



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR B

STAYING CONNECTED TO JESUS

You will have noticed that every time the gospel is proclaimed in church it is presented as 'according to'. Each gospel writer sees the same Jesus, but with different eyes. Our message about him today is 'according to John'.

John's Jesus presents the metaphor of the vine and the branches to describe the intimate relationship between Jesus and us, his followers. He is the true vine; his Father is the vine grower (15:1) and we are the branches attached to him (15:5). Only if we remain connected to him and he to us will we bear fruit, i.e. lead good, meaningful, useful, productive and worthwhile lives (15:4). What counts for John, then, is closeness to Jesus and lifelong friendship with him.

There are all kinds of ways in which this happens, but it's happening where we are right here, right now. It's happening in our liturgy, our shared prayer, our Eucharist, the one we are celebrating right now.

It cannot be emphasised enough that liturgy is simply people praying, people praying together the prayer of their Church, i.e. its official prescribed prayer. As such, it's something we do. But even more it's something which God does.

What God does in liturgy continues what God has already done in history. This is his work of saving, i.e. of transforming human beings. This work of God reached its climax in the living, dying and rising of Jesus. 'God so loved the world,' says St John, 'that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life' (3:16).

When God the Father raised Jesus from the dead he let loose among us the same power that animated Jesus from the cradle to the grave. This is the power of the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit! The power that enriched his relationships! The power that led him to keep on loving God and God's people! The

power that spurred him into doing good - helping and healing wherever he could (Acts 10:38) The power that brought to people the understanding and compassion, the kindness, the comfort, and the healing of God! The power that forgave their sins, relieved their guilt, and gave them a brand new start! The power and joy of God's on-going presence, friendship and support!

It's this very same Spirit of God that Jesus our Saviour keeps giving us when we come together to pray. His Spirit keeps refreshing, renewing and transforming our lives. He does not and will not leave us as we are. Slowly but surely, we become more and more like Jesus. So liturgy has been called 'an encounter with Christ in the fullness of his redeeming activity'.

To speak this way is to speak of liturgy as a gift, as a grace. But what God is doing in liturgy is only side of the picture. There is also our response to the presence and action of God working within and among us - our response of praise, thanksgiving, sorrow, petition, lament and self-offering.

Liturgy as both gift and response takes shape as a dialogue, a conversation with God. On the one hand God keeps assuring us of his presence and love. On the other hand, we respond with gratitude and faith, with trust and love.

It may be seen, then, that the pattern of liturgy parallels the pattern of the life, work and prayer of Jesus our Saviour: - To the Father, through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit! As the conclusion of our every Eucharistic Prayer we explicitly acknowledge this as the pattern of our lives, work and prayer as well. So, we say: 'Through him, with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. AMEN.'

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CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL
Next WEEKEND, 5/6 May 2018
at ALL Masses

The funds raised in this appeal throughout the Sydney Archdiocese help support :
CatholicCare (assisting families);
Chaplaincies; Seminaries;
Ephpheta Centre (promoting dialogue between the hearing and hard of hearing communities);
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) (educating Catholic children in public schools); **and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**(promoting reconciliation and understanding).

This is the final appeal for the 2017-2018 tax year .
Contributions over \$2.00 are 100% tax deductible.

Piety Store

Currently in stock: Communion, Confirmation and Birthday cards etc, plus Baptism candles, as well as a large variety of religious goods.

Why not stop by for a browse

Social Justice Gathering

"Caring for God's Creation, Caring for God's People": focusing on solar energy & anti-slavery projects.

On 5 May 2018, 11.- 3.30pm at St Columba's, Leichhardt. RSVP for catering: jpointo@sydneycatholic.org

Adoration with Bishop Umbers

In the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Paul of the Cross, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill, monthly at 7pm on Friday evenings.

Next Gathering: 11th May 2018. Enquiries: church@dulwichhillparish.org.au

Gift of Bread.

Annual Charity Gala Dinner: Saturday 26 May 2018 at 'Blueberry Hill' Canterbury League Club, Belmore. Entertainment, music & dancing, 3 Course Meal, Drinks, Auction, Lottery. Prizes include a car, trip to India and P&O Cruise and more....

Early Bird Tickets only \$100.00
Book now: 8222 6100

Oz Rosary

This will take place at St Brigid's on Sunday 13 May 2018 at 12 noon.
Enquiries: Mina at minamih@yahoo.com

**SR ELENITA FLORES CP and
Sr ROWENA LOPEZ CP
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**



Our Congratulations to two very special women who last week celebrated their Silver Jubilee , 25 years of devoted and faithful service as Passionist Sisters, with a beautiful Mass followed by refreshments in Shrubland Hall for their communities and friends.

Last Thursday Sr Elenita and Sr Rowena flew home to the Philippines to continue the celebrations with their families and classmates . Our best go with them. We give thanks for their presence among us and ask God's blessing on them for the next 25 years. We will welcome Sr Elenita back to Marrickville in early May (just in time for Confirmation Preparation!)



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
Adriene 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 (30/4): Lea's Team
Counters: Next Week (7/5): Jim/Lalo/Maree

22/4/2/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,970

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,004

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2,980

Credit Cards: \$ 1,024

15/4//18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,080

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,140

Confirmation at St Brigid's 2018

**Classes for parent and child
will commence at 7pm in
Shrubland Hall, and will contin-
ue on Wednesday evenings in
May:**

Preparation Dates:

Wednesday 09 May 2018

Wednesday 16 May 2018

Wednesday 23 May 2018

Wednesday 30 May 2018

Rite Of Presentation:

Saturday @ 5pm 26 May 2018

**Sunday @ 9am,10:30am,6pm
27 May 2018**

Confirmation Day:

Sunday 17 June 2018:

**Confirmation will be
celebrated in the Church
at 2.00pm**

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Antonio D'Apuzzo

Anniversaries: Michael Pearce; Joseph Tran; Gaetano Buda; Richard Coorie; Anna Le Thi Thuc; Marguerite Formosa; Angelo Bergamin; Mary Kerpan; Merlin Roberts; Anna Nu Thi Nguyen; Jose Dos Santos; Evelyne Yamine; ; Franciscus Yuwono

Carrying Severe Illness: Maureen Thorne; Maria Tropea; Carmel Kelly; Maria Pergola; Lena Buck; Celine Steele; Fr Jim Elmore CP. Lily Sterling

Mass Texts: Easter 5 (Yr B)

First Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second Reading: 1 John 3 : 18-24

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

Intercessions Response:

Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Easter 6 (Yr B)

First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26. 34-5.44-48

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

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 (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, and at the 10am Italian mass on 1st Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

St Brigid's Youth Group

NEXT

Sunday May 6—7-8.30pm

Who is Jesus Christ?

Have you ever wondered whether Jesus was a liar, a lunatic or our Lord?

Join us in a night of faith formation as we explore together which one He really is.

July 13-15 2018

St Brigid's Marrickville is planning its first ever youth Camp at our parish!

Please save the date in your calendar!
More information in the coming weeks.

Calendar

APRIL

28/29 April Easter 5

MAY

1 Term 2 commences

5/6 May Easter 6

Feast of St Peter Chanel (Vigil)
CWF APPEAL: ALL masses
Baptism Preparation: 10.00am

9 Confirmation Prep(1): 7pm in Hall
11 P/School Mother's Day Mass: 10am

12/13 May Feast of the Ascension

Mother's Day
OzRosary: 12 noon

16 Confirmation Prep (2): 7pm in Hall
17 Parish Finance Committee: 7.30pm

19/20 May Feast of Pentecost

P/School Mass Year 3: 9.00am
Baptisms: 12 noon

22 Parish Council: 7.30pm
23 Confirmation Prep (3): 7pm in Hall
24 **Our Lady Help of Christians**

26/27 May Feast of Trinity

Presentation of Confirmation candidates at ALL masses
Baptisms: 12 noon

Sunday Mass Ministries: Easter 5 and Easter 6 Year B

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

| | 28/29 April | 5/6 May | 28/29 April | 5/6 May | 28/29 April | 5/6 May |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 5 pm Sat | Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran | Mary Leask Michael Price | Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper | Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran | Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi | Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi |
| 7.30am Sun | Pat O'Reilly Carolann Ibbotson | Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini | Maree Doyle Margaret Kelly Janice Schubach Theresa James | Mary Entriken Maria Mansour John Freeman | Michael Dillon | Michael Dillon |
| 9 am Sun | | John Skinner Bec Wong | Kath Walton Pedro Moreira Diane Moreira Peter Jennings Christina Day Judith Flett | Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath | | |
| 10.30 am Sun | Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston | Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi | George Harb Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine | Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb | Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia | Geoffrey Lean Alfred DeVera Aldrick DeVera |
| 6 pm Sun | | Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne | | Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino | Tony Hayek | Tony Hayek |