



# 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***

## Eleventh Sunday (Year B)

### Mainstream Martyr For Our Time

*Editorial The Tablet 21 May 2015*

The beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero is a watershed moment in the recovery of a fundamental truth. The key question that Romero's life and death asks of the faithful everywhere is whether the Christian duty to evangelise and the Christian calling to be holy are inseparable from the Christian duty to work for a better world by opposing exploitation and injustice. The easy answer, from generations of church leaders and teachers, was to treat the work for justice as optional, admirable, but not for everyone. That is no longer tenable.



***A Relic of Blessed Oscar: the shirt he wore when he was murdered.***

Ever since Paul VI's *Populorum Progressio* in 1967, a theological convergence between evangelisation and work for justice has been discernible, though often with two steps forward and one step back. The Church's recognition of Romero's official status as a martyr, demonstrated by his beatification in San Salvador today, is where the two

trajectories finally merge – and "martyr" is here a rigorously defined technical description. It is a recognition that he was killed out of hatred for social justice and therefore that he was killed out of hatred for the faith. It is henceforth no longer correct to regard Romero as a radical, someone on the edge. He has become orthodox, representative, mainstream.

This still makes many conservative Catholics, including clerics in high places, profoundly uncomfortable. It means they have misread the Gospel. They want Romero to be seen as a saint only because of his holy life, or as a man who lived and died exceptionally in exceptional circumstances. They do not want his example to be a vindication of the central truth of liberation theology, that the Church cannot stand aside from historical processes such as the struggle of the poor for justice, nor can it choose which side to be on. There is no version of Catholicism available that is apolitical, nor is it Marxist to say so. Yet plenty of church leaders all over the world have allowed such political struggles to pass them by, concentrating instead on the state of people's souls and aligning themselves with tyrannical regimes because that served the Church's interests.

The rehabilitation of Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez, who addressed the Caritas Internationalis General Assembly in Rome this week, is symbolic of a real shift in the Vatican. Echoing Pope Francis, the father of liberation theology said the Church itself must be poor, not

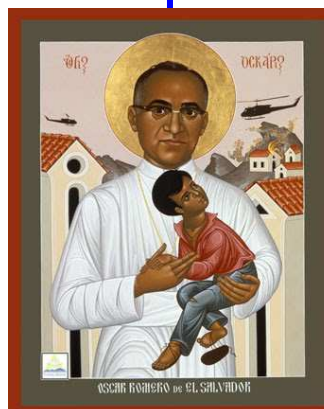


just be for the poor. And this was urgent. "What we are witnessing today is the biggest gap between rich and poor that humanity has ever witnessed," he declared. Anybody who thought he might have been referring to events of little relevance to the prosperous West need only look

at what is happening in the Mediterranean, or indeed Calais. In their thousands, the poor are besieging the gates of the rich, demanding to be admitted.

This transition in teaching is not just a consequence of the election of Pope Francis. It is the fruit of an historical process with roots in the Second Vatican Council and indeed in

the Gospel itself. This return to biblical origins is something that Catholics everywhere have begun, with joy indeed, to recognise. Which is why Pope Francis is the Pope for this age, and Romero is its archetypal saint.



## From Archbishop Anthony



### **Don't Mess with Marriage**

**Archbishop of Sydney  
Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP**

We all know and love someone with same-sex attraction. We want them to be happy. So we all feel the tug of the view that everything that makes heterosexuals happy should be open to same-sex attracted people – including marriage.

Some say marriage should now be redefined as a public commitment by people to love each other – and so any two people should be allowed to marry. Anything else would be unfair, discriminatory, 'unequal'.

But hold on: what if marriage is essentially heterosexual? No one thinks it's wrong to restrict primary schools to children, women's hospitals to women, Aboriginal land rights to indigenous Australians... some things are precisely for them and exist because of them. The question is: is marriage precisely for "man and wife" and if so, why?

When a churchman like me asks such a question it's readily assumed to come from faith-fuelled

bigotry. To the extent churchmen, or other Christians, have been guilty of bigotry I am ashamed and sorry. At many times in history, and sadly still today in some places, people with same-sex attraction have suffered injustice or unlove from some believers. This is to be deplored.

But the idea that marriage must be between man and woman is not bigotry. It is not even particularly Christian: every major world religion has thought so. Nor is the idea peculiarly religious: every major civilisation till now has thought so. Even in highly diverse and sexually opportune cultures like ancient Greece marriage was reserved to a man and a woman.

