



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR B

LIVING FOR OTHERS

Along the path of life, we come across both selfish and unselfish people. To which group do you and I belong? Perhaps we are a mixture of both generosity and selfishness. But to the extent that we may still be partly selfish, self-centred, and self-indulgent, we are not living the message of Jesus: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:12-13).

Jesus lived his entire life for God and others. Speaking God's love to people, showing them God's love, and living God's love for them, that's what Jesus of Nazareth was all about. He practised no racism, no apartheid, and no discrimination. To rich and poor, powerful and powerless alike, he reached out with unstinting love. Nobody was excluded from the love burning in his great heart. He died just as he had lived - with love and generosity, kindness, compassion and forgiveness in his heart.

Ever since, hundreds and thousands of his followers have lived his example and commandment. I'm thinking of so many good mothers and fathers, who have given everything they could to the care of their children, friends, neighbours and strangers. I'm thinking of so many religious, men and women, who have laid down their lives in the service of others, and even more particularly of religious Sisters. A little while ago in the press and other media both here and overseas, there was an outpouring of love, appreciation and gratitude for the lives and work of religious Sisters. For the ways they have befriended people on the margins! For the ways they have educated, often completely free of charge, a countless number of children of poor families! For their pastoral care and kindness to patients in hospitals! For their visits to lonely and troubled prisoners in prison cells! For their shelter and support to abused and hurting mothers and children! For their outreach to refugees and asylum-seekers! The list of their good deeds is endless. Their example of their humble and generous service leaves us in no doubt that the meaning of life is to be a loving, caring person. 2 Let me illustrate the impact of such people with two striking examples, one a man, the other a woman. The first is a Polish man, Maximilian Kolbe, who was born in 1894.

Killed by the Nazis in 1941, he was canonized as a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1982. In 1911 he professed his first vows as a Conventual Franciscan friar. After ordination in 1918, he energetically shared his Catholic faith in print and radio. In 1930 he went as a missionary to Japan. On the outskirts of Nagasaki, he founded a monastery (still standing), a Japanese newspaper, and a seminary.

Back in Poland during the Second World War, he provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2000 Jews whom he hid in his friary residence from Nazi persecution. The Gestapo arrested him in 1941 and threw him into prison. In Auschwitz his offer to die in place of the life of a married man with a family, was accepted. After two weeks of starvation, an injection of carbolic acid ended his life on August 14th. He was found sitting against a wall, his face radiant, his eyes open and fixed on a certain spot. John Paul II named him 'the patron saint of our difficult century'. Our Anglican brothers and sisters have honoured him with a statue along with those of nineteen other 20th century martyrs, on the facade of Westminster Abbey, London.

My second example of faithful caring love is the Australian Sister of St Joseph, Irene McCormack. She may be recognised as Australia's next Saint. On her mission to the Pueblo people of Peru she was martyred by Marxist guerrillas on Tuesday, May 21st, 1991.

Irene left Australia for Peru in 1987. Her aim was to keep bringing God's love and literacy to poor and marginalised persons, just as she had done in Australia. She understood that going into Peru was to go into the unknown, but with trust in God. She noted that her life among the people there was 'a gift' from God. In the village of Huasahuasi (population 5000) high up in the Andes mountain range, she ran a simple village school and library for the local children, led prayer services on Sundays when the priest was away, and supervised a community kitchen from which she distributed food to poor families. This helped to supplement nutrition from the potatoes and maize they grew themselves. But the thugs who shot her sentenced her, so they said, for 'pushing "Yankee" food' and 'bringing in books' to push "Yankee" ideas'.

To know these Saints of our times is to be inspired to imitate them in their constant, unselfish generosity. This, of course, is a big ask. But with God on our side, surely we can do better and become better than we already are! For this to happen to us, let us make our own, again and again, St Ignatius Loyola's famous "Prayer for Generosity":

*Lord, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward
but that of knowing that I do your will.
AMEN*

**CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL
THIS 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).

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

"Gift Of Bread"



Tickets \$100. Funds raised help our charity to rescue bread and supply it free of charge to those in need (<http://giftofbread.org/>). We also have a Raffle with over \$40K in prizes - 1st prize, Toyota C-HR Koba 5 door SUV, 2nd prize, an exotic trip for two to India, & 3rd prize a year's membership to C-life Health Club. For tickets, please call 8222 6100.

**Passionist Holy Spirit Province
Communications**

Called to spread the Good News, we do that by our good works and ministries, and by sharing the stories of our people in mission. Passionists, men & women, professed & lay, have stories to share. There are now three communications tools we commend to you:

Face Book: Province—The Passionists: Holy Spirit Province

PASPAC—The Passionists: Asia-Pacific Configuration

Web Page—www.passionists.com

**Congratulations Sr Elenita Flores CP & Sr Rowena Gomez CP
Silver Jubilee: 2 May 2018**



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

Oz Rosary—Change of Date

This will take place at St Brigid's **NEXT FRIDAY, 11 May 2018 at 2.00pm.** Enquiries: Mina at minamih@yahoo.com

"Spirit Filled" Pentecost Retreat

Encounter the Holy Spirit through a guided, silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Female Missionaries: Saturday 12 May, 9.30am-3.30pm. Further information: Kylie on 0403 453 620

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
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 (7/5): Jim/Lalo/Maree
Next Week (14/5): Jim/Lalo/Maree

29/4/2/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,060

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,185

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,161

Credit Cards: \$ 1,024

22/4/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,970

2nd (Parish): \$ 4,004

Confirmation at St Brigid's 2018

**Classes for parent and child
will commence at 7pm in
Shrubland Hall
NEXT Wednesday, 9 May,
and will continue 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: Carmel Kelly; Michael Mazza; Emanuel Gomes; Peter Thoms.

Anniversaries: Jamileh Doueihy; Regina Camarro; Hamid Dahdah; Desmond D'Silva; Saverio Anastasi; Paul Griffin.

Carrying Severe Illness: Lesina Lufe; Frank Caruana; Maureen Thorne; Stella Pace; Maria Tropea; Carmel Kelly; Lena Buck; Maria Pergola; Celine Steele; Fr Jim Elmore CP. Lily Sterling

Mass Texts: Easter 6 (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: Ascension (Yr B)

First Reading: Acts: 1: 1-11

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy, alleluia!

Second Reading: Ephesians: 1: 17-23

Gospel: Mark: 16: 15-20.

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.

St Brigid's Youth Group

THIS Sunday May 6—7-8.30pm

In Shrubland Hall

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.

For your Diary.....

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.

Catholic Bushwalking Club—ACYF

Did we meet you at the ACYF?

We are waiting to hear from you
Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon & Skiing trips

Apply via website:
www.cbcnsw.org.au

OR

Contact Linda: 0478 919 427

Calendar

MAY

5/6 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
OzRosary: 2.00pm in church

12/13 Feast of the Ascension **Mother's Day**

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

19/20 Feast of Pentecost

P/School Mass Year 3: 9.00am

Baptisms: 12 noon

Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm

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

26/27 Feast of Trinity

Presentation of Confirmation candidates at ALL masses

Baptisms: 12 noon

Seniors' Group: 2.00pm: Parish Centre

Youth Group: 7-8.30pm: Hall

30 Confirmation Prep (final): 7pm in Hall

JUNE

1 Youth Evangelisation Day: Casimir

2/3 Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Sunday Mass Ministries: Easter 6 and Ascension Year B

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	5/6 May	12/13 May	5/6 May	12/13 May	5/6 May	12/13 May
5 pm Sat	Mary Leask Michael Price	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	Jo Young William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini	Carolan Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Mary Enriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	John Skinner Bec Wong	Sue King John McGrath	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner		
10.30 am Sun	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine + 4	Geoffrey Lean Alfred DeVera Aldrick DeVera	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
6 pm Sun	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	TEEN GROUP	Kristy Cloran David Cloran Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Nathan Harverson Naomi Rego Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek