



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

Presentation of the Lord –Year A 2 February 2020

AT HOME WITH GOD AND GOD'S PEOPLE: THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS

A man called 'Ross' flies to the USA on business. He tells his wife and children he'll be back in five weeks' time. As the days go by the whole family misses him more and more. They can hardly wait to see him again. They make plans for a big party to welcome him home. But on the very day he's due to fly back to Australia, they get word that he has broken his leg in a skiing accident in Colorado, and is laid up indefinitely in hospital. Now, in addition to their longing to see him again, they are sad and anxious about when that will be.

Then all of a sudden it happens. One evening when the family is feeling particularly down in the dumps and particularly quiet with one another, in walks Ross. One and all, they jump up from their chairs and yell with delight. His wife Jenny speaks for everyone when she hugs her husband and says: 'I can't tell you how marvellous it is to have you here with us again, dear. It's been so long we were beginning to wonder whether we'd ever see you again. You know, Ross, you're our rock. Without you, our home feels empty.'

That little slice of real life is somewhat similar in detail and meaning to the gospel story today of the Presentation to God of the Child Jesus in the Jerusalem Temple, the House of God. It's a story of coming home, a home-coming which means relief and hope, life and joy for all who experience it.

For Simeon and Anna, those elderly true believers living their lives more forward than backward, who meet and welcome the Christ-child to his Father's house, it has profound meaning. These representatives of the Jewish people, like the Magi before them who represented the gentiles at their epiphany, revel and rejoice in this new manifestation of God. Simeon, guided and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hugs the baby born to save the whole human race. He praises God for letting him, at the very end of his life, come face to face with the Messiah, the Saviour, the Lord and Light of the world, the one whom he has hoped and longed to see. In sheer delight he cries out to God:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised because my eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

Anna, an old widow-woman, at home in the Temple night and day, also rejoices in the privilege of meeting there the Saviour of God's people in the person of the Christ-child. She too begins to praise God. But more than that, she speaks of the greatness, goodness and destiny of this baby, to any others that share her longing for the coming of the Messiah.

To both Simeon and Anna, then, the Presentation means that the Christ-child (the Messiah) has come to meet his God and theirs in God's own house. In turn they themselves are meeting the Christ-child, and in his company they are experiencing relief and peace, light and life, hope and joy. In a word, their meeting with Jesus is an experience, a powerful experience, of salvation.

For all of us who come together today to celebrate the Presentation of the Christ-child, it reminds us of all that Jesus Christ our Saviour has meant to us. We first met him was on that momentous day our parents and godparents led us into the House of God and into the community of Christ to be baptized. We have met him again and again many times since. For example, in the guidance and protection, the goodness and kindness, the love and support, of our parents! In the love and friendship of many other significant others in our lives! In things that have happened to us and in things we have experienced! And especially in all the sacraments that we have received and celebrated, **such** as Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders.

It is precisely because of the length and depth of our relationship with Jesus Christ, that in this Eucharist we will be praising God with these words taken from the Preface of the Feast:

'... we too, go forth, rejoicing to encounter your Salvation'

Precisely too because of the length and depth of our relationship with Jesus, we will petition God in words of our Prayer after Holy Communion:

'... may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life!'

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**COMBINED PASSIONIST FAMILY
GROUPS
GATHERING**
Saturday 22 February 2020
6.30pm in Shrubland Hall

Full cost of food: \$20.00
Contact your Group Leader for details

URGENT!!! - HELP WANTED

Once again this year, as we commence the new year, we are again appealing for new **Readers, Commentators and Ministers of the Eucharist** to join our lists for Sunday Masses. Training/ formation and microphone practice will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Sr Elena cp.

Tap and Go” Donations—IT WORKS!!!

Our new machines have now been installed and are up and running. There are two stands, one on either side of the pillars as you walk into the church.

One is marked for St Brigid’s Parish and the other is marked for the Passionists.

Please check before you donate that you are donating to the correct entity.

At this stage the donation amount is set at \$10.00 per tap, - non-tax deductible.

This is not to replace the normal collections we have at each mass or the planned giving. It is to give the flexibility for those who wish to donate at any time.

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing generosity and support to our parish. Special thanks to Sandra from our Finance Committee for overseeing this project to its fruition.

Thank You!!!!

To all who contributed to the recent Vinnies’ Bushfire Appeal last weekend. In addition to our donation of \$5,000.00 after our Christmas Carols prior to Christmas, a further \$2,770.00 has been forwarded to the Appeal.

“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.

Healing Mass

Friday 7 February 2020 at St Joseph’s, Enfield at 8.00pm. Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady, DD.

