: Rose on 0412 115 961

"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:

lbulley@icloud.com



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 (19/11): Jim/Lalo/Maree

Next Week(26/11): Jim/ Lalo/Maree

11/11

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,905

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,313

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,147

Credit Cards: \$ 1,166

04/11

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,840

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,566

Friday Prayer Vigils —November 2018

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.

The remaining Prayer Vigils for this month are:

November 23: 7.00pm

loss of a child: prenatal, postnatal

November 30: 7.00pm

—loss of missing loved ones

We hope to see you there.

COMMUNION SERVICES

For Your Information:

Owing to the absence of Fr Erick CP,
Fr Thomas CP and Br Tony CP
at Passionist Meetings in Melbourne
this coming week,
morning church services on Tuesday
20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd
November 2018 will be
COMMUNION SERVICES .

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Joan Stewart; Antonina Falzon.

Anniversaries: Peter Nguyen Van Chen; Zaghia Attie; Maria Nguyen Thi Tin; Augustinus Wiryadi Widjaja; John, Matk and Peter Maihi; Doris Reynolds; James Joseph Smith; Tom Coorey.

Carrying Severe Illness: Maria Guilfoyle; Sheila Kettle; Maria Tropea; John Lizzio; Fank Caruana; Mary Harb; Lucja Suter.

Mass Texts: Sunday 33 (Yr B)

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

Response: Preserve me, God. I take refuge in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14. 18

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Christ the King (Yr B)

First Reading: Daniel 7: 13-14

Response: The Lord is King with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

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.

BOARDING HOUSES

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 1 December 2018 from 1.00pm in Shrubland Hall

This gathering for our friends in the local Boarding Houses in Marrickville and surrounding suburbs has become a parish tradition over the last 15 years.

To make it a success, we need donations of gifts **and** people to come on the day, mix with the residents and help with the catering.

This weekend and next there will be boxes at the entrance of the Church for gifts —suggestions for women: toiletries, costume jewellery, scarfs; for men: toiletries, caps, shirts, socks.

NO food items please.

Please leave gifts UNWRAPPED

Calendar

NOVEMBER

17/18

Sunday 33 in Ordinary Time

17 Maintenance C'tee in Church: 8-10.30am

18 P/S Mass: Kindergarten: 9.00am

Baptisms: 12 noon

20 Carols Committee: 7.15pm

22 Crib Building commences

23 Hazmat Inspection: 10.00am (Church)

Prayer Vigil: loss of child- 7pm

24/25

Christ the King

Vietnamese Fund Raiser: all masses

Baptisms: 12 noon

27 Safeguarding Training: Parish Centre at 10.00am

29 Gift Wrapping for B. Houses Party: in Hall 9.30am—Noon

Finance Committee: 7.30pm

30 "Celebration of Cultures": Primary School from 4.30pm

Prayer Vigil: loss of missing loved one— 7pm

DECEMBER

1/2

Advent 1 Year C

Boarding Houses Christmas Party: Saturday 1.00pm in Shrubland Hall

Opening of Christmas Crib

4 Volunteers Christmas Gathering in Hall 7.00pm

6 Catechists' Mass in Parish Centre: 11.30am

8/9

Advent 2 Year C

Vinnies' Christmas Appeal: ALL masses

Community Christmas Carols on lawns

Saturday—food from 6.00pm

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 33 & Christ the King Year B

	17/18 November	24/25 November	17/18 November	24/25 November	17/18 November	24/25 November
5 pm Sat	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Gabriella Bietola Paul Cloran	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Michael Schiano	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
7.30am Sun	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Margaret Barrett	Pat O'Reilly Carolann Ibbotson	Maria Mansour Susie Houssarini	Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany	Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day Judith Flett	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun	Maria Barlow Italian Reader George Harb	Mely Siasat Kate Johnston Italian Reader	Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Maria Barlow Geoffrey Lean Maria Necesito	George Harb Mely Siasat 3 Italian Ministers	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun	Br Tony CP A & A de Vera Vincent Putrasung Analese Maroun Eliza Maroun
6 pm Sun	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Tony Hayek Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	YOUTH	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin	Tony Hayek Kassandra Micallef Jarred Alcausin