



## 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*

## CORPUS CHRISTI — YEAR B

### EUCHARIST MEANS MISSION

In all our Catholic churches, the main way we pray together is the Eucharist, the Mass. From start to finish, Jesus Christ is active and alive in us who are parts, indeed limbs and cells, of his risen body. The climax, the high point of our celebration, is when we receive him in Holy Communion. There he gives himself to us in love and nourishes our relationship with him. There he wants to set us 'on fire' with his 'powerful love' (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #10). So, from our intimate sharing with him in communion, we are meant to go back to our homes and neighbourhoods with a new heart, a new spirit, and a new commitment. In other words, Jesus sends us out from his table to nourish others with our body and blood, i.e. with the gift of ourselves, our love, and our lives. He sends us out to bring to others a love like his – a love that is unselfish, caring, forgiving, generous and constant.

At the very end of Mass Jesus has one final word to say to us. Through our priest or deacon he commands us in this or similar words: 'Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.' His intention is '[that] each [of us] may go out [from his table] to do good works, praising and blessing God' [General Instruction of the Roman Missal 2002, #90c].

We cannot, in fact, truly share the consecrated bread and wine without also sharing the daily bread of our personal and community resources of one kind or another. Communion with him is essentially defective, and even an empty sham, if we ignore or neglect him in our poor and needy sisters and brothers.

Long ago St John Chrysostom had something to say about this that is particularly strong, sharp and challenging. Here are his words:

Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do you not pay

him homage in the temple clad in silk, only then to neglect him outside where he is cold and ill-clad. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same who said: 'You saw me hungry and gave me no food; and 'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers [and sisters] you did also to me' ... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices when your brother [or sister] is dying of hunger. Start by satisfying his [or her] hunger and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.

In a nutshell, our Holy Communion with Christ requires us to identify with poor, suffering, troubled and afflicted persons all over the world: Did not Vatican II say: 'The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well?' ['The Church in the Modern World', #1]

Our whole Mass is a matter of remembering, celebrating and joining in Christ's wonderful work of liberating and transforming human beings. So our celebration is meant to send us out to liberate oppressed and struggling persons from all that is not of God, from all that crushes or inhibits their dignity as his sons and daughters. This is so true that until Jesus Christ comes back to the earth at the end of time, the strongest sign of his presence and self-giving in the Eucharist is our life-style afterwards. It's meant to be a life-style of service, of binding up wounds, of reaching out to persons in need with caring, unselfish, and generous love in dozens of different ways, all the ways that Jesus himself reached out to others during his days and years on earth.

The Eucharist, then, means that we are people sent out on mission, and people who find in the Bread that is Christ and the wine that is Christ our nourishment and strength to reach out to others. A beautiful ecumenical document known as the Lima Statement

puts it this way : “the Eucharist is precious food for missionaries, bread and wine for pilgrims on their apostolic journey.” (Baptism, Eucharist & Ministry, E26.)

The truth is that shared prayer and shared life before and after prayer go together. This is particularly true of the Eucharist. For it is there that we remember, celebrate and encounter the presence and person of Jesus Christ giving himself in love to God the Father, & giving himself in love to human beings.

So, to sum up my message to you on this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, one of the quite special meanings of the Eucharist, but one that is too often overlooked or neglected, is that it is about “going out to make a better world” (Christiane Brusselmans).

Fr Brian Gleeson CP  
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#### **Plenary Council 2020—**

##### **Listen to what the Spirit is saying.**

***“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”***

Find out more about the Plenary Council in 2020 at the new website now online:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

#### **Help Wanted**

We are expecting a number of young people from interstate here in the parish for the Ordination celebrations over the long weekend in June (8-11 June). If you are able to assist with inflatable air mattresses/sleeping bags/blankets/pillows etc , please contact the Parish Office with details/numbers etc as soon as possible to arrange. Many thanks.

