



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

**We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**10th July 2022**

*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*

### **WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?**

*You hear the words 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho.' You know at once that they begin the famous parable of Jesus, the parable of the Good Samaritan, told one more time today.*

*To understand and appreciate it, we must remember that Jesus told his story to answer the question put to him: 'Who is my neighbour?'*

*In the Jewish religion at the time of Jesus, there was much discussion about just who is one's neighbour. It was generally thought that one's neighbour is restricted to those who are born Jewish and those who have become Jewish. With his choice of a Samaritan who gives striking practical assistance to the wounded Jewish man, Jesus is asserting that our neighbour is simply any human being in need. So, the idea of neighbour goes way beyond our family, friends, work-mates, nationality, political party, comfort zones and church. Jesus is asserting that even our enemy is our neighbour. (At the time he was telling the story, Jews and Samaritans were, in fact, deadly enemies).*

*So, Jesus is teaching in this parable that no one at all must be excluded from our care and concern, but also that our love of neighbour must be practical.*

*Notice how the Samaritan behaves in the parable? If he had been content to say to the wounded and bleeding Jewish man: 'Bad luck, Buddy! What a mess they've made of you! But cheer up! It could be worse! You could be dead!' and then galloped off, he would have been cruel,*

*heartless, and insulting. Instead, he does all he possibly can for the man who fell among thieves. Jesus spells this out when he tells us:*

*But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him onto his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. The next day he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have."*

*At the end of the parable, Jesus puts this question to the teacher who questioned him: 'Which of these, the Levite, the priest, or the Samaritan, showed himself to be a real neighbour to the wounded man?' He gets the answer he was looking for: 'The one who took pity on the wounded one.'*

*In our lives, then, the neighbour we are called to love is, in a nutshell, any person in any situation, who needs me right there and then. We must not discriminate. We must not pick and choose. Neither must we wait, till people in need turn up, perhaps quite dramatically. God asks us to be on the lookout for them, focus on them, and then put ourselves out to support them - with our resources of compassion, outreach, time, energy, and money.*

*In his beautiful book Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Emeritus Benedict suggests a challenging application of the parable. He sees the entire continent of Africa represented in the unfortunate man who was robbed, wounded, and left for dead on the side of the road. He sees people like us represented by those two professionals who pass by*

*on the other side of the road – sometimes too selfish, too busy, and too preoccupied with our schedules, agendas and other personal concerns to stop, look, listen, feel for and help those who are hurting.*

*I think that if Jesus came to Israel today and a lawyer asked him again, 'Who is my neighbour?' he might change the parable a bit. In place of the Samaritan, he might put a Palestinian! If a Palestinian were to ask him the same question, in the Samaritan's place we might find a Jew!*

*But it's just too easy to limit the discussion to Africa and the Middle East. If any one of us were to put to Jesus the question 'Who is my neighbour?' what would he answer?*

*He would certainly remind us that our neighbour is not only our fellow countrymen but also those outside our nation and community, not only Christians but Muslims and Hindus also, not only Catholics but Protestants too, and not only believers but also people with no religious faith.*

*But he would immediately add that the most important thing is not simply to know who my neighbour is. The most important thing is to show what it means to love my neighbour, the person i.e., whoever it may be, who in any situation needs me right there and then. 'Go and be the Good Samaritan to them, and go now,' that's what Jesus would surely be saying to you and me.*

*So, at every Eucharist, let us pray for the grace to respond to the clear and challenging teaching of Jesus our Guide, both on who my neighbour is, and on how to care for my neighbour in the kindest and most practical ways possible!*

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*Join us in celebrating the  
Holy Spirit Province Centenary  
this Sunday at the 10.30am Mass*



### Planned Giving Envelopes 2023

The Planned Giving envelopes for next financial year are now available in the Church.

Planned Giving Receipts will be available from next weekend in the church.

St Brigid's values your generous contributions that enable us to continue our ministry, and supports the maintenance of our wonderful church

Please consider joining our Planned Giving program. The program enables you to receive a 30% tax deduction in relation to your contributions, and gives the Parish the benefit of some certainty as to cash-flows and the management of our expenses.

If this is of interest, please contact Len Di Perna in the Parish Office on 8577 5670.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2022

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

#### Information Night for parents only

Wednesday 27th July @ 7.00pm in Shrublands Hall

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 18th September 2pm



Application forms can be downloaded from our website. Please return to the parish office.