So why not morph marriage into a new institution for anyone who wants publicly to commit to loving each other?

For starters, marriage doesn't just harmonise two people's emotional lives. Marriage has always been valued for holding together things which otherwise tend to pull apart: sex and love, love and babies, men and women, babies and parents. Not every marriage successfully unites all these things, but only the union of a man and woman can possibly do so.

Not every marriage ends up having kids, but every kid has a mum and dad. Marriage exists to bring a man and woman together so that, in the normal course of things, they become father and mother to any kids their love creates, and then to

hold that man and woman together so those kids have parents for the long haul.

Reducing marriage to whatever gives adults emotional satisfaction leaves us with no real reason why such a union should be "for life" (as feelings aren't), why it should be between only two people (three or more might love each other too), or why government should regulate it at all (we don't need a registrar to tell us who to love or for how long).

To claim that there are differences between men and women, mothers and fathers, parents and children, and to support an institution built around those distinctions, need not be unjustly discriminatory. What is unjust is to pretend these differences are irrelevant to the lives of all those already married, those who might in future want real marriage, or those whose families are founded on this relationship.

Many people today find it hard to commit to marriage and stay married. There are lots of reasons for that. But adding to the confusion about what marriage is and is for, and further deconstructing this institution, will only weaken it further.

We could do more to ensure the same-sex attracted are treated with respect and love. But in doing so we don't have to undermine marriage further. Don't mess with marriage.

**Archbishop Fisher is also Chair of the Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life. May 2015**

## Passionists & World Youth Day



### **Calling all Potential Pilgrims for World Youth Day 2016...**

The time is NOW to secure your position on the Passionist Pilgrimage.

Please pay your Non Refundable (unless pilgrimage doesn't go ahead) \$200 per person deposit to the Passionists by the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015. (Be Aware: We need a minimum of 15 pilgrims deposit paid by this date for the experience to go ahead)

Estimated Cost is \$5600pp which includes... all flights, accommodation, transfers, meals, registration for WYD, tour guides, Passio hat & shirt,

**The Passionist Experience + WYD looks like this**

17 July: Leave Australia for Vietnam.

Commence a week of immersion.

24 July: fly Vietnam to Krakow and commence WYD week from 26th July - 31st July. Fly home on the 2nd August 2016.

The experience is just over two weeks in 2016.

**How to Pay...**All money for the pilgrimage will go through our Provincial office. Preferred Method by the 14th July 2015:

**To make a payment, transfer \$200 electronically to:**

Account Name: Trustees of the Passionist Fathers  
Bank: Commonwealth Bank 48 Martin Place, Sydney  
BSB: 062 -784

**Reference:** Please reference your payment with your name, and WYD Krakow.

### **If you wish to make a cash deposit at a bank**

you will need to use the following banking information Trustees of the Passionist Fathers, 196 Livingstone Road, Marrickville NSW 2204

Phone 02-85775600

Westpac BSB 032067

Westpac Account number 216881

Bank Address is 241 Marrickville Road, Marrickville 2204

Email: When you have made a deposit, please email Jo McDade and Symon Scott

([business.manager@passionists.com](mailto:business.manager@passionists.com))

, so we can reference it to the correct person. Please note, if you are making a deposit for more than one person, in your email include all names.

**CP Pilgrimage Coordinator:**

**Jo McDade**

**M: 0439300832**

**W: [www.passionistyouth.com.au](http://www.passionistyouth.com.au)**

**E: [jo@passionistyouth.com.au](mailto:jo@passionistyouth.com.au)**

## Information Directory

### CatholicCare Family Help Line

1300 1300 52

### St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

### Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

### Catholic Church Marriage Tribunal

9390 5120

### Baptisms

**Preparation:** 1st Sundays 10am

**Presentation:** 2nd Sunday Masses

**Baptisms:** 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon or at Masses

### Marriages

Preferably 6 months notice

Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

## Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

**Adult Sacraments** Sr Elena  
**CanCare** Fr John, Jenny, Maree  
**Care of Sick & Aged** Sr Elena  
**CCD in State Schools** Sue King  
**Children's Sacraments** Fr John  
**Cultural C'tee** Maria Barlow-Sawaszenko  
**Ecumenical & Interfaith** John McGrath  
 Sr Pat Bowthorpe FMM  
**Family Groups** Carole Price  
**Finance C'tee** Michael Curran  
**Justice & Peace** Fr Peter, Peter Jennings  
**Liturgical Ministries** Fr John, Sr Elena  
**Men's Club:** Arthur Kassis, John Skinner,  
 Mick Ward  
**Pastoral Council** John Skinner, Paige Bullen  
**PPC Committees:**  
 - Communication/Engagement:  
 - Nurturing Liturgy: Paige Bullen  
 - Social Justice: Peter Jennings  
 - Spiritual Growth:  
 - Strong Community: Michael Ward

