

St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people



Second Sunday of Lent (Yr C) 16/17 March 2019

BEING TRANSFIGURED AND TRANSFORMED:

St Augustine is one of the most famous saints of the Church. Early in his life he felt drawn to the person of Jesus Christ and to the Christian way of life. But for a long time both lust and pride got in the way of him taking the plunge and getting baptised. Eventually, however, both he and his fifteen year old son, born out of marriage but named 'Adeodatus', meaning 'Gift of God', were baptised together in the Church of Milan. This took place on April 25th in the year 387.

Augustine has recorded in his memoirs called the 'Confessions' two religious experiences which transformed his attitudes, person, and whole way of life. One has to do with a text from the bible, the other with music.

In the first incident, Augustine has thrown himself under a fig tree. He is depressed to the point of tears at the remembrance of his sins. He asks God how much longer can God put up with him. Then suddenly from a house near by, he hears the voice of a child calling out over and over again, 'Tolle, lege! Take it, read it! Take it, read it!' Immediately Augustine stops crying, his whole face lights up, and he goes to the bible to take and read the first words he finds there. When he opens the book his eyes fall on these words of St Paul to the Romans: 'Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day - no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy. But take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires' (Rom 13:13). The message is overpowering. He can resist the Lord no longer.

A little while later, his determination to live as a Christian is reinforced by a second experience. This time it's the singing of the Christians in the church at Milan. He recalls the deep impression the singing made on him, and says to God in his memoirs: 'I wept at the beauty of your hymns and canticles, and was powerfully moved at the sweet sound of your people singing. The sounds flowed into my ears and truth streamed into my heart.' Through the grace of God coming to Augustine in those

two experiences he was changed, transformed - transfigured as a new person.

It's obvious from the gospels that people around Jesus expected him to change all kinds of situations. So they brought him their sick, their crippled, their mentally disturbed, their children, and many other concerns and worries. He healed some. He comforted and supported others. But as a general rule Jesus did not usher in an age of instant, total, and permanent change of situations. The grass did not grow any greener. The trees did not produce bigger fruits. The wheat in the fields did not yield bigger crops. The rain did not fall more abundantly. The sun did not shine any brighter. And not every sick person who came to him went home feeling better.

But some changes did occur with Jesus. There were changes in people themselves, including the changes that came over Jesus himself. There on the mountain he began to shine like the sun with the splendour and glory of God. In his new condition, he received encouragement from those great spokespersons for God, Moses and Elijah. In effect they were telling him: 'Keep going. Keep up your good work. Persevere with your mission. Even if it leads to the agony of the cross, it will end in glory, the glory you are now experiencing.'

Change comes over the friends of Jesus, Peter, James and John as well, who have seen the change in Jesus and who are overcome, puzzled and perplexed by it. The change that happens to them is deepened when they hear God speaking to them in the voice from the cloud: 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' What God is saying to them is this: 'Do what he tells you. Put into practice what he teaches you.'

From now on those friends of Jesus see him in a new light. They take him more seriously as messenger of God and saviour. They also understand that a new world, a better world, must start with them, must start with their heeding that message of God to them: 'Listen to Jesus!.'

'Listen to Jesus!' That's a message for you and me too. Is there, e.g. someone right now who is driving us crazy? Is there someone with whom we are

fighting? How does Jesus see them? What would Jesus do? What words of his apply? What do we hear him saying to us?

“Listen to Jesus!” Can we do that especially during our Holy Communion today, when he comes to us as our light and strength to change us for the better? Only if we change and become better than we are right now, can we hope to rise with him to a new, transformed and glorious state. May his influence on us in our Holy Communion with him today, assist us to overcome all fear and indifference, all selfishness and laziness, and everything and anything else that may be stopping us from walking with him on his journey to Jerusalem and listening to him along the way!

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ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!!!

ST BRIGID'S PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

Junior Youth—Years 7-9

NEXT Gathering: THIS Sunday 17 March
in Shrubland Hall after the 6.00pm Mass

Senior Youth—Years 10-12

NEXT Gathering : Sunday, 14th April in
Shrubland Hall after 6.00pm Mass

Young Adults—

NEXT Gathering: NEXT Sunday 24th
March in Shrubland Hall after 6.00pm
Mass

If you would like to join in, please e-mail your details: name, age, e-mail address and phone to:

[parish @stbrigid.org.au](mailto:parish@stbrigid.org.au)

Still Wanted.....

Thank you for the wonderful response to our appeal for books for the children's library in BARO, PNG. However, we are still looking for no longer wanted musical instruments in good condition (string, wind or percussion). **If you can help, please bring the instruments to the Parish Office asap** as the shipping container is being readied for Vanimo.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2019

“GIVE LENT 100%”

Each year via Project Compassion
CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to encourage one another in faith and hope.

Please be sure to collect your project Compassion boxes if you did not do so last weekend and support CARITAS in its work

—putting your compassion into action.

*“The future does have a name.....
and its name is hope”*

Pope Francis

“Call to Action”

St Brigid's is a diverse community of people who have originated from many different countries. As Christians we have shared values and a belief in a fair and just society and opportunity for all to grow and develop. Over the past several years St Brigid's has built a partnership with Newtown Asylum Seekers Centre to provide community to people seeking refuge.

At ALL Masses on the weekends of **24th and 31st of March 2019**, we will be making a food collection for the Centre. Could you help by donating one of the following: **tinned food; spices; rice ; cooking oil; soaps; or tooth brushes?**

Collection boxes will be at the doors of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Together we act in the spirit of the Good Samaritan to be a good neighbour to those in need.

Divine Mercy Lenten Reflection 2019

NEXT Saturday 23 March 2019 in
Shrubland Hall : 9.00am-4.00pm

Speaker: Fr Duncan Wong on The Divine Mercy
Message and The Tribunal of Mercy
FREE Admission

Enquiries: divinemercuryteam3@gmail.com OR
Alicia on 0412 155 967

Piety Store

Large collection of Rosary beads, wall rosaries, finger and bracelet rosaries now available. Also, a variety of Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, Birthday and Holy cards.

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING for 2020

Contact 9558 6926 OR
info@stbmarrickville.catholic.edu.au
for an enrolment package!

St Patrick's Day Masses: Bishop Brady

Celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the opening of St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday 17 March at 12 noon. Also, St Patrick's Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 18 March at 10.30am. All welcome!

Day of the Unborn Child

Sunday 24 March—Mass at 10.30am at St Mary's Cathedral. Angelus at 12 noon followed by Procession led by Bishop Randazzo. Benediction at Cathedral at 1.30pm.

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 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
Bereavement Ministry: Sr Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Sr Elenita
Cultural Committee
Ecumenical & Interfaith Co-chairs
John McGrath, Pat Bowthorpe FMM
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: Oliver Bautista

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (18/3): Jim/Lalo/Maree
Counters: Next Week (25/3): Lea's Team

10/3/19

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,105
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,160
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2914
Credit Cards: \$ 1,246

3/3/19

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,215
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,138

ST BRIGID'S

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2019

Each Friday evening at 7.30pm
in the Church:

"TRUST"

22 March: The Burning Bush

29 March: "Time for the Lord":
Adoration in the church from
6.30pm-9.00pm

5 April: The Condemnation

12 April: The Passion

Copies of the 2019 Lenten Programme booklet are
now available from the Piety Stall. Cost : \$5.00

This booklet will be used to accompany
the above programme .

It is also highly recommended as the basis of
individual daily reflections at home during
the coming season of renewal.

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Sam George; Rosa Primerano

Anniversaries: .Lafomai Togia Lafo; Glen Trethowan; Irene De Sousa; Jose Carlos Caetano; Senitila Uhi; Gertrude Jennings;
Josepg Nguyen Van Bac; Joseph Tien Van Dinh; Phillip Galvez; Josephine Farah; Monica Sanmocte; John Asciak .

Carrying Severe Illness: Aurore El Tabar; John Lizzio; Lena Buck; Mary Harb; Winifreda Jauco; Maria Tropea.

Mass Mass Texts: Lent 2 (Yr C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 20: 4-10
Response: Be with me Lord, in my distress
Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously
hear us

Texts: Lent 3 (Yr C)

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15
Response: The Lord is compassion and
love.
Second Reading: 1 Corin 10: 1-6. 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9
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 9-10 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 10.30am Italian mass on 1st Fridays. Also available on request and
recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to our First Communion candidates who have come to the Lord's table this weekend:

*Alyssa Rebelo Damian Santos
April Cruz-Cindric
Maria Clara Encarnacao
Alexandra Mary Gralton
Carter Nguyen Cassidy Kama
Lucy Owusu-Ansah
Esther Owusu-Ansah*

*Jackson Oliver Alessandro Latassa
Tatiana Fanchin Coelho
Xavier Belinha Lima
Thomas William Loughry
Eloise Dyster Emilie Batista
Chelsea Lorna Dowd
Olivia Karaconji Isabella Natoli
Gabriel Correia Sebastian Correia
Lola Rose Cuiuli Victoria Nguyen
Jacob Gallardo Jacinta Rodrigues
Sophie Isabella Norman*

*May the Lord continue to bless them
and their families at this special time
in their faith journey*

Calendar

March 2019

16-17 Second Sunday of Lent

First Communions at 5pm Vigil Mass and 10.30am Mass

Baptisms : 12 noon

Jnr Youth Gp in Hall: 7-9.00pm

22 Lenten Programme in Church: 7.30pm

23-24 Third Sunday of Lent

P/School Family Mass: 9am

Mass (incl First Scrutiny): 10.30am

Baptisms: 12 noon

Adult Youth in Hall: 7-9pm

Young Adults in Annexe: 7-9pm

29 "Time for the Lord": Adoration in church from 6.30-9.00pm: 7.30pm

30-31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass (incl Second Scrutiny): 10.30am

April 2019

5 Lenten Programme in Church: 7.30pm

6-7 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass (incl Third Scrutiny): 10.30am

Jnr Youth in Hall: 7-9pm

10 Casimir Stations of the Cross: 11.15am

RCIA practice: 7.30pm

12 Italian Stations of the Cross: 4.00pm

Vietnamese Stations of the Cross: 5.30pm

Lenten Programme in Church: 7.30pm

13-14 Passion Sunday

13 RCIA Reflection : 9.00am in church

Sunday Mass Ministries: Lent 2 Year C and Lent 3 Year C

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	16/17 March	23/24 March	16/17 March	23/24 March	16/17 March	23/24 March
5 pm Sat	First Communions	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran Kelelia Apikotoa	First Communions	Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Carolan Ibbotson Margaret Barrett	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Maria Mansour Margaret Barrett	Maria Mansour Janice Schubach	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Samoan Community	ST BRIGID'S SCHOOL	Samoan Community	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun	First Communions	Maria Barlow George Harb Italian Reader	First Communions	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera
6 pm Sun	YOUTH	YOUTH	YOUTH	YOUNG ADULTS	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek