



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

16th Sunday —Year A 18/19 July 2020

COVID—19 UPDATE!

In accordance with the latest government regulations, from NEXT Friday 24 July 2020, the **MAXIMUM** number able to attend any Mass at St Brigid's,

including funerals,

will be **100 persons.**

WEEKEND MASSES

**ENGLISH MASS TIMES
(WEEKEND):**

Saturday - 5.00pm (Vigil)

Sunday - 9.00am

Sunday - 6.00pm

**Bookings for Masses remain
ESSENTIAL**

Web Page:

—<http://www.stbrigid.org.au>

Register online on

[https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-brigid-catholic-church-marrickville-30610719538?](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-brigid-catholic-church-marrickville-30610719538?fbclid=IwAR1Iwfy9XyecuuvccMrHV_GRf8BB36-0gCD9z_F2mLKnXx2CurbMRva-_w)

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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

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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 (9.30-4.00pm).

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT:
16TH SUNDAY A

People who are perfectionists get a great deal done. They show a marvellous attention to detail. But there's a shadow side to this. They may become workaholics, and be unable to relax, to stop and think, to stop and listen, to stop and talk, or, in short, simply to stop. Being high achievers themselves, they may expect too much, indeed may demand too much, of others. They may want others to be just like them, and may even pressure others to conform. In being this way, they may, in fact, become their own worst enemies.

We may possibly know people who are so perfect and yet so locked up in themselves, that they have cut themselves off from others – not listening, not speaking, not caring, and not helping.

There may be something of a perfectionist mentality in us, especially about other people. Should we find ourselves dwelling on the flaws and faults of others, if we find ourselves wondering why they don't think and feel and act just like us, if we find ourselves saying with Henry Higgins, "why can't a woman be more like a man?", if we find ourselves getting frustrated or annoyed by the weaknesses of others, we are possibly expecting too much of them. And we are possibly failing to respect the individual differences among us of experience, background, culture, character, personality and temperament.

Jesus, in the Gospel today, speaks to this situation. He speaks of that field in which the wheat is growing that his Father has sown. But all through the field there is not only the wheat from the divine sower, but many weeds as well.

Jesus is telling us that not a single one of us is really perfect, that we too are mixtures of good and not so good. And so a husband cannot expect his wife to be all wheat with no weeds in her character, and vice versa. Neither can children expect absolute perfection from their parents, and vice versa.

If this is true of all human beings as individuals, it is true too of all human organizations, societies, and structures. Capitalism and socialism e.g. are not only different. They are also imperfect. In both systems weeds can be found as well as wheat.

The Church too is imperfect. The Second Vatican Council said that it is sinful as well as holy, and that it is "always in need of reform" and renewal. Weeds were even found in the original Christian community that Luke tells us about in the Acts of the Apostles. While those first Christians in Jerusalem prayed together, shared their lives, shared their food and the rest of their goods and possessions, one couple named Ananias and Sapphira, were the exceptions. They wanted to keep things back for themselves.

Disciples around him were saying to Jesus: "Let's root up all those weeds! Let's burn up those cities which won't welcome you! Let's put them right and show them who's boss! Let's have the kingdom now!" But Jesus says to them in effect: "Wait! Let God be God! Let the wheat and the weeds exist together for now! Wait till God is ready to start the harvest and sort things out! Be like God, then, be patient!"

This suggests that our basic first response to the weaknesses and failings of others is meant to be understanding, compassion, gentleness, patience, and respect. St Francis de Sales used to say that more flies are caught with a spoonful of honey than a barrel full of vinegar.

Jesus, however, did not say that things should always stay the way they are. No, he speaks of growth, and therefore about change, and about the power to change which God puts in the wheat that God has sown. So, through the power of God a person who is lost and confused can find meaning and purpose. A smoker can stop smoking. An alcoholic can stop drinking. A mean person can become a generous one. A sex addict can become chaste. A narrow mind can expand. A fault-finder can become an affirmer and supporter. A racist person can

become a welcoming and befriending one. And if we ourselves are sick and tired of the way we have been living, we too can change direction.

In fact we are not to let the weeds in us choke the wheat. We are to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. And yet despite all our best efforts, the reality remains that both we and they will remain a mixture of wheat and weeds till God is ready to reap the harvest. So we must be like that little koala in a poster who keeps saying, "Be patient with me, for God hasn't finished with me yet!"

For the amazing grace of God, that we might accept the things we cannot change, and change the things we can, let us pray to the Lord of the harvest during the rest of our Eucharist together! And let us pray for that, not only for ourselves but also for one another!

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Vinnies Annual Winter Appeal

If you wish to support Vinnies during this time of pandemic, 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.

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CCareline:

a place you can turn to for help in this time of uncertainty

Connect@catholiccare.org **OR**
CCareline.org
8am-6pm, Monday to Friday

"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/TC7CYQ3>

Donation to the Parish via "Tap and Go" Machines

There are two machines near the main doors of the church—one for St Brigid's and the other for the Passionist Community. Please check that you are donating to the correct entity. Currently these are set at \$15.00 per tap.

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

Information Directory

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Casimir Catholic College
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Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

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Bereavement Ministry:	Sr. Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged:	Fr. Dominic
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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

- ♦ Pasquale Coelho
- ♦ Concetta Lanzafame
- ♦ Silvestro Fioraliso
- ♦ Antonio Frade

For the Sick

- ♦ Lena Buck
- ♦ Sheila Kettle
- ♦ Maria Fuller
- ♦ Peter English
- ♦ Helen Eid
- ♦ Bob Bain
- ♦ Elizabeth Yashadhana
- ♦ Mary Harb
- ♦ Winifreda Jauco
- ♦ Peter Ling

- ♦ Geoffrey Leask
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ And all those infected with Corona-Virus

Death Anniversaries

Maria Anastasi Joaquim Ribeiro
Mantoura Yammine John Shannon
Victoriano Latagan George Elia
Helen & Peter Buchel Chris Lane
Ibrahim Yammine Roger Bugeja
Phero Tiep Van Vu Rodney Anderson
Gia Kim Am Van Nguyen Sau Van Dinh
Giuseppina Cappadona

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.