## Liturgical Timetable

**Mon—Fri:** Masses: 6.45 am, 9.00 am; Wednesday 7.00 pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration: 7.15-8.45am. Benediction: 8.45am

### Public Hols: Mass 9.00am

**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); 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 4th Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

## We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Maureen Shalvey SGS; Martinho De Sousa; Quang Linh Nguyen; Januaria Flores

**Anniversaries:** Massad Massad; Bernard Mahony; Penny Hutton; Marie Griffin; William Bamford; Jack Blackall; Silvia Toffolo; Benjamin Duarte; Dominico Ton That Chau; Philomena Linsley; Noel Fay; Jose Caetano; Antonio Arcuri; Filomena Di Sisto.

**Recently Ill:** Alfred McGowan; Owen Wall; Deidre & Drew Whitford.

## Parish Collections

**Counters: This week (15/6)** Jim/  
 Lalo/Maree

**Counters: Next Week (22/6)**  
 Jim's Team

### 6/7 June

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,820**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 5,557**

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 4,316

Credit Cards: \$ 1,241

### 30/31 May

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,780**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 5,018**

## Mass Texts: Sunday 11 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

**Response:** It is good to give you thanks,  
 O Lord.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corin 5:6-10

**Gospel:** Mark 4: 26-34

**Intercessions Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

## Mass Texts: Sunday 12 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Job 38:1. 8-11

**Response:** O give thanks to the Lord, for  
 his love endures forever.

**Second Reading:** 2 Corin 5:14-17

**Gospel:** Mark 35-41

**Intercession Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

## Sunday Mass Ministries: Most Holy Trinity & Corpus Christi (Yr B)

### Lectors/Commentators

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

	13/14 June	20/21 June	13/14 June	20/21 June	13/14 June	20/21 June
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Yvonne Kearsey	Kelelia Apikotoa Yvette Apikotoa Paul Cloran	Jo Young Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Leila Walsh Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Jack Houssarini Sudie Houssarini Liz Buchel Margaret Dos Santos Samuela Kula	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Visesio Siasau Joseph Kula Alycia Young
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Maree Doyle John Lizzio	Janice Schubach Kerry Anne Pestana Theresa James	John Freeman Maria Mansour Margaret Barrett	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Adrienne Harverson	Christina Day Trish Ferguson Peter Jennings	Frank Wassef Maria Wassef Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Sue King George Harb Jim Yeo Antoinette Grigg Francis Seufale	Michael Moreira Claude Walton Louis Walton Jacqueline Flett Nicholas Sourlas	Xavier Rego Naomi Rego Natasha Rego Olivia Moreira Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen Theodore Bullen
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Jeff Thurlow Italian reader Angie Chiapoco	Kate Johnston Italian reader Bernadette Yammine	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine Beatrice Lau Antoinette Grigg Kalala Sakopo	Geoffrey Lean Mely Siasat Jeff Thurlow Sebastian Caruso Maria Necesito	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia John Dorrington	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera James Poonan
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks Dominic Manansala	Maria Fuller Catrina Fuller Melissa Saxton	Jackie Kassis Arthur Kassis Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Thomas Hill	Pei-Pei Coa Lea Paladino Dominic Manansala Alisa Nasir Noeleen Fernandez Ever Landero	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek



# Parish Calendar 2015 & Coming Events

## Passionist Ministries & Activities

**Frs George & Michael**, St Brigid's.  
**Fr Lex** marriages.

**Fr John** in Vietnam (12-20 June)

**Fr John Auram** in PNG

**Br Martin** in Oxley Qld

**Fr Jim** on mission in St Paul MN

**Fr Peter** on mission Palm Beach FL

**Fr Phil** on mission in Hartford CT

## Nominations for Pastoral Council

In July, John Skinner, Michael Ward and Mary Cloran finish three years of service to our community as PPC Members, tho they serve us in many other ways. Nominations are invited from Parishioners wanting to work with others in continuing to build our Parish. Close on Monday 22 June at 5pm with Parish Secretary.

## New School Enrolments

School enrolments for 2016 are still being received but close at the end of Term.

## 14 June: Mass for St Anthony's Day

Our annual Italian Mass for the Feast of St Anthony is at 2pm, starting with a procession from the Shrine.

## 14 June: Fr Frank Brennan SJ The Not-So-Just War Theory

St Joseph's Church Newtown host a talk by Frank Brennan at the Church 4-6pm.

## 19 June: Multifaith Bus Tour

A mini bus of 12 passengers will be touring Marrickville places of worship this day as part of the Open Marrickville Programme. They will visit a Mosque, Buddhist Temple, Orthodox Church and St Brigid's. They will be at St Brigid's at 12.15pm for 30 minutes.

## 20-21 June: Vinnies Winter Appeal

The winter appeal is next

weekend. Envelopes are available. The Post Communion Collection will be for Vinnies. St Brigid's is very generous. Thank you. Conference is very grateful for our support. By our generosity they are able to help so many others. Our Conference has members from the wide cultural, age & gender community that we are. New members are always welcome. Contact Parish Office and leave details.

## 21 June: Confirmation

At 2pm we will celebrate Confirmation. This year in the group of 43 candidates we have 3 young people who are also being baptised and will receive their First Communion. A wonderful celebration. Please pray for our candidates. **Monsignor John Usher** is confirming on behalf of Archbishop Anthony. John is Parish Priest of St Patrick's Mortlake, and until recently he was Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archdiocese.



## St Brigid's Marrickville Pastoral Associate: Youth Ministry

St Brigid's Marrickville is seeking a vibrant youth minister to join the parish staff. The successful applicant would be required to work with the Parish Team and the Parish Youth Support Group to develop and expand our youth ministries, starting with Confirmation group through to young adult.

Experience in youth ministry and/or parish youth groups is desirable. Part time, starting at 15 hrs/fortnight, award rates. A role description are available from the parish office.

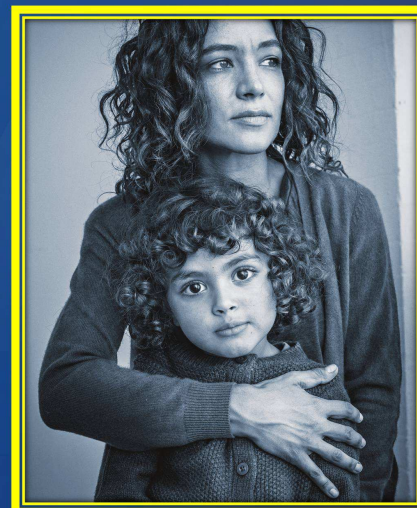
The successful applicant will be required to complete a National Police Check and to have a current Working With Children Check.

**Phone: 8577 5670 | Email: parish@stbrigid.org.au**

**Applications close Friday 26 June 2015 at 5pm.**

 **St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

## YOU CAN HELP REBUILD LIVES



## BY DONATING TO VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

## Parish Calendar

### June

#### 13-14 11th Sunday of the Year

14 Mass for St Anthony's Day (2p)  
17 Vinnies Conference

State of Origin in Annexe with Men's Club (7.30pm)

18 100 Days of Kindy Prayer (10)

19 Casimir Founders Day  
Open Marrickville (12.15)

20 John returns from Vietnam.

#### 20-21 12th Sunday of the Year

## Vinnies Appeal Confirmation (2 pm)

23 Pastoral Council (7.30 pm)

24 Vinnies Conference (7.30 pm)

26 SB School Mass for Sacred Heart & Young Vinnies (11am)

#### 27-28 13th Sunday of the Year

San Lupo Assoc Dinner

### July

3 Italian Mass (10.30am)  
Men's Club (7.30pm)

#### 4-5 13th Sunday of the Year

5-11 Passionist Provincial Chapter

#### 11-12 15th Sunday of the Year

Term 3.

#### 18-19 16th Sunday of the Year

25 Cathedral Mass for Investing Archbishop Anthony with the Pallium (10.30am)

#### 25-26 17th Sunday of the Year

28 Pastoral Council