



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

13th Sunday –Year A 27/28 June 2020

WELCOME BACK

ST BRIGID'S - RETURN OF SUNDAY MASSES -

**NEXT WEEKEND 4/5 JULY
2020**

Booking for Sunday Mass is
NECESSARY

ENGLISH MASS TIMES (WEEKEND):

Saturday - 5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 9.00am

Sunday - 6.00pm

From the beginning of July, and in accordance with government **COVID regulations**, the **MAXIMUM** number able to attend **ANY MASS** in our Parish will be 100 persons: they must sit according to the pew markings.

The 4 square metre observance of social distancing must be strictly observed.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Please phone the Parish Office on

8577 5670 between 9.30am AND 4.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday ONLY or

e-mail: elenita@stbrigid.org.au

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES at ST. BRIGID'S

Attendance at weekday Masses will be expanded from 50 to 100 people as of Wednesday, July 1 2020. This is the capacity of St Brigid's to conform with the 4 square metre social distancing regulation. Please note that Masses will be celebrated daily according to the schedule below:

MONDAY - 9:00 am

TUESDAY - 6.45 am

WEDNESDAY - 9:00 am

THURSDAY - 6.45am

FRIDAY - 9:00 am

Parishioners should book so that we can ensure that the **100 person limit is not exceeded.**

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

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Today, especially at weddings, I hear older Catholics talk about this experience more than anything else. It's often given as the reason why the person or their family stopped practising their Catholic faith. Recently an older wedding guest told me that her wedding day at the side altar was the last day she came to the Church of her own free will. She never had her children baptised and her painful experience was still palpable forty years on as she compared and contrasted her wedding day with the Catholic marriage ceremony of a couple in a similar religious circumstance to her own which we had just celebrated. All I can do in such circumstances is apologise for the hurt our shortsightedness caused and be full of admiration for those who were subjected to similar treatment but have remained constant to our Catholic community.

These days inter-denominational marriages are rarely the reasons over which a family will divide. But we know that other religious issues can still break up a family. It's always a tragedy when this happens. For example, maybe you've had a son, daughter or a grandchild join a religious sect or cult. It's heartbreaking stuff for parents who wonder what their child sees in the sect and where it will all end.

The Church has sometimes let families down in this regard. Appearing to prefer dogma to the complexities of people's lives, formal liturgy to creating communities of hospitality, care and justice, the church can appear to be out of touch, especially with our young. I know that every person in authority in the

Church today knows that the Catholic Church needs to listen to our young people, hear about the issues that concern them and present our faith in a way they find accessible and engaging. Very often it's not what we say about our rich faith, it's how we say it. Many people don't leave the mainstream churches because they are attracted by another group's doctrine, though some do want the world to be very black and white. Many leave for smaller groups offering a tightly knit community.

From today's Gospel we know that the same family heartbreak occurred in the early church. At this time, however, Christianity was the small sect drawing believers away from Judaism, to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah. It ripped families apart. The early church became the new family of many followers who were disowned. They lost their life and found a new one in Christ.

There can be moments when a family's lifestyle, beliefs, behaviour or values are such that one member feels that, in conscience, or by conviction, he or she does not belong anymore.

When this happens we can listen carefully to reasons the family member gives. Maybe we have lost something essential in our life together that needs challenging and change. And maybe it's the family member who is in the wrong.

Keeping the lines of communication open, speaking the truth with calmness and love and remaining as compassionate as possible are the best Christian responses.

I can't pretend that any of this is easy, but, when I have seen families do it, the prophetic, truthful and charitable rewards Jesus offers in today's Gospel are powerfully in evidence.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

Elisha receives a warm welcome.
His host is richly blessed

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Death has no more power over Christ. We must live as if dead to sin and alive for God in Christ.

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

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, Marrickville, 1475 **OR**

Donate online at <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/sydney-region-winter-appeal> and in "Message of Support" 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 Ministerial Integrity Office are requesting you to take an anonymous **5 minute Cyber Safety Survey**. Adults, young people and children can participate and you don't have to have children in order to take the survey.

The results of the Survey 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>

"The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity 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/>".

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.

THE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is available online @ www.catholicweekly.com.au

Women's Spirituality Group

Zoom
Thursday
July 2 2020
7:30PM AEST

Join us for one hour of connection — with each other, our hearts and our God. ♥ Rescue-remedy for COVID re-entry! All St Brigid's women most welcome. ♥ Just email paige.bullen@gmail.com and she'll happily send you the link.

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School
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Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments:	Sr. Elena
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

+++++ PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

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

For the Sick

- ♦ Maria Fuller
- ♦ Peter English
- ♦ 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

Stefano De Luca
Celina Rego
Fr Bernard Kenny CP
Jose Bodrade
Ned Eid
Fr Stephen Sleeth CP
Josephine Kilmartin
Emillia Tsekenis
Jose Antonio Carvalho
Carmela Tizzone
Gary Gray
Agnes Muriel Gomes
Madalena Pham thi Ba
Hannah Doueihy
Percy James Walsh
Elaine Downing
Fale von Dinglede
Elizabeth Annie Poole

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019/2020

Last date for the current set
is **THIS Sunday 28 June 2020**

To secure your receipt for the full twelve months of contributions, please ensure that your remaining envelopes reach the Parish Office as soon as possible and that your Envelope number is clearly visible with your donation.

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

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

The following options are available"

- ♦ General Donations
- ♦ 1st Collection

For Cash Bank Deposit

Bank Account Details

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