#### **Good News—Thank You!**

“Some very good news—I am in remission!!! Thanks be to God. The latest PET Scan which I had on 17 May showed no lymphoma and therefore I am in remission. I still need to continue the treatment maintenance programme until November, but I can handle that. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and support during what has been a rather hard time for me. I admit I am one of the lucky ones.

Once more, I can’t begin to thank you all for your support, and I assure you all of a remembrance in my Masses and prayers.

Regards and God bless.

**Fr Jim Elmore CP”**

#### **Passionist Holy Spirit Province Communications**

**Face Book: Province**—*The Passionists: Holy Spirit Province*

**PASPAC**—*The Passionists: Asia-Pacific Configuration*

**Web Page**—[www.passionists.com](http://www.passionists.com)

#### **RCIA**

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic , or learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office as our program for RCIA 2018/2019 is about to commence.

#### **Altar Servers’ Training**

June 6 (session 2) and June 13 (sessions 3 & 4). These will take place in the church with Sr Elena at 5.30pm

#### **The Bible and the Virgin Mary**

A 12 week course explaining the Catholic truths about the blessed Virgin Mary.

Where: Parish Hall, St Paul of the Cross, 532 N Canterbury Rd, D Hill

Date: Commencing Wednesday 13 June

Time: 7.30pm

Contact: Michael on 0420 990 501

#### **200 Years of Eucharistic Adoration**

This weekend, 1-3 June, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, personal and communal prayer and guided reflections at St Patrick’s, Church Hill. Archbishop Fisher OP and Fr Epeli Qimaqima, Director of Vocations, have asked for your time to pray for the Church in Sydney and especially for Vocations. To sign up for even just one hour of Adoration:

**<http://www.vocations.org.au/events/40-hours-for-vocations-2018>**

#### **Night of Prayer & Reparation**

Join the Sydney Committee of World Apostolate of Fatima at St Dominic’s Parish, Flemington on Friday 8 June. Doors open at 8.00pm, Mass at 9.00pm followed by Rosary / exposition. Enquiries: 9984 8988

#### **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. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options available to you. Please 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  
**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  
**Men's Club Co-chairs:** Arthur Kassis,  
John Skinner, Mick Ward  
**Pastoral Council Co-chairs** Peter Jennings,  
Arthur Kassis  
**Youth Ministry:** John Nguyen & Oliver Bautista

#### Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (4/6): Jim/Lalo/Maree**  
**Next Week (11/6): Jim/Lalo/Maree**

#### 27/5/18

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,845**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 3,985**  
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2,911  
Credit Cards: \$ 1,074

#### 20/5/18.

**1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,155**  
**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,617**

## ST BRIGID'S YOUTH CAMP

### **"INTO THE DEEP"**

*Calling all high-school students!*

*Do you want to play fun games?*

*Meet new friends?*

*Go deeper into your relationship  
with God?*

***Come to the first ever  
St Brigid's Youth Camp***

***When: 13— 15 July 2018***

***Where: St Brigid's Parish  
grounds***

***Cost: \$25.00***

**Registration or further information:**

**Youth Camp Co-ordinator (John)  
on 0432 342 039**

**OR [youthministry@passionists.com](mailto:youthministry@passionists.com)**

**Online Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/u6lZUBflaSMsDELo1>**

### We Remember

#### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Joy Matthews; Rosa Batista; Antnia Farrugia; Vilma Vella; Maria Dahdah; Angelo Di Tommaso; Boulos Lakiss; Harold Turner; Peter Killalea; Stanley Kean; Joseph Nguyen Quang Linh.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Eileen McClelland; Edna Taylor; Marie Keys; Malcolm Keys; Lucja Suter; Elaine Gifford; Stella Pace; Maria Tropea; Maria Pergola; Celine Steele; Lily Sterling

#### Mass Texts: Corpus Christi (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Exodus 24: 3-8  
**Response:** The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9: 11-15  
**Gospel:** Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26  
**Intercessions Response:**  
Lord, graciously hear us

#### Mass Texts: Sunday 10 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Genesis 3: 9-15  
**Response:** With the Lord there is mercy and  
fullness of redemption.  
**Second Reading:** 2 Corin 4: 13—5:1  
**Gospel:** Mark 3: 20-35  
**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.  
**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.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP

*as you celebrate your  
Second Anniversary of Ordination*

NEXT Sunday 10 June 2018  
at 10.30am Mass

*followed by morning tea on the lawns.*

**ALL WELCOME!**

*Please bring a plate of finger food  
to share*



## Calendar

### JUNE

#### 2/3 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

4 Southern Cross Meeting: 2pm in Hall  
8 Feast of the Sacred Heart  
**Confirmation Reflection Day**

#### 9/10 Sunday 10 in Ordinary Time **2nd Anniversary of Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP : 10.30am Mass & morning tea**

11 Public Holiday: **9am Mass only**  
13 Altar Servers' training: 5.30pm in church  
15 **NO 9.00am Mass**  
Casimir Founders' Day Mass: 9.30am  
7.00pm Tongan Mass

#### 16/17 Sunday 11 in Ordinary Time Altar Servers' Installations: 10.30am **CONFIRMATIONS: 2.00pm**

23/24 **The Nativity of John the Baptist**  
**Vinnies Winter Appeal: all masses**  
Combined PFGM Gathering: Hall  
Baptisms: 12 noon  
**Feast of St Anthony: 2.00pm**  
Seniors Group: 2.00pm  
Parish Pastoral Council  
P/School Mass: Sacred Heart: 10am

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### JULY

#### 30/1 Sunday 13 in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Mass Ministries: Corpus Christi & Sunday 10 Year B

#### Lectors/Commentators

#### Communion Ministers

#### Altar Servers

|                     | 2/3 June   | 9/10 June  | 2/3 June   | 9/10 June  | 2/3 June                                 | 9/10 June                                |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>5 pm Sat</b>     | Mary Leask<br>Michael Price                                | Liz Buchel<br>Margaret Dos Santos<br>Michael Schiano | Elizabeth Delaney SGS<br>Carole Price<br>Michael Price<br>Carmel Cloran<br>Paul Cloran | William Metlej<br>Gabrielle Bietola<br>Ofa Tupola<br>Kelelia Apikotoa              | Leon Tupola<br>Gary Tupola<br>Walsh Mafi | Leon Tupola<br>Gary Tupola<br>Walsh Mafi |
| <b>7.30am Sun</b>   | Janice Schubach<br>Margaret Kelly<br>Susie Houssarini      | Carolyn Ibbotson<br>John Freeman<br>Mary Leask       | Mary Entriiken<br>Maria Mansour<br>John Freeman  | Janice Schubach<br>Margaret Kelly<br>Theresa James<br>Maree Doyle                  | Michael Dillon                           | Michael Dillon                           |
| <b>9 am Sun</b>     | John Skinner<br>Bec Wong                                   | John McGrath<br>Sue King                             | Frank Cowell<br>Jennie Oesman<br>Justin Hartany<br>Joanne McGrath<br>John McGrath      | Christina Day<br>Peter Jennings<br>Judith Flett<br>John Skinner<br>Therese Skinner |  |  |
| <b>10.30 am Sun</b> | Bernadette Yammine<br>Italian Reader<br>Catherine Vagnozzi | <b>Ordination Anniversary</b>                        | <b>Ordination Anniversary</b>  | Sep List?  | Geoffrey Lean<br>A & A de Vera           | Albert Naticchia<br>Anthony Naticchia    |
| <b>6 pm Sun</b>     | Arthur Kassis<br>Robert Gascoigne                          | TEEN GROUP   | TEEN GROUP   | TEEN GROUP   | Tony Hayek                               | Tony Hayek                               |