



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

12th Sunday –Year A 20/21 June 2020

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Jeremiah begs God to grant him peace from the enemies who are whispering against him.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

As though one person, Adam, sin entered the world, so through one person, Jesus, grace has abounded even more.

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus urges us not to fear: in the Father's sight, the very hairs of our head are numbered.

TRUSTING GOD NO MATTER WHAT: 12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

I wonder have you ever become involved in a project that you thought was worth doing because of how it would benefit others? Then, after starting it, you have come to realize that your involvement has become more difficult than you first thought. The hours you put in, the interruptions to your usual routine, the amount of energy and concentration you bring to it, the frustrations and set-backs you experience, have been eating into your spare time. You have no "me-time" left. So you start to say to yourself, and friends have started to say to you, "Your project is taking over your whole life!"

Or else, perhaps your efforts to do good, either in your parish community or

your local community, have stirred up opposition from some group, that is absolutely determined to keep things just the way they are. "Don't rock the boat," they keep warning you. "Don't try to do anything different." "Don't start anything new." "Just back off." But it's too late to back off. You are so utterly convinced that all your efforts are for the good of others, and that and you must see your agenda through to the end, cost what it may.

If you can identify with any of what I've been saying, then the prophet Jeremiah in the First Reading today is your patron saint, the first of many people moaning and groaning to God about the rotten time they've been having for all their efforts. Now in temperament Jeremiah was a gentle soul. When God first called him to be God's messenger, he protested that he was too young for the job (1:4-10). God told him not to be afraid and promised to be with him and deliver him. In his current situation, as described in the Reading, he's going to need that deliverance, because even his friends have turned on him and been giving him a hard time.

Jeremiah has done what God asked him to do. He has accused his people of turning away from God in favour of entering into shady and shaky political alliances with their enemies. For their misbehaviour Jeremiah has predicted doom and gloom. But that doom and gloom hasn't happened yet. So his hearers have mocked him and jeered at him, belted

him up, and even put him in prison. On his release, he feels compelled to let God know how angry he is with God for the bad things he has been experiencing. On the other hand, he feels compelled to keep warning people about their need to change their ways in order to avoid the catastrophe heading their way.

Can you and I identify with Jeremiah? Do we ever feel like shaking our fists at God and shouting, "How could you let me get into this mess?" But there is more to the story of Jeremiah than his moans, groans and laments. In that part of his story that we have been hearing today, Jeremiah changes his tune. He thanks God that in all his troubles, God has been at his side, that God has been his hero and champion, and that God has been providing maximum support. So while the prophet is in solidarity with us in our disappointments and complaints, he is also urging us to keep on trusting, that no matter what we have to do and endure in our lives, God will never abandon us, and trusting too that we will even find God right there beside us.

In our Gospel reading, Jesus is just as encouraging. Don't be afraid, he says. Don't be frightened even of those who might murder you. For they cannot kill your soul, they cannot break your spirit. When all is said and done, the only fate to fear is ending up in hell, without God. (Jesus interpreted hell as being like "Gehenna", literally that big rubbish dump to the south-west of Jerusalem, where fires were always burning).

Jesus is telling his followers, including you and me, that they are going to face opposition, just like he did. It will come from saying that we are Christians, that we are people for Jesus. It will come from being Jesus kind of people. It will come from walking in his footsteps, telling his truths, sharing his wisdom, and living his values and teachings.

But Jesus assures us that God will never stop taking care of us. Jesus also assures us that God is going to reward us for all our efforts to stay faithful to Jesus, no matter how much ridicule, mockery and sheer nastiness might be dumped on us for that. After all, God cares even for two sparrows that can be bought for a single coin in the market. So will he not be so much more caring of

those persons who keep striving to follow Jesus his Son as closely as they can?

God is so aware of us, so much in love with us, and so much on our side, in fact, that he has counted every hair on our heads. We can trust, then, that on the Day of Judgment Jesus will acknowledge us and praise us before God. We can trust that he will remind God just how loyal and true we have been, and just how hard we have tried to live as wise and faithful servants of the Lord, even if every now and then we've messed up.

We are to live in hope, then, are we not? We are to stop worrying, are we not? We are to let go and let God, are we not?

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MASSES AT ST. BRIGID'S

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
Mornings at 9:00AM.**

Due to the increase number of Mass attendance , Parishioners are encourage to book to attend a maximum of ONE of these masses each week.

(attendance limited to 50 PEOPLE ONLY at each mass).

Bookings:

- ♦ **by phoning the Parish Office on 8577 5670 from 9.30am AND 4.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday ONLY:**
- ♦ **by e-mail at: elenita@stbrigid.org.au**

In accordance with government regulations regarding COVID -19, you will be asked for you name AND contact phone number for tracing purposes, and you are strongly urged to bring personal sanitiser to the church and to wear mask and gloves while in the church

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CO-OPERATION.**

Celebrating the Year of Welcome

REFUGEE WEEK PRAYER

Compassionate One,
our society has failed you.
You were a refugee, seeking safety
and freedom, and we did not wel
come you.

You were naked and exposed,
with inadequate shelter and
insufficient pay, and we did not fight
with you for equal rights.

You were fearful of being detained
or deported without a just trial,
and we did not provide you
sanctuary.

We seek forgiveness for the ways we
have forsaken you, and offer our
thanks for the communities, people,
and organizations who have
extended welcome,
advocated for justice; and provided
sanctuary to people seeking refuge
despite opposition.

Teacher, your instructions are clear:
We shall not oppress migrant people,
nor deprive them of justice,
nor practice extortion or commit
robbery against them;*
We shall love strangers as ourselves,
for we have all been strangers;
We shall share our harvest, our
homes, and our lives with others,
thus extending the same hospitality
that you have selflessly shared.
We shall advocate for the human
rights of all people.

Give us the steadfast persistence needed
to follow your commandments
in these challenging times,
remembering that the love and
respect that we show to each other
is the love that we show to you,
our Compassionate Teacher.



Vinnies Annual Winter Appeal

Owing to COVID—19, this year there will
be NO public appeal at Masses as we
have normally done.

*If you wish to support Vinnies, we ask
that you either:*

Drop off an envelope to the Parish Office
clearly marked "Vinnies Appeal **OR**
Post your donation to SVDP Marrickville
c/- St Brigid's Parish, PO Box 237, Mar-
rickville, 1475 **OR**
Donate online at [https://
my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/
fundraise-your-way/sydney-region-
winter-appeal](https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/sydney-region-winter-appeal) and in "Message of Sup-
port" quote Marrickville conference.

**Thank you for your ongoing support to
our Conference.**

**From the Safeguarding and
Ministerial Integrity Office**

Cyber Safety Survey

On behalf of the Safeguarding and Min-
isterial Integrity Office are requesting
you to take an anonymous **5 minute
Cyber Safety Survey**. Adults, young peo-
ple and children can participate and you
don't have to have children in order to
take the survey. The results of the Sur-
vey will help the Safeguarding Office to
develop resources that will provide
adults, young people and children with
the knowledge and skills to help keep
them safe online. The link to the survey
is at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/
r/TC7CYQ3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3)

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"The Safeguarding and Ministerial In-
tegrity Office has put some Fact Sheets
on their website that provide children,
young people, parents and guardians
with information and skills on how to
safely engage in online communication.
These can be downloaded at [https://
www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-
and-child-protection/safeguarding-
resources/](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/safeguarding-resources/)".

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropri-
ate people to deal with crimes are the po-
lice. If you—or anyone you know— have been
abused, please contact the police. Alterna-
tively, you can contact the Safeguarding and
Ministerial Integrity Office on Safeguarding
enquiries @sydneycatholic.orgOR 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

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Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

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Bereavement Ministry:	Sr. Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged:	Fr. Dominic
CCD in State Schools:	Sr. Elenita
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 Officer:	Jim Yeo
Pastoral Council Co-chairs :	Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis
Youth Ministry:	Jenny Solo Oliver Bautista

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

- ♦ Antonio Frade
- ♦ Luigi Meola
- ♦ Mary Harte
- ♦ George Rego
- ♦ Maureen Guilfoyle
- ♦ Haitelenisia Kalolaine Tavaka
- ♦ Linda Nader
- ♦ Heneli Angianga

For the Sick

- ♦ Helen Eid
- ♦ Bob Bain
- ♦ Elizabeth Yashadhana
- ♦ Mary Harb
- ♦ Netti Kerpan
- ♦ Winifreda Jauco
- ♦ Peter Ling
- ♦ Geoffrey Leask
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ And all those infected with Corona-Virus

Death Anniversaries

Joseph Yamine, George Harb
Elizabeth Lim, Liberata Barbuto
Francis John Kennedy, Wacek Kupiura
Dorothy Parkinson, John and Ada Wood
Houda El-Lakiss, Fr Anslem Turner CP
Edward Garcia Lagoinha
Phyllis McGuckin, Lexandre Santos
Stefano De Luca, Ned Eid
Celina Rego

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019/2020

Last date for the current set
is Sunday 28 June 2020

To secure your receipt for the full
twelve months of contributions,
please ensure that your remain-
ing envelopes reach the Parish
Office as soon as possible and
well BEFORE that weekend.

Donations to the parish may be
made via donation tab through
our website

<https://stbrigid.org.au/>

The following options are avail- able"

- ♦ General Donations
- ♦ 1st Collection
- ♦ 2nd Collection

For Cash Bank Deposit

Bank Account Details

Acc Name: Marrickville Parish
Bank: Commonwealth
BSB: 062784
Acc No 000003973
Description: Parish Donation

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