

# 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*



**Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C  
Mother's Day  
11/12 May 2019**

## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU!

**Fr John Pearce CP  
6 July 1950—5 May 2019**

Fr John Pearce's family has a long history with St Brigid's. His mother was baptised here in 1926, his parents were married here in 1948, Fr John was baptised here in 1950. He was professed on 9 January 1971 and ordained here on 28 February 1976.

He lived here for the first year of his life. The family then moved to Guildford, and his passion for the Eels soon followed.

In 1976 Fr John gave his first Parish Mission with Fr Gerard Mahony cp. As a Passionist Fr John worked on retreats, missions and spiritual direction for 23 years before taking up the position of Parish Priest at St Paul the Apostle, Endeavour Hills, the first Passionist to do so.

During 2008 John Co-ordinated the Passionist World Youth Day Project as part of World Youth Day celebrations.

His first reaction to his appointment as Parish Priest at St Brigid's in 2009 was a feeling of "coming home".

*"O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant John, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever."*

**AMEN**



**Parish Priest at St Brigid's  
Marrickville: 2009-2016**

**Vigil Mass:  
Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 7.00pm**

**Mass of Christian Burial:  
Wednesday 15 May 2019 at  
11.00am**

## CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL

St Brigid's, like all parishes, has to make an annual contribution to the CWF run by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Any shortfall has to be made up from parish funds. Given the decline in Planned Giving contributions in recent years, such a shortfall directly impacts the funds available to operate our Parish and meet the needs of our community.

### For 2019:

**Compulsory Levy—26,100.**

**Financial year to date—we have collected 17,065**

**Shortfall—\$9,065**

**If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to give generously in the special envelopes to this final appeal for FY2019 to assist the parish.**

**Donations made prior to 30 June 2019 are 100% tax deductible**

### Parish Team

We welcome back **Sr Elena** and **Fr Erick** from Adelaide and the Philippines.

On 21 May we will say "Bon Voyage" to **Fr Thomas** as he begins four weeks of home leave with his family in Vietnam. He will return to Marrickville in late June 2019.

### Accommodation Wanted.

Young (20yrs) female student from Italy (speaks English) seeking room/granny flat/ self-contained accommodation in Marrickville area with people her own age. Please phone Giulia on 0456 900 336 if able to assist

### Piety Store

Large collection of Rosary beads, wall rosaries, finger and bracelet rosaries now available. Also, a variety of Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Birthday and Holy cards.

### Mt Schoenstatt Mulgoa Annual Marian Pilgrimage

**Sunday 19th May 2019.** 10.30am Mass, 2.00pm Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine with Benediction. Hot food stalls available or BYO lunch. Enquiries: 02 4773 8338

### Australia— "Reach Beyond."

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor local and build capacity. These communities are inviting you to **immerse yourself for 1-2 years.**  
Global Mission Info: Sunday 26 May 2019 at 10.30am at Aquinas Academy, 141 Harrington St, The Rocks, Sydney. If you have medical, business, y

### For Your Diary.....

#### Chosen Conference : 4-7 July 2019

For young adults between 18-30 years of age organised by Jesus Youth aimed at evangelising young people. At Sacred Heart Girls' College Melbourne.  
Visit: [info@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:info@chosenconference.org.au) OR phone 0491 002 081

## CONFIRMATION 2019

### First Preparation Session (parents and children)

NEXT Wednesday 15 May 2019  
7.00pm in Shrubland Hall

**If you did not do so last week, please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and \$30.00 to cover cost of resources.**

**This Sacrament is available for children in Year 6 and above.**

**Confirmation will be celebrated by  
Most Rev Peter Ingham DD at St Brigid's  
on Sunday 23 June 2019 at 2.00pm**

### St Brigid's Youth Gatherings: May 2019 Annexe: after 6pm Mass

**THIS Sunday 12 May: Senior Youth**  
**NEXT Sunday 19 May: Junior Youth**  
**Sunday 26 May: YOUTH MASS followed  
by Young Adults**  
**ALL Welcome**  
**Bring a friend—see you there!**

### Help Reach out to the People of Sri Lanka

'There is a great deal of need in Sri Lanka at this time with over 250 people killed in bombings. **Catholic Mission's** role is to assist the Catholic community in Sri Lanka to its feet by helping to fully restore their places of worship and provide for pastoral needs—any gift you can give today will go directly to support projects in Sri Lanka.'

Yours in Christ

Fr Brian Lucas—National Director

Call CATHOLIC MISSION: 1800 257 296

### Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

**Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you—or anyone you know—have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) OR 9390 5810.**

**You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.**

## 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  
**Ecumenical & Interfaith** Jim Yeo  
**Family Groups Contact:** Adrienne Harverson  
**Finance C'tee :** Hamish Flett  
**Justice & Peace Network** Peter Jennings  
**Liturgical Ministries** Fr Erick, Sr Elena  
**Maintenance C'tee:** Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau  
**Men's Club:** Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward  
**Parish Safeguarding Support:** Sue King  
**Pastoral Council Co-chairs** Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis.  
**Youth Ministry:** Jenny Solo

### Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (12/5):** Jim/Lalo/Maree  
**Counters: Next Week (19/5):** Jim's Team

#### 5/5/19

**1st (Passionists):** \$ 1,900  
**2nd (Parish):** \$ 4,647  
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,468  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,179

#### 28/4/19

**1st (Passionists) :** \$ 2,045  
**2nd (Parish):** \$ 3,968

## Good Shepherd Sunday

**"The sheep that belong to me," says Jesus, "listen to my voice."**

As we focus on pastoral care of one another today, Good Shepherd Sunday, we are deeply aware of how few people nowadays are saying that they feel drawn to priesthood or religious life. In bigger parishes especially, this has meant that, more than ever before, all parishioners need to be shepherds of one another and to imitate the Good Shepherd who knows each of us by name and calls us by name.

The more we strive to build a family relationship in the parish, the more we may get to know the ones who would stand out as good shepherds. And just maybe..... with encouragement, they might go on to seek that special leadership role in the Church that being a priest or religious involves.

As we approach the table of the Good Shepherd today for Holy Communion, let us ask the Lord to give us an experience of a deeper relationship with him personally, and with all our sisters and brothers gathered with us around the same table—his own table.

Let us also pray that, when those special people in our parishes hear themselves being called by name, they will respond willingly.

In the meantime, let us all continue to be shepherds of one another.

## We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John Pearce CP; Antonio Martins.

**Anniversaries:** Orsola Otero; Gaetano Tesoriero; Vicent Vu Viet Chieu; Fawzi Tabar; Maria Pham Thi Sau; Kevin O'Sullivan; Kevin Turner; Kevin Conroy; Catherina Arulanandam; Peter Xuan Binh Nguyen; Caterina Le Thi Quy; Florence Pearson; Felice Mandile

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Joe Harb; Aurore El Tabar; Lena Buck; Mary Harb; Winifreda Jauco; Maria Tropea.

### Mass Texts: Easter 4 (Yr C)

**First Reading:** Acts 13: 14. 43-52  
**Response:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
**Second Reading:** Apoc 7: 9. 14-17  
**Gospel:** John 10: 27-30  
**Intercessions Response:** Lord, graciously hear us

### Mass Texts: Easter 5 (Yr C)

**First Reading:** Acts 14: 21-27  
**Response:** I will bless your name forever, O God, my King  
**Second Reading:** Apoc 21: 1-5  
**Gospel:** John 13: 31-35  
**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. (**Communion service at 9.00am Monday**)

**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 (Viet); 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

## What is a Mother?

A heart that can hear  
every unspoken need,  
Wisdom to know  
when to quietly lead,  
Hands that reach out.  
Always helping and sharing -  
A Mother is caring!

Eyes that reflect  
every joy that you find,  
Arms to encircle,  
but never to bind,  
A talent for making  
the most out of living -  
A Mother is giving!

A voice that can soothe  
or inspire or delight,  
A smile that keeps shining  
when things don't go right,  
An angel God send us  
from heaven above—  
A Mother is nothing but  
caring, giving and love!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

## Calendar

### May 2019

#### 11-12 Easter 4 - Year C

##### **Mother's Day**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Vietnamese Community Fund-raiser for  
St Brigid's.**

**12 Senior Youth : 7-8.30pm in Annexe**

**14 Vigil Mass: Fr John Pearce CP: 7.00pm**

**15 Requiem: Fr John Pearce CP: 11am  
Confirmation Prep (1): 7pm in Hall**

**17 Mass at Mineham Village: 11.00am**

#### 18-19 Easter 5 - Year C

**P/School Family Mass: 9.00am**

**Junior Youth: 7-8.30pm in Hall**

**Baptisms: 12 noon**

**Paschal Eucharist at Cathedral: 2.00pm**

**22 Confirmation Prep(2): 7pm in Hall  
Maintenance C'tee: 7.15pm**

**23 Finance Committee ??: 7.30pm**

**24 Mary Help of Christians**

#### 25 - 26 Easter 6 - Year C

**Baptisms: 12 noon**

**Youth Mass: 6.00pm**

**Young Adults: 7pm in Annexe**

**28 Parish Council: 7.30pm**

**29 Confirmation Prep (3): 7pm in Hall**

### **Sunday Mass Ministries: Easter 4 and Easter 5 Yr C**

|                     | Lectors/Commentators                                 |   | Communion Ministers   |   | Altar Servers   |   |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
|                     | 11/12 May  | 18/19 May                                     | 11/12 May   | 18/19 May   | 11/12 May   | 18/19 May   |
| <b>5 pm Sat</b>     | Liz Buchel<br>Margaret Dos Santos<br>Michael Schiano | Karen Whitby<br>Mary Leask                    | William Metlej<br>Gabrele Bietola<br>Ofa Tupola<br>Kelelia Apikotoa | Margaret Dos Santos<br>Leila Walsh                | Leon Tupola<br>Gary Tupola<br>Walsh Mafi                      | Leon Tupola<br>Gary Tupola<br>Walsh Mafi                      |
| <b>7.30am Sun</b>   | Mary Leask<br>Janice Schubach                        | Janice Schubach<br>Marg Barrett               | Theresa James<br>Janice Schubach                                    | Maria Mansour<br>Theresa James                    | Michael Dillon  | Michael Dillon  |
| <b>9 am Sun</b>     | Jim Yeo<br>Peter Jennings                            | Joseph Tupou<br>Peter Jennings                | Judith Flett<br>Peter Jennings<br>Francis Seufale                   | Jenny Oesman<br>Jose Hartany<br>Jessica Hartany   | Thomas Georges<br>Gia Mihas<br>Amelia Da Costa<br>Luke Nguyen | Thomas Georges<br>Gia Mihas<br>Amelia Da Costa<br>Luke Nguyen |
| <b>10.30 am Sun</b> | Kate Johnston<br>Italian Reader<br>Angie Chiapoco    | Maria Barlow<br>Italian Reader<br>George Harb | Maria Barlow<br>Bernadette Yamine<br>2 Italian Ministers            | Lope Reyes<br>Maria Barlow<br>2 Italian Ministers | Geoffrey Lean<br>Aldrick De Vera<br>Alfred De Vera            | Albert Naticchia<br>Anthony Naticchia                         |
| <b>6 pm Sun</b>     | Youth  | Maria Fuller<br>John Skinner                  | Youth   | Youth   | Tony Hayek  | Tony Hayek  |