



## 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***

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

**15/16 February 2020**

#### DEALING WITH OUR ANGER

I wonder have you ever shared a house with someone whose moods are unpredictable? Mostly the person is friendly and peaceful. At other times, at the slightest provocation or none at all, he/she erupts in outbursts of anger and rage. Being with them is like living on the edge of a volcano.

Right now US President Donald Trump is both angry and vindictive over his impeachment and trial. In contrast South African President Nelson Mandela had every reason to be a very angry man, but he was not. For many years, on behalf of his oppressed people, he led the movement against apartheid (separate development) in South Africa. For that he was sentenced to hard labour in prison for 27 years. In his autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom", he writes about the officers who guarded him and his fellow-prisoners. He insists that hostility towards them was self-defeating, and that everyone, including our enemies, can change.

On the day that he was to be released from prison, February 11th, 1990, the crowd waiting outside, and millions more watching on television, became anxious when Mandela failed to walk out at the expected time. Would he, they wondered, get out after all? But after a long delay he did walk free. The reason for the delay was that he was saying an emotional goodbye and thank-you to all his prison guards. In his freedom speech that night, Mandela reminded the world that we can all imprison ourselves behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness.

All of us tend to carry inside us a certain amount of anger. From our earliest years we've been told that anger is a sin, in fact, one of the seven deadly sins. So what do we do about it? Probably we either deny it or suppress it. In itself, anger is just a feeling, neither good nor bad. If we love and value ourselves, we will naturally feel angry if and when we are treated badly. This is normal and even healthy. If we simply deny or repress our anger this can be very dangerous. It can result in self-hatred, depression, and even bodily ailments like asthma, ulcers, and heart conditions. On the other hand, when anger is released in a constructive and wholesome way it can

bring healing and relief.

When Jesus says: 'Do not get angry with a brother or sister,' he is not condemning anger in itself. After all he himself got angry when he drove the traders from the temple. There are times when we too should be angry, angry about unjust situations. Nevertheless our anger about injustice should not give rise to a lessening of love, let alone a build-up of hate.

Anger becomes dangerous when it turns into hostility. It's hostility rather than anger as such that is the really deadly sin. Hostility causes us to act out our anger. It leads to deep resentments, negative attitudes, nastiness, insults, sarcasm, hitting out, and so on, at the object of our anger. If we find ourselves often getting angry, we should look at the cause of our anger.

The cause may well be within ourselves. We may be too sensitive, too impatient, too impetuous, or too full of hurt and resentment.

But the cause of our anger may, in fact, be coming from the anger of others. Some people are so full of anger that it makes them hard to live with, work with, or even be with. Instead of owning and managing their anger, they are powder kegs, ready to explode on others. If the reason we feel angry lies with another person, we need to look at our relationship with that person and how, if possible, it might be improved.

What is making us feel angry, however, may be some unjust situation, e.g. cruel and inhumane treatment of asylum seekers, or abuse of innocent children. If so, we should do whatever we can to put that situation right. If anger can spur us to help make right what is wrong, then anger can be good, positive and productive.

Just the same, anger remains something dangerous. A Jewish saying has it: 'Anger in the heart is like a worm in a plant.' If our mind and heart are filled with anger and resentment, there is no peace, no sleep, no rest, no appetite, no smile, no laughter, and no joy. It may ruin our health, our friendships, and just about everything else we value. We cannot avoid getting angry, but we can avoid acting out anger with rage. So Jesus tells us to seek to be reconciled - with ourselves, with others, and with God.

A little example! Before going to work one morning a man had a row with his wife. In the middle of the morning it was still bothering him. So he rang his wife and apologised for his part in the row. Later he said to a friend: 'I didn't want her to carry that around all day.' His apology didn't do him any harm either!

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## LENTEN REFLECTION 2020

Our Lenten programme this year will take place *each TUESDAY evening from 6-7.00pm in the Parish Centre meeting room.*

Copies of the text, "Be Opened—A Journey to New Life" are available from the Piety Stall.

Cost: \$10.00.

*First session: Tuesday 25 February 2020*

## URGENT!!! - HELP WANTED

We are still appealing for new **Readers, Commentators and Ministers of the Eucharist** to join our lists for Sunday Masses. Training/ formation/ microphone technique will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Sr Elena cp.

## "Catechists' News—Scripture Teachers Required

Scripture teachers are required for Thursday afternoons in 2020. Also relief teachers and Catechist helpers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings & Thursday afternoons. If you are able to help, please contact Sue on 0448 808 204.

## Inner West Seniors Festival: 11-23 February 2020

As part of the Festival this year, Marrickville Croquet Club is inviting seniors to have a crack at croquet with a "Come and Try session" and morning tea *NEXT Wednesday 19 February, 10am-12 noon.*

Location: Cnr Frazer St and Lawson Ave, Marrickville. Plenty of parking—412 bus close. Come and make new friends—all you need are flat shoes and a hat!. Equipment and refreshments provided. Further information & RSVP: [mvcroquet@gmail.com](mailto:mvcroquet@gmail.com).

## Marrickville Heritage Society

NEXT Meeting: Saturday 22 February at 10.30am in Herb Greedy Hall, Petersham Rd, Marrickville.

Topic: Japanese Submarines in Sydney Harbour in WWII, Speaker: Mervyn Rosen, guide and volunteer at the Maritime Museum. Enquiries: [marrickvilleheritagesociety.org.au](http://marrickvilleheritagesociety.org.au)

## Teaching Day: St Joseph's Prayer Group, Enfield

Saturday 22 February, 9.45am-3.30pm. "Five Keys to Freedom" with Fr Tony Alex, MGL. Cost: \$15.00. Bring a dish for communal lunch, and Bibles. Enq: Rose- 0412 115 961

## Palms Australia

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. PALMS AUSTRALIA will provide you with preparation and support. Check out [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or talk to Roger on 0422 472 567.

## COMBINED PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS GATHERING

NEXT SATURDAY

22 FEBRUARY at 6.30pm

in SHRUBLAND HALL

*Contact your Family Group leader to reserve your place!*

## St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal

Thank you again to all who contributed to the recent appeal which resulted in \$2,770.00 collected.

Vinnies volunteers are on the ground living and working in the impacted communities and will stay alongside those people affected for the long months of recovery ahead.

So far, more than \$2.5 million dollars have been committed, providing people with direct cash payments as well as food, water, clothing, bedding, accommodation. Some parishioners may have been concerned by what you have heard in the media regarding donations to a variety of charities assisting the victims of fires. The following facts about the Vinnies Appeal may be helpful:

*\* 100% of donations to the Bushfire Appeal are being used to support people affected by the fires*

*\* Vinnies are not taking any administration fees for this emergency appeal and your donation will not be used to pay internal costs.*

*\*No appeal funds will be saved for future disasters—your donation will be spent to provide relief and recovery from the current bushfires.*

Vinnies' volunteers are hard at work across NSW and we thank them for their efforts.

**They would not be able to do it without you.**

**Please continue your support.**

## Message from the Safeguarding Office

*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 Safeguarding enquiries @ [sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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:** Fr Thomas  
**CCD in State Schools:** Sue King  
**Children's Sacraments:** Sr Elenita  
**Sunday Children's Liturgy:** 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 Collection

#### 9/2/20

**1st (Passionists):** \$ 1,390  
**2nd (Parish):** \$ 2,887

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 1,766  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,121

#### 2/2/20

**1st (Passionists):** \$ 1,820  
**2nd (Parish):** \$ 3,290

## Calendar

### February 2020

#### 15/16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 CEO Inner West Mass: Archbishop Fisher.

#### 22/23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Catechists' Sunday**

**Combined PFG Gathering:** 6.30pm Hall  
**Baptisms:** 12 noon

**25 Lenten Programme (1) 6-7pm in Parish Centre**  
**Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm**

**26 ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Masses: 6.45am; 9.00am; 5.00pm (Vietnamese); 7.00pm**

**27 Parish Finance Committee: 7pm**

**28 PARISH TEAM IN-SERVICE DAY**

### March 2020

#### 1 First Sunday of Lent

**Baptism Preparation: 10.00am**

Sunday in Annexe  
Catholic Schools Week begins

**3 Lenten Programme(2) 6-7pm in Parish Centre**

#### 7/8 Second Sunday of Lent

Tongan C'ty Meeting: 6pm Saturday in Hall

**10 Lenten Programme (2) 6-7pm in Parish Centre(3)**

### We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** Gwen Player; Carmela Cardinale.

**Anniversaries:** Pavlovic Jophel; Maria Trang Minh Thi Nguyen; Jaime Camacho; Tran Thi Anh; Tran Dien; Peter Nguyen Phuong Duy; Lorna Entriken; Mary Breen; Maree Parry; John Fountain; Helen Chakty; Guise Tam Huu Nguyen; Fancisco Filipe; Dominic Tung Duc Nguyen.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Anthony May; Arch Moss; Pearl Howard; Geoffrey Leask; Maria Di Constanzo; Edelweiss Maniucci.

### Mass Texts: Sunday 6 (A)

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 15: 15-20

**Response:** They are happy who follow God's law.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corin 2: 6-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 17-37

**Intercessions Response:** Lord, graciously hear us.

### Mass Texts: Sunday 7 (A)

**First Reading:** Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

**Response:** The Lord is compassion and love

**Second Reading:** 1 Corin 3:16-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 5: 38-48

**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 9-9.45 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 and 6pm. (Youth Mass on 4th Sunday)

### 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

# ST BRIGID'S MARRICKVILLE YOUTH GROUPS - 2020

**Junior Youth (Yrs 7-9): 3rd Sunday of each month from 4.30 to 5.45pm in the Annexe followed by Mass at 6.00pm**

First gathering : Sunday 16 February 2020

**Senior Youth ( Yrs 10-12): 3rd Sunday of each month from 6.45 to 8.30pm in the Annexe after 6.00pm Mass.**

First gathering: Sunday 16 February 2020

**Youth Mass : 4th Sunday of each month at 6.00pm followed by Young Adults Gathering from 7-9.00pm in the Annexe**

First gathering: Sunday 23 February 2020

**Acc Name: Marrickville Parish**  
**Bank: Commonwealth**  
**BSB: 062784**  
**Acc No 6445001**  
**Description: DONATION**

(if the gift is intended specifically for the Organ Restoration , please include the word "ORGAN" in the description.)



## Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 6 and Sunday 7 - Year A

	Readers/Commentators		Ministers		Servers	
	15/16 February	22/23 February	15/16 February	22/23 February	15/16 February	22/23 February
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Mary Leask	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran Susie Houssarini	Jenny Keys Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Leila Walsh	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Shelley Hopper	Gary Tupola	Gary Tupola
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Janice Schubach Margaret Barrett	Pat O'Reilly Carolann Ibbotson	Marg Barrett Dennis Maher	Janice Schubach Theresa James	Dennis Maher	Dennis Maher
<b>9 am Sun</b>	Anna Aurea Peter Jennings	Frank Cowell Bernadette Sara	Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany Sue King	Trish Ferguson Peter Jennings	Luke Nguyen	Luke Nguyen
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine	Diana Perin Terry Reyes	Terry Reyes Geoffrey Lean	Kate Johnson Mely Siasat	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	GeoffreyLean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Jnr /Snr Youth	YOUTH MASS	Jnr/ Snr Youth	YOUTH MASS	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek