



St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Nativity of St John the Baptist - Year B

'WHAT'S IN A NAME?'

In every family, the birth of a new baby is usually a source of joy and excitement. There's excitement even before it happens. This is particularly the case when a couple is expecting their first baby. In any case, the news of the arrival of a new baby is eagerly passed on from one family member to another. 'Is it a boy or a girl?' they want to know. 'Who is the baby like?' 'Has the baby got its father's red hair?' 'Are Mum and Bub both well?' 'What's the baby's name?', and even when the name is known: 'Why on earth did they call the baby that?'

That last question is the very same one that bothered the relations and friends of Elizabeth and Zechariah, when they heard that the couple's first and only child was being named 'John'. They asked: 'Why on earth didn't they respect Jewish custom and tradition and call him "Zechariah" after his father? Where did they get that "John" from? What got into them?'

What got into them? Nothing less than God's decision to be the one to give this baby his name! And why would God do that? Simply because, while every baby is special, this baby is extra-special! His destiny is to introduce to the world the person of Jesus Christ. His destiny is to go out into the desert to be a voice crying in the wilderness. His destiny is to shout the good news there that the king and saviour of the world is on his way. His destiny is to call on people to straighten out the bumps in their lives and prepare a straight and smooth highway for the coming of their king. 'Repent', he will say over and over again. 'Get ready for the coming of the Messiah. Give up your selfishness, your greed, your self-indulgence, your dishonesty, your disloyalty, your anger, your nastiness, your hostility. Clean up your act, get washed clean in the Jordan River, and make a brand-new start.' And so, even in his mother's womb, John is said to have leapt with

joy at the prospect of being so closely associated with the person of Jesus.

What will also be extra special about this forerunner of the messiah to come is his humility. He's on no ego-trip. He will say in relation to Jesus: 'I am not fit to undo his sandals.' 'I must decrease; he must increase.' His intention will always be to point away from himself to the Messiah. So single-minded will he be about this, that just as soon as he can he will go out into the desert to live, and to live ever so simply by wearing animal skins for clothes and eating grasshoppers and wild honey for food.

What a man! How aptly the words of God in our First Reading today apply to him: 'I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth!' Indeed, as the gospel says, 'the hand of the Lord was with him'. 'What's in a name?' asks Australian poet, C.J. Dennis, in one of his famous pieces. My given names are 'Brian Peter'. Brian means 'strong' and 'brave', after the Irish king who won the Battle of Clontarf in 1054. 'Peter' means 'rock'. What a lot I have to live up to! When Elizabeth and Zechariah were told by God to name their son 'John', it was a name that had never occurred to them. But when they understood that it means literally 'God has shown favour to us', they were more than happy to do so. So, if your name is John, or Jack, or Jock, or Sean, or Giovanni, you can be proud to carry that name.

When the relations of Elizabeth and Zechariah heard how the child came to be called 'John', they understood that he was destined for great things. They wondered: 'What will this child turn out to be? Every parent wonders about this at the birth of their child. Our parents too, yours and mine, have had great expectations of us. God too has had great expectations of us. How have we lived up to their hopes and expectations? How have we turned out so far?'

To the extent that we have lived up to what they have expected of us, let us give sincere thanks to God in our prayer today and mean it! And if we have been something of a disappointment, a let-down, let us in prayer seek God's favour and support to make a fresh start, a brand new start. Our time on earth is running out. Perhaps the time we have left to us we will after all, with the help of God, start living up to all our parents' hopes and dreams.

Fr Brian Gleeson CP

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Plenary Council 2020—

“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

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 will commence soon.

Planned Giving 2018/2019

New sets of envelopes are available for collection THIS weekend at the main doors of the Church. They commence from NEXT Sunday, 1 July 2018. Please note that some parishioners will have a different envelope number from previously as we try to consolidate the numbers resulting from the decline in those wishing to contribute via weekly envelopes. Receipts for those who requested them for Planned Giving (25%), CWF Appeal and Project Compassion will be available in early July.

St Brigid's Seniors' Group

Next Meeting: THIS Sunday 24 June at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. New members very welcome—just come along!

Holy Father's Appeal—SS Peter and Paul

This Appeal will take place NEXT Sunday, 1 July, at all masses throughout the Sydney Archdiocese. Donations go towards the global charitable causes of Pope Francis which are aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, crises, poverty. Please give what you can in the special envelopes.

Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

Celebrated by Archbishop Fisher on Sunday 8 July at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. Couples attending should register with Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8400. Special certificates for 50th/55th/60th/65th Anniversaries.

Retirement Village Unit Available

Daceyville (Kingsford) Parish has a ground floor 1-bedroom unit available in their Retirement Village. For further information on terms and conditions, please contact Joe on 0438 696 396 OR Patricia on 0409 718 665.

St Brigid's Youth Carwash Fundraiser

Sunday 15 July at 9.00am and 10.30am Mass. Need your car looking sparkly clean? For a minimum donation of \$15.00 our Youth will give your car a good wash while you are at Mass. There are only 10 places available, so please sign up at the back of the church and help our Youth with their future formation. Details: John on 0432 342 039 OR youthministry@passionists.com

“From Death to New Life”

A public Short Course on preparing & celebrating Catholic funerals at Strathfield in the Gleeson Auditorium on 4 Wednesday evenings in July 2018, presented by ACU Centre for Liturgy. Explore the theology of dying and how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Scholars, priests and funeral directors in discussion. **Registration essential:** <http://www.acu.edu.au/acu-centre-for-liturgy/short-courses>. Enquiries: 9701 4751.

“Charter for Compassion”

The vision of this Charter is to foster a world where everyone is committed to living the principle of compassion. The Charter, started in 2008, has been endorsed by more than 2 million people worldwide through 45 countries, and was recognised by the Australian Parliament in 2010.

Join with the Dulwich Hill community, Fr Dave Smith and Dr Nour Kabbani, a Sufi physician based in Michigan USA, & his Caravan of Peace in this opportunity to sign-up to the charter.

When?: Friday 29 June 2018 at 7.00pm

Where?: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 2 Herbert St, D. Hill.

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

*“Hope
even when surrounded
by unhappiness.*

*The source of your joy
is the eternal happiness
of God”*

St Paul of the Cross



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
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 (25/6): Lea's Team
Next Week (2/7): Jim/Lalo/Maree

17/6/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,750
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,934
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,812
Credit Cards: \$ 1,122

10/6/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 2,060
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,316

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

Online Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/u6IZUBflaSMsDELo1>

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Barbara Stanton; Rosa Da Silva.

Anniversaries: Houda El-Lakkis; Wacek Kupidura; Dominico Ton That Chau; Phyllis McGuckin; John & Ada Wood; John Ward; Celina Rego; Rosalia De Zamora; Ned Eid; Josephine Kilmartin; Jose Andrade; Jose Carvalho; Maria Martins; Fr Stephen Sleeth CP; Fr Bernard Kenny CP.

Carrying Severe Illness: Eileen McClemant; Edna Taylor; Marie Keys; Malcolm Keys; Lucja Suter; Elaine Gifford; Maria Tropea; Lily Sterling

Mass Texts: Nativity of John the Baptist (Yr B)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6
Response: I thank you Lord, for the wonder of my being.
Second Reading: Acts 13: 22-26
Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66. 80
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 13 (Yr B)

First Reading: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24.
Response: I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me.
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7.9.13-15
Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43
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.

VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

JUNE 23/24 2018

ALL MASSES

Special envelopes available at church doors THIS weekend.

All donations will receive a tax receipt if required. Your generosity and ongoing support to our Conference provides the inspiration and the means for us to continue supporting our community in need.

THANK YOU!



Calendar

JUNE

- 23/24 The Nativity of John the Baptist**
Vinnies Winter Appeal: all masses
 Combined PFGM Gathering: Hall at 6pm
 Baptisms: 12 noon
Feast of St Anthony: 2.00pm
Seniors Group: 2.00pm
 Parish Pastoral Council
 P/School Mass: Sacred Heart: 10am
- 26
29
- 30/1 Sunday 13 in Ordinary Time**
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Holy Father's Appeal: Ss Peter & Paul
 Term 2 ends.
- 6
- 7/8 Sunday 14 in Ordinary Time**
 10 Safeguarding Training: 7pm
 11 Safeguarding Training: 10am
13-15 YOUTH RETREAT
- 14/15 Sunday 15 in Ordinary Time**
Catholic Mission Appeal: all masses
- 21/22 Sunday 16 in Ordinary Time**
 23 Term 3 Commences
 24 Parish Pastoral Council
 25 San Lupo Rehearsal :7pm in church
 Lectors/Ministers Renewal: Stradbroke Room at 7pm
 27 San Lupo Vigil Mass
- 28/29 Sunday 17 in Ordinary Time**
 28 Lectors/Ministers Renewal: Stradbroke Room at 9.30am
 Our Lady of Snows Vigil: 11am
 San Lupo Proc & Mass: 1.30pm

Sunday Mass Ministries: Nativity of St John the Baptist & Sunday 13 Year B

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	23/24 June	30 June—1 July	23/24 June	30 June-1 July	23/24 June	30 June-1 July
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 Entriiken 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	Fran Cowell Jenny Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath		
10.30 am Sun	Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi	Mely Siasat George Harb Italian Ministers	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera
6 pm Sun	YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	YOUTH	Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek