



# 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***

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR B

### DISHING OUT HELL OR HEAVEN

The famous French Philosopher, Jean-Paul Sartre, once said: "Hell is other people." Judging on hellish things done to others, this is sometimes all too true. Just consider some of the stories reported in the media in recent times. A young Indian woman about to start her career as a medical doctor in Delhi went out with her boyfriend to see a movie. On their way home in the bus they were set upon by a group of three men, who brutally assaulted and murdered her, and then tried to hide her body. Her fate left those many people who esteemed and loved her broken-hearted. But the perpetrators and even their lawyers pretended they were innocent because, they said, any decent girl would not be out after dark. In the USA a young unarmed man ran away from a policeman who chased him and shot him dead with a spray of bullets.

In Kenya 142 students, mainly Christians, were gunned down on a university campus north of Nairobi by Islamic militants. In Australia a young teacher let herself into her high school one Sunday afternoon to prepare her next class, but was stalked by someone known to her. Her assailant shot her dead, and then transported and burnt her body in bushland some miles away. In just a few days time she was meant to marry the love of her life. There's also the ongoing offence and hurt of wage theft, with too many employers paying their employees only two-thirds or less of the award wage.

But if hell is sometimes other people, so too is heaven. The good news is that many people constantly and repeatedly bring comfort, joy, reassurance, peace and contentment to others. On TV not long ago Nana Mouskouri at 80, wowed her listeners with her beautiful signature song "The White Rose of Athens". An autistic boy wandered away from home into forest land near a weir and went missing for five days. But many people gave up their Easter holidays to join the police in the search. Finally, cold and hungry and sitting on the side of a precipice, he was spotted from the air and rescued. In the recent bush fires in Tathra and Cobden, Australia, strangers from hundreds of miles away arrived with food, clothing, and furniture for those who had lost all their possessions.

Just a few days back you and I were remembering the sufferings and death of Jesus our Saviour. As we looked on his crucified body with sorrow, love and gratitude, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature that led his enemies to give him hell, by torturing and humiliating him, and then killing him on the rough wood of a cross. On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control.

Good Friday left us wondering over and over again: Why was this good man, this innocent man, this man with so much honesty and integrity, so much humanity and compassion, so much warmth and generosity, so much affection and kindness, violated, humiliated, tortured and murdered?

The motives which led his enemies to persecute and destroy him are those which have always influenced human beings to hurt and harm one another - arrogance and pride, power-seeking and ambition, envy and jealousy, anger and fear, hatred and revenge. Good Friday reminded us of the dark and hellish side of human nature and of its associated evils.

Fortunately, however, this is not the whole truth. For if we experience so much evil we also experience an abundance of goodness, a taste of heaven on earth. The crops keep producing food for our tables. The summer heat gives way to cooling autumn breezes. Most diseases are now curable. Tyrants are sometimes overthrown. Social reforms like pensions for the needy are here to stay. Conflicts end in reconciliation. Shaky marriages get patched up. Love survives misunderstandings, thoughtlessness, and indifference. Wars come to an end. Enemies become friends. We forgive others and are forgiven. Just as our Risen Lord has promised today that: "...repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations..." In a word, there is goodness everywhere, more goodness than evil. In all such traces of heaven, the light of Easter, the influence of the Risen Christ, keeps shining brightly upon us.

Yet one mighty struggle goes on between good and evil, between hellish and heavenly influences. It goes on in the material universe, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Evil even seems stronger than

But it has not yet finally triumphed. Though too often it seems to be in danger of being crushed, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories. The words of Mahatma Gandhi, Father of Independent India, are so true: "When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall."

Words of our Easter Vigil express the same truth in an equally appealing way: "The power of this holy (Easter) night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride."

Our continuing celebration of the resurrection of Jesus reminds us that evil will not have the last say either in us or our world. It leaves us in no doubt about the ultimate triumph of goodness, not only in ourselves but everywhere around us. Jesus was buried at sunset, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day the sun came up on him alive and powerful, influential and victorious. It will be the same for us who continue to celebrate Easter by renouncing and rejecting everything dark and evil in our lives, and by renewing our determination to always walk with Jesus in his light.

So, dear People of God, what's it to be? What will we dish out to others? Will we give them hell on earth, or with the grace of God, will we give them and keep giving them, slices of heaven?

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### **Can You Help?**

Rev Peter Cullinane, retired Bishop of Palmerston North, N.Z has written seeking short term accommodation (1-2 weeks within the next month) for one of his daily mass attenders, a mature woman who wishes to visit her seriously ill sister in Marrickville. The accommodation needs to be within easy distance of Minehan Village. If able to assist, please contact Sr Elena or Terrey at the Parish Office.

### **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](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org)

### **Pop-Up Museum in Marrickville**

As part of 2018 National Trust Festival, Addison Rd Community Centre is creating a pop-up museum **NEXT WEDNESDAY 18 April 2018 from 10.00am to 1.00pm.**

*The theme is "My Culture, My Story"*

The site is rich with history, including the parade ground & army depot of WW1, the freshwater creek that speaks of its indigenous heritage and life as a market garden. If you have anything to display that reflects your story, or just want to learn more about this great suburb come along! The museum will also coincide with Community.A.Fair, an event which brings local services and community together. Participation is FREE, no bookings required, cake included. Enquiries: Mina: [arcco.org.au](http://arcco.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

### **St Brigid's Seniors**

Group meets on fourth Sunday of each month. **NEXT** meeting: Sunday 22 April at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. New members very welcome!

### **Southern Cross Vocational College**

Open Afternoon and Prospective Student Briefing on Tuesday 8 May: 4-7.00pm  
17 Comer St, Burwood.

Enquiries: [www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au)

### **Help Wanted**

If you hold First Aid Qualifications and would be willing to have your name on our list to call on at future Parish Celebrations, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks in advance.

### **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](mailto:church@dulwichhillparish.org.au)

## 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

Carole Price

### 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 (16/4): Jim/Lalo/Maree**

**Counters: Next Week (23/4): Jim's Team**

### 8/4/2/18

**1st (Passionists): \$ 1,945**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 4,264**

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,097

Credit Cards: \$ 1,149

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**1st (Passionists) : \$ 8,590**

**2nd (Parish): \$ 7,164**

## Confirmation at St Brigid's 2018

Wednesday 9 May 2018  
(Week 1 of Term 2):

**Classes for parent and child  
will commence at 7pm in  
Shrubland Hall,  
and will continue on  
Wednesday evenings  
in May.**

Sunday 17 June 2018:

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

## We Remember

**Recently Deceased:** Kolotita Kama; Christine Tuigamala; Clare Hoye.

**Anniversaries:** Phero Hoang Dinh Rong; Emmy Salie; Anna Le Thi Unung; Patrick Collins; Dee Pace; Brian Kelly; Mary Willis; John Dawson; Ugo Burachi; Edna Bamford; Lotolua Fetu'u; Laila Harb; Pedro Fratti.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Maria Pergola; Lena Buck; Celine Steele; Fr Jim Elmore CP.

### Mass Texts: Easter 3 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19

**Response:** Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

**Second Reading:** 1 John 2: 1-5

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 35-48

**Intercessions Response:**

Lord, graciously hear us

### Mass Texts: Easter 4 (Yr B)

**First Reading:** Acts 4: 8-12

**Response:** The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3: 1-2

**Gospel:** John 10: 11-18

**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

## CFC—YOUTH FOR CHRIST CAMP:

**April 20-22**

for Youth aged 12-21 years. Cost: \$80.00

An amazing youth camp in the coming school holidays where youth can experience fun, faith and friendship on a whole new level.

If you celebrated Palm Sunday here at St Brigid's, you will know that this was the youth camp that re-ignited my faith and is one of the reasons why I am a Youth Minister.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me:

**youthministry@stbrigid.org.au**

God bless,

**John Nguyen**  
**St Brigid's Youth Co-ordinator**

## Calendar

### APRIL

**14/15 April Easter 3**  
Baptisms

**21/22 April Easter 4**  
Baptisms

24 Parish Pastoral Council: 7.30pm  
**25 ANZAC DAY: 9am mass only**

**28/29 April Easter 5**

### MAY

1 Term 2 commences

**5/6 May Easter 6**  
**CWF APPEAL: ALL masses**  
Baptism Preparation: 10.00am

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

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

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

**19/20 May Feast of Pentecost**

23 Confirmation Prep (3): 7pm in Hall

## Sunday Mass Ministries: Easter 3 and Easter 4 Year B

### Lectors/Commentators

### Communion Ministers

### Altar Servers

	14/15 April	21/22 April	14/15 April	21/22 April	14/15 April	21/22 April
<b>5 pm Sat</b>	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Robert Whitby Karen Whitby Kelelia Apikotoa	Jo Young William Metlej Gabrielle Bietola Ofa Tupola Kelelia Apikotoa	Liz Buchel Michael Schiano Margaret Dos Santos	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
<b>7.30am Sun</b>	Carolann Ibbotson John Freeman Mary Leask	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Maree Doyle Marg Barrett	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Theresa James Maree Doyle	Maria Mansour Susie Houssarini Mary Entriiken	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
<b>9 am Sun</b>	John McGrath Sue King	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	Christina Day Peter Jennings Judith Flett John Skinner Therese Skinner	Sue King Francis Seufale Jose Hartany Jessica Hartany		
<b>10.30 am Sun</b>	Kate Johnston Italian Reader Angie Chiapoco	Maria Barlow Italian Reader George Harb	Maria Barlow Bernadette Yammine +4	Geoffrey lean Terry Reyes Lope Reyes Maria Necesito	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean
<b>6 pm Sun</b>	TEEN GROUP	Michael McGrath Jacquei Hicks	Nathan Harverson Naomi Rego Ivy Bullen Fergus Bullen	Pei-Pei Coa Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis Tony Hayek Noeleen Fernandez Jim Boggs	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek