



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

7th July, 2024

St Brigid's Parish Marrickville, acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional owners of the land on which it is built, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation.

Pastoral Ministry Contacts

Adult Sacraments:

Sr. Rosana

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Sr Rosana

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Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

Music Director:

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Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook &

Kristen Roehrig



Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,

Happy Feast... Bl. Peter To Rot

The Papua New Guinean community celebrates the feast day of Bl. Peter To Rot, a Papuan who, in the face of the horrors of World War II, remained steadfast in his Catholic faith and was martyred. His sacrifice is now honored as he is venerated as the patron of the youth of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. During his beatification, St. John Paul II noted the martyr's example for married couples, saying he "had the highest esteem for marriage and, even in the face of great personal danger and opposition, he defended the Church's teaching on the unity of marriage and the need for mutual fidelity" May Bl. Peter To Rot continue to inspire and intercede for all. Happy Feast!

Matter of Focus...

This Sunday is marked as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, recognising our privilege to share our home with the world's oldest continuing culture and to honour and acknowledge God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who have upheld their rich and diverse cultural traditions for thousands of years. We give thanks for the profound and lasting legacy of these ancient peoples and their contributions to our continent. It's an opportunity for us to appreciate the land on which our parish is situated and the people who have nurtured it over time. Inviting us to continue to foster a spirit of unity and respect for all cultures and traditions within our community.

I was particularly touched by the reflection of Bishop Danny Meagher, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney, for this occasion, and I would like to share it with you.

"You would think that God being all powerful and eternal, those on the side of God would have things go their way. However, here on Earth, this has not been the experience of God's prophets and saints. The readings today deal with this painful reality.

St Paul had a profound conversion experience on the road to Damascus and gave his life thereafter to preaching the Risen Christ. However, as St Paul



recounts in the second reading this only led to insult, hardships, persecution and agony. In every way, Paul says he feels weak. Yet Paul realised that God wanted him to know his weakness, because this allowed Paul in his humility to be filled with the power of Christ. So, Paul carried on, in his weakness, powerfully witnessing to Christ, right up to his martyrdom in Rome.

In the first reading, the Spirit of the Lord comes upon Ezekiel and Ezekiel receives his commission as prophet. But it was not anything humanly glorious, but rather to the same insult and persecution that Paul experienced as he was called on to prophesise to a defiant and obstinate people – set of rebels.

These readings set the scene for the Gospel. Jesus returned to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and preached in the synagogue. Despite the brilliance of his teaching, Jesus' own people did not accept him. They thought they knew him and could not seem to accept that Jesus might be so much more than the carpenter's son. On his part, Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith and could work no miracles there. Jesus could raise the dead. He could walk on water. He could feed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread. But, if people had no faith, He could do nothing for them.

And, of course, we know that Jesus would continue to be rejected by his own people despite all the good that he did. After three years of public ministry, Jesus would be handed over by his own people to be crucified.

Many felt crushed by the loss of the Referendum last year. It seemed a just cause in the process of Reconciliation, yet was rejected by the Australian people. We need to acknowledge the feelings of rejection and disappointment – much like the insults and agony St Paul spoke about – that many First Nations people experience.

However, the time will come when all Australians must continue the journey of Reconciliation. Our deepest identity is that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. We are created, loved and redeemed by God. Our homeland is together with our Father in Heaven. Even now we are filled with the Holy Spirit. Reconciliation is right. It is what God wants. This is our faith, and our faith keeps us strong. It gives us direction. And it gives us the knowledge that, one day, God's Kingdom will come.

We are called to be strong in faith, as Ezekiel, St Paul and Jesus were. Each of them suffered terrible rejection, yet their faith gave them the strength and confidence to keep going. Because faith attaches us to God and God's power can be manifest in people of faith.

The themes for today – “Keep the fires burning” and “Strong in faith” are very much related and so necessary for those working for Reconciliation. Being strong in faith is to keep the fire deep within our hearts burning. For it is to retain hope that God's ways, whatever the rejections and insults and agonies, will in the end win out. And faith attaches us to God, so we can continue to know God's love deep within our hearts, which gives us the capacity to love and to forgive even in the darkest of times.

Elsewhere in the New Testament, St Paul writes that we must endure many difficulties before we enter the Kingdom of God. So it was for Ezekiel, St Paul and Jesus Himself. So, it is for us. But God is greater than everything. For those who stay close to God, all things turn out for the good.”

Fr Giltus



Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Please register ASAP. This Sacrament will be celebrated on 17th November at St Mary Cathedral.

Parent Information Night will be held on 25th September at 7pm. Attendance is a must.

Preparation sessions start Sunday 13th October

ST BRIGID'S LITTLE CHURCH

St Brigid's Little Church is the children's liturgy, which is held during the Sunday 10.30am Mass service. At this time the Gospel is explained to the children and there are activities held that allow them to engage a better understanding of the message of the Gospel.

Please contact the parish office or see Sr Elenita if you can help for 30 minutes on a Sunday.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal this weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

We are reducing producing envelopes in order to encourage more cost- effective giving methods.

There are 4 Ways to give:

1. Scan to donate:
2. Online:
www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal
3. Phone: 1800 753 959
4. Through parish collection (envelopes)



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Three more men answer the call to priesthood
- New stats show NSW the euthanasia capital of Australia
- St Joseph's Moorebank thanks God for truck crash 'miracle'
- Archbishop Fisher delivers Rabbi Apple interfaith lecture
- St Aloysius' Cronulla: 100 years of making saints
- Dempsey medal 2024 and handover of precious family relics

Senior's Group:

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

The Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Zoom Host - Katherina. (A Rosary Captain on Zoom for the Public Rosary for the 13th October, 2022 & 2023 for Australia Needs Fatima.)

Please join me in Prayer
Wednesday Weekly - 7 pm
The Holy Rosary, Litany to St Joseph and
the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
Meeting ID: 872 9929 7896
Passcode: 908680



Our Lady of Fatima -
13th Monthly - 7pm
The Holy Rosary with Prayers.
Meeting ID: 861 8463 9187
Passcode: 459184

(For more Information on Our Lady of Fatima -
www.fatima.org.au)
Our Lady of Fatima. Pray for Us.

Planned Giving

Thank you to those that have signed up to our planned giving. You are able to claim a 30% tax deduction while supporting our parish. Our planned giving system is either through Weekly envelopes or monthly credit cards. If you would like to join for the 2025 financial year please contact Len in the parish office

Planned Giving Envelopes

are available for collection.
Please note to reduce waste we have collated envelope numbers, so your PG number may have changed for this financial year.

Planned Giving Receipts

Are now available

Thank you for supporting our parish

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased: Sue Harmon, Y Manh Vu, Maria Jose Nunes

Death Anniversaries: Magdalena Phan Thi Ba, Hannah Doueihy, Lily Sterling, Percy James Walsh, Elaine Downing, Fale Von-Dingledge, Victor Habermann,

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Steven Para, John Love, Eileen McClement, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Ester Cerato, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Paul Massi, Maria Caccamo, Greg Glass, Paul Murphy, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Nick Rizzo, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Violet Touma, Damia Roumie, Joise Gomes, Susan King, Tina Schino, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, Antonios Gebrael, Gloria Susana Rojas, Rudi Presern, Colin Constantinou

Other intentions: Josephine & Joe Farah, Wendy Lamb, Edelweiss Marinozzi, Pat Moss,



Mass Texts: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezek 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

Response: Ps 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

JULY

5th	Fri		Anointing of the Sick
6/7th	W/end		Holy Father's Appeal
14th	Sun	7.00pm	Youth Group (cancelled due to school holidays)
21st	Sun		Senior's Group
		12.00pm	Baptisms
27th	Sat	11.00am	San Lupo Mass
28th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
		7.00pm	Youth Group

AUGUST

1st	Thur	7.00pm	Parish Finance meeting
2nd	Fri		Anointing of the Sick
		7.00pm	Confirmation Session #1

Liturgical Timetable

MONDAY - FRIDAY: Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary. Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and Rosary.

SATURDAY: Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary. *Reconciliation:* 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese).

SUNDAY: Mass at 8.00am | 10.30am (bilingual) | 4.00pm (Vietnamese) | 6.00pm.

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members. Blessing for the Ministers will be given after Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after 9.00am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

DAILY MORNING MASSES

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6:45	Jim Y	Robert M
9:00	Mary T	Liz
Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet
9:00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6:45	Albert N	Jim
9:00	Liz	Buddy
Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P
9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna
Fri 6:45	Paul C	Patricia
9:00	Tony C	Leila W
Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy

WEEKLY ROSTER

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
	6/7 July	13/14 July	6/7 July	13/14 July		
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Elizabeth B 2nd: Laura N	Com: Paul C 1st: Kelelia A 2nd: Leila W	Michael H Margaret H Leila W Ofa T	Carole P Michael P Thu H Elizabeth B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Com: Margaret R 1st: Joseph F 2nd: Joanna C	John S Margaret T Joseph F	Joanna V Geoffrey L Mary L	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Robert G 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Com: Mely S 1st: Bernadette 2nd: Italian	Giuseppe S Tony C Jenny O Albert N	Anthony N Frank C Bernadette S Joanne M	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Rex H 1st: Charlie E 2nd: Charlene E	Com: Arthur K 1st: Rex H 2nd: Charlie E	Arthur K Charlene E Alexis H	Lenore D Kevin B Rex H	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K

Safeguarding Office:

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 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also 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.