St Bakhita’s Day Mass & Lunch

8 February 2020 12 noon at St Mary’s Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Fisher OP.

Further Information: Anna Dimo on 0409 458 695

Our Lady of Lourdes—Devotions

Mass & Blessing of the Sick at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood on Sunday 9 February. Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass at 3.00pm. Celebrant: Fr Brian Lucas.

Gregorian Schola of Sydney

OPEN NIGHT to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Schola. Commencing at 6.30pm on Thursday 13 February 2020 at St Bede’s Church, Pyrmont, including singing by the Schola. Bookings **ESSENTIAL** and recommended early—contact Stephens.harry@gmail.com. Entry by voluntary donation. Enq: 0418 230 322.

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 on 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.

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. They are not asking for money or gifts that contribute to dependence. Your assistance will help develop self-reliance.

PALMS AUSTRALIA will provide you with preparation and support. Check out www.palms.org.au or talk to Roger on 0422 472 567.

Reflection Mornings 2020: Grail Centre

“The Universal Christ” - Richard Rohr

Tuesday Mornings, 10-am to 12 noon, at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, Nth Sydney.

Dates: 18 February; 7 April; 19 May; 14 July;

8 August; 29 September; 10 November 2020.

Adult nourishment of your spiritual life—reading, quiet reflection and sharing insights on The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr. Photocopies of chosen sections will be available. A donation to cover the cost of refreshments and the use of the facility will be appreciated. Details/ registration: Patricia Gemmell at pgemmell@tpg.com.au

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 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
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

26/1/20

1st(Passionists): \$ 1,340
2nd (Parish): \$ 2,981
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 1,860
Credit Cards: \$ 1,121

19/1/20

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,560
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,199

Calendar

February 2020

- 1/2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
- 1 Feast Day of St Brigid**
(Celebration 9 February—seek back page)
Baptism Preparation: 10am in Annexe
- 7 P/School Opening Mass at 9.00am**
Casimir College Opening Mass: 11.15
- 8/9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 9 FEAST of ST BRIGID CELEBRATION :**
10.30am Mass followed by Parish Picnic
- 15/16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 18 CEO Inner West Mass: Archbishop Fisher.
- 22/23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Combined PFG Gathering : 6pm Hall
Baptisms: 12 noon
- 26 ASH WEDNESDAY**
Masses: 6.45am; 9.00am; 5.00pm
(Vietnamese); 7.00pm
- 28 PARISH TEAM IN-SERVICE DAY**
(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)

March 2020

- 1 First Sunday of Lent**
Baptism Preparation: 10.00am
Catholic Schools Week begins

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Marie Malherbe

Anniversaries: Maria Chi Thi Pham; Vincenzo Tesoriero; Teresa O'Brien; Guise Xuan Phung Pham; Sidney James; Bede price; Margart Abbott; John Mahony; Gloria Randazzo; Linda El Tabar.

Carrying Severe Illness: Zenia Lakoma; Anthony May; Arch Moss; Margaret Barrett; Pearl Howard; Geoffrey Leask.

Mass Texts: Presentation of the Lord

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-14
Response: Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel, his people.
Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Mass Texts: Sunday 5 (A)

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10
Response: The good one is a light in the darkness for the upright.
Second Reading: 1 Corin 2: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16
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



FEAST OF ST BRIGID OF IRELAND

While the Feast Day of St Brigid falls on 1 February each year,
we will be celebrating this special occasion on

Sunday 9 February 2020

At 10.30am Mass

followed by Parish Picnic on the lawns

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

ALL WELCOME!

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Organ Restoration, please include the
word "ORGAN" in the description.)



Sunday Mass Ministries: Presentation of the Lord & Sunday 5 - Year A

	Readers		Ministers		Servers	
	1/2 February	8/9 February	1/2 February	8/9 February	1/2 February	8/9 February
5 pm Sat	Kelelia Apikotoa Leila Walsh Michael Price	Margaret Dos Santos Liz Buchel Michael Schiano	Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Gary Tupola	Gary Tupola
7.30am Sun	Janice Schubach Marg Barrett	Carolan Ibbotson Pat O'Reilly	Maria Mansour Francis Seufale	Janice Schubach Theresa James	Dennis Maher	Dennis Maher
9 am Sun	John McGrath Bec Wong	Peter Jennings Sue King	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath	Peter Jennings Bernadette Sara	Luke Nguyen	Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun	Catherine Vagnozzi Rosetta Naticchia	Kate Johnston Tanya Hronopoulos	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
6 pm Sun	Junior Youth	Snr Youth	Jnr Youth	Snr Youth	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek