



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

15th Sunday –Year A 11/12 July 2020

WELCOME BACK!

RETURN OF WEEKEND MASSES

ENGLISH MASS TIMES (WEEKEND):

Saturday - 5.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday - 9.00am
Sunday - 6.00pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Web Page: —
—<http://www.stbrigid.org.au>

Register online on
https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-brigid-catholic-church-marrickville-30610719538?fbclid=IwAR1Iwfy9XyecuuvccMrHV_GRf8BB36-0gCD9z_F2mLKnXx2CurbMRva-_w

Follow our Facebook page: —
-St Brigid's Marrickville

OR

phone the Parish Office on **8577 5670**
between 9.30am - 4.00pm, Monday—
Friday .

WEEKDAY MASSES at ST. BRIGID'S

MONDAY - 9:00 am
TUESDAY - 6.45 am
WEDNESDAY - 9:00 am
THURSDAY - 6.45am
FRIDAY - 9:00 am

For Bookings please phone the Parish Office on 8577 5670 between 9.30am and 4.00pm on Monday-Friday

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ST BRIGID'S PLANNED GIVING

If you are not already a member and would like to join our Planned Giving Scheme , please contact the Parish Office
E-mail: parish @stbrigid.org.au OR
Phone: 85775670.

This will enable you to contribute EITHER via :cash in a numbered **WEEKLY** envelope **OR**

via : a **MONTHLY** Credit Card deduction
For a portion of either of the above, you may claim a tax deductible receipt at the end of each financial year.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Receipts for 2019-2020 are available at the main doors Church.

NEW Sets of Envelopes for 2020-2021 are also available at the main doors of the Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
**A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW: BE-
ING OPEN TO THE VOICE OF GOD**

The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13;1-9), more accurately the Parable of the Soil, contains a complaint, a serious complaint. It's aimed at us, at you and me. Jesus is telling us that God's word is often less fruitful, less productive in our lives, than it ought to be. It gets trampled underfoot, it dries up, it gets choked, or it does not grow. It deserves to make more difference to us than it does.

Too often we fail to see the traces and signs of his presence which God puts into our lives. We do not see, hear, feel, touch or recognise them. Because they pass us by, they cannot therefore change us, change us into better people.

It's deeply disappointing to the heart of God when we fail to recognise the traces of his presence and the traces of his messages. It's far more disappointing than when we either ignore our fellow human beings or fail to notice them.

A young man had a misunderstanding with his girlfriend - a very serious one. He tried to phone her, but when he heard her voice, he did not know what to say. So, he hung up. He tried to write her a letter. But when he finished it, the letter sounded silly, and so he tore it up. Then he remembered that she liked roses, deep red roses. He bought her such a rose - only one, because roses were very expensive at that time of year. The woman in the flower-shop added some ferns to the rose and wrapped it for him in some crisp tissue paper.

The young man went to his girlfriend's flat. He put the rose down in front of her door. He then hid round a corner, and waited for her to come home. Right on time she arrived from work, looking as lovely as ever. His heart leaped in his throat, and his mouth suddenly went dry. He watched her as she opened her

purse, took out her key and turned it in the lock, pushed the door open, stepped inside and closed it behind her. But she did not bend down to pick up his beautiful expensive rose. In fact, she did not seem to even notice it.

What a disappointment! What a let-down! What a missed opportunity! What a heart-break! What a tragedy!

Every day of our lives God gives us signs, trying to get our attention. It might take the form of a flower, a thought, a feeling, a dream, a child, a news story, a chance meeting, a friend, a colleague, some pangs of pain or even of guilt. God has all sorts of wake-up calls. God may speak to us in silence, in sunshine, in rain, on a beach, on a mountain, by a river. God may have something to say to us in a play or a movie, in a song or a piece of music. God may speak to us in the readings at Mass or in the homily about them. It's quite likely that God will speak to us especially in the richness of a loving relationship. As Jean Valjean sings in *Les Misérables*, "to love another person is to see the face of God".

The messages of God are so many and so different that the poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins makes the claim: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God". But how often do we notice? How often do we see, hear or feel God speaking to us? And if we do, how often do we stop and say back: "Hello, God! Thank you, God! What would you want me to do, God?"

Perhaps all too often we live like those who have eyes but do not see, like those who have ears but do not hear. Not only as far as God is concerned, but also as far as the people around us are concerned. We may be like the first man, not the second, in the famous quip: "Two men looked out from prison bars; one saw mud, the other saw stars" (Frederick Langbridge)

As our response to the gospel

message of Jesus, surely it will be worthwhile to ask ourselves a few matter-of-fact questions: -

How strongly do we believe that God speaks to us through a series of signs – e.g. through other people? through things that happen to us? through things that are said to us? and through such marvels of nature as “the wonder and the glory of the everlasting stars” (Banjo Paterson)?

How convinced are we that all around us there are many traces of God's loving and caring presence, and that like an electric current flowing through it, “the world is charged with the grandeur of God”?

Do we fully believe that when we get together for the Eucharist, God speaks to us in quite special ways - in the people we meet and greet, in the readings, in the homily, in the consecrated bread and wine, in Holy Communion, and in the priest who leads our celebration?

Next, let us pray: “Speak to us, Gracious God, and open our minds and hearts with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may produce abundant fruit in our lives. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Word and Our Lord. AMEN.” bgleesoncp@gmail.com

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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.

"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.

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/>

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

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School
9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College
9558 2888

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
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Maintenance C'tee:	Michael Daher/ Pongia Fenukitau
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Men's Club:	Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward
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Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:	Jim Yeo
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Pastoral Council Co-chairs :	Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis
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Youth Ministry:	Jenny Solo Oliver Bautista
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

- ♦ Silvestro Fioraliso
- ♦ Joseph Farah
- ♦ Antonio Frade
- ♦ Luigi Meola
- ♦ Mary Harte
- ♦ George Rego

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

Duong Thi Viet
Jacob Yammine
Antonio Merlino
Mario Calvano
Connie Cloran
Francesca Mejia

Viet Khoi Tran
Anthony Ng
Giuseppe Biviano
Austin Lowe
Charles Raby

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

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

The following options are available

- ♦ General Donations
- ♦ 1st Collection (Passionist C'ty)
- ♦ 2nd Collection (Parish)

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING

During this time of pandemic, in order for St Brigid's to be open for religious worship, the government requires the collection of the names and contact details of EVERY person who attends a celebration here.

The purpose is to contain the spread of coronavirus. If someone in attendance contracts covid-19, NSW Health will be able to notify you so you can take appropriate measures.

These details MUST be retained for four weeks and will then be destroyed unless a formal request is received beforehand from the Chief Health Officer.