#### Jamberoo Abbey

#### Online Retreat

with Sr Antonia Curtis OSB

#### The Prodigal Mother and Daughter

**About:** The word "prodigal" can mean extravagant and lavish and it can also mean undisciplined and wasteful. This retreat will open up for us a way to learn more about our own conflicting prodigal tendencies. Maybe there is a Mary and an Eve within ourselves. What might that mean for our spiritual lives?

**Cost:** The cost of the retreat is \$175. Pensioners can apply for a reduced price - see website for details.

**Date:** Retreat begins the weekend of the 16th & 17th July. All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

**Details:** There will be two written conferences on the first day and questions for private reflection. The second day there will be a video talk by Sr Antonia Curtis and a PDF file available for download. There will be a brief video talk later in the afternoon to sum up.

**Contact:** Register on line at: [jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/on-line-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/on-line-retreats). You will also find many other online retreats on our website

## Mass Texts: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Duet 30:10-14

Let the instructions of the Lord God be near you.

### Response:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

### Second Reading: Col 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?



Come and Listen! Catechesis at Leichhardt

Everyone wonders about the meaning of life.

Why did God create me?

Why does God allow certain things to happen to me?

Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm

St Fiacre's Parish Hall, 90 Catherine St, Leichhardt

Enquiries: David- 0418-245-159

### Acts of Kindness - Community Outreach

will not take place 2nd week of July  
and will resume on the 4th week.

If you would like to join this group please email  
Deacon Christopher on outreach@stbrigid.org.au

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Catholic Primary School  
Marrickville

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**Recently Deceased:** Thi Ngat Nguyen, Vidal Alvares, Van Hoang Vu, Evelyn & James Little

**Death Anniversaries:** Lily Sterling, Joan Patricia Thompson, Nguyen Thi Trinh, Duong Thi Viet "Anna", Jacob Yammine, Antonio Merlino, Mario Calvano, Austin Lowe

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Mely Siasat; Renato Di Perna; George Turchi; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Falakiko Sevelo Kama; Joseph Chaina; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas; James Misingongo; Fr Rob Egar; Mary Angela Thomas; Kevin Boyce, Edna Pace

**Other intentions:** Wendy Lamb, Judith Brogden



**Parish Collection 3/7/2022**

**First Collection \$910.00**

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests, and brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives. A portion of this collection is passed to the Archdiocese, to support the ministry of the ArchBishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

**Second Collection \$2,027.00**

The Second collection, which includes our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including the administration costs in running the parish. This collection goes towards our building maintenance costs, including insurance, utilities, cleaning & rubbish removal.

**Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish**



Please scan the QR code to be directed to our donations page

**Parish Calendar 2022**

**July**

- 10th Sun Holy Spirit Province Centenary Celebration 10.30am
- 17th Sun Senior's Group 2pm
- 23rd Sat Catechist Meeting 10am
- 24th Sun Commissioning of PPC members
- 27th Wed Confirmation Information Night 7pm  
Christmas Carols Meeting 7.30pm
- 30th Sat Our Lady of Snows 3.00pm
- 31st Sun Our Lady of Snows 1.30pm

**August**

- 1st Mon Bereavement Meeting 7pm
- 2nd Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7pm
- 4th Thu Finance Meeting 7pm

**Liturgical Timetable**

**Mon - Wed - Fri:** Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.** Followed by Rosary  
**Tues** **Mass at 6:45**  
**Thurs:** Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary  
**Saturday:** **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**  
**Saturday:** Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)  
**Sunday:** **Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.30pm (Viet); and 6pm.**

**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.

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

**Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries Roster**

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	9 - 10 July	16 - 17 July	9 - 10 July	16 - 17 July	9 - 10 July	16 - 17 July	
Sat 5:00pm	Leila W Jim Y	Gabrielle B Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Shelley H Thu Hoang	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Carole P Michael P	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Margaret T Mary L	Peter J Sue K	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Margaret K	D. Maher Vihn Nguyen	D. Maher Vihn Nguyen	Peter H. Maria M.
Sun 10:30am	Diana P Italian Reader Julian P	Catherine V Italian Reader Rosetta N	Albert N. Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Albert N. Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S.
Sun 6:00pm	Maria F Paul An Pham	Arthur K Adrienne H	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Jackie K. Kristine R	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Jackie K. John S	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.