



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

21st 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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Family Group:

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Justice & Peace Network:

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Sr Rosana

Maintenance C'tee:

Michael Daher & Pongia

Fenukitau

Men's Club:

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner

& Mick Ward

Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

Music Director:

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Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

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Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook &

Kristen Roehrig



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

Back to School: Term 3

This week, the staffs and children of both our schools will return to school after their well-deserved term break. We welcome them back to school! And we wish them, that as they embark on this new term, they may find inspiration, growth, and joy in every challenge and opportunity. Here's to new beginnings, exciting learning experiences, and the chance to make lasting memories with friends and teachers. I wish them a term filled with curiosity, success, and endless possibilities!

Thank you...

Last week, I had to take a quick trip to India for the funeral of my classmate, Fr. Francis Xavier CP (45), who died suddenly of a massive heart attack. We shared life together as seminarians for almost 13 years before we were ordained as Passionist priests in 2009. Fr. Francis has worked as a missionary in the Philippines and Papua New Guinea, and currently, he is the Novice master of the Passionist novices in India. It was heartbreaking to hear of his sudden death, and it's painful to think that he is no more, for the memories are very fresh, deep and too beautiful. May he Rest in Peace.



I want to express my deepest gratitude for your prayers and support during this difficult time of loss. Your kind and comforting words and thoughtful prayers have provided me with strength and solace. Knowing that I have friends and family like you, who are there for me, has made a world of difference. Your compassion and empathy have been a source of light, and I cannot thank you enough, particularly Frs. Tiernan, Kevin, Lex, and the parish team for taking on some of the demands of the parish work in my absence.

A quick thought for the week!

Some of you may remember the remarks made by former Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer in 2016 that working a 130-hour week was possible 'if you're strategic about when you sleep, when you shower, and how often you go to the bathroom.' Or more so popular was Elon Musk, who, in 2018, tweeted to his

millions of followers: ‘Nobody ever changed the world on 40 hours a week.’ Of course, most of us aren’t trying to change the world – at least not in the way Musk is referring to. Most of us just want to have a fulfilling, happy and healthy life: one that involves work, yes, but one that is also rich with love, laughter, friendship and freedom. Yet we keep racing.

In the gospel today, Jesus invites the disciples to come away to a lonely place to rest for a while. Scripture emphasises lots of importance on rest (Sabbath). God declared His satisfaction in what He made, then stopped and “rested.” And as He rested, He “blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it He rested from all His work of creation.” Gen 2:3. We, as Christians, observe Sunday as our sabbath, a day of rest.

In our increasingly hectic world, observing Sunday as a sabbath holds profound significance. This tradition, deeply rooted in our religious and cultural practices, offers a practical solution and a vital respite from the demands and stresses of modern life. As a designated day of rest and reflection, Sunday provides an opportunity to step back from the relentless pace of work, technology, and daily responsibilities, allowing us to recharge physically, mentally, and spiritually.

The Sabbath, particularly on Sunday, serves as a counterbalance to our culture's constant busyness. In a society where productivity is often measured by how much we can accomplish, taking a day to rest can feel counterintuitive. However, this pause is essential for maintaining overall well-being. It allows us to slow down, breathe, and regain a sense of equilibrium, which can lead to increased productivity and creativity during the rest of the week.

One of the most significant benefits of observing Sunday as the Sabbath is the opportunity it provides for meaningful interactions with family and friends. Modern life often fragments time spent with loved ones due to conflicting schedules and constant distractions. By setting aside this day, we create space for deeper connections and strengthen relationships, fostering a sense of community and belonging. Sabbath also offers a regular opportunity for introspection and clarity. Stepping away from daily routines allows for reflection on personal goals, values, and life direction, promoting a more intentional and thoughtful approach to living.

Spiritually, Sunday, as the Sabbath, provides a dedicated time for renewal. Whether through religious observance, prayer, or personal reflection, this regular spiritual nourishment can lead to a more grounded and purpose-driven life. Encouraging also a mindset of gratitude, helping us appreciate the present moment and the blessings we have, fostering a more positive and contented outlook. For us it is also a day that involves communal activities such as worship, meals, or gatherings. These shared experiences foster a sense of community and belonging, providing emotional support and a network of care in an increasingly individualistic society.

Jesus’s invitation to “Come away to rest a while” is more compelling than ever.

How do you observe the Sabbath?

Fr. Giltus CP

Join us for July months vibrant youth gathering right after the Sunday 6pm Mass on the 14th and 28th!



TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: PARISH OFFICE
DURATION: 1.5 HOURS



‘THE BIBLE IS NOT MEANT TO BE READ MERELY FOR INFORMATION, BUT FOR TRANSFORMATION.’
- POPE JOHN PAUL II

Come and be part of a community where faith, friendship, and fun come together! We’ll delve into meaningful discussions, share in prayer, and enjoy some light-hearted activities. Plus, refreshments will be provided. Don’t miss out on this chance to connect and grow with fellow young believers!



See you there! 🌟



#YouthGathering #Community #FaithAndFun #SeeYouThere

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.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Thanks be to God for three new priests
- Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green marks 10 year anniversary
- US Eucharistic Congress prays for peace after assassination attempt
- Annandale parish flourishes after merger
- Michael Galvoc: master of Australian religious art
- Monica Doumit: Surrogacy is the new moral frontline

Mt Carmel Day Retreat

Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritual Life

Many Saints speak of detachment, mortification & ascetic practices, which are necessary for our sanctification. Saint John of the Cross also speaks of not taking this to excess, where the focus is on the practice and not on the purpose. In this Retreat, we will explore what we can be doing to find the godly balance.

3rd August 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$30pp BYO lunch

8795 3464 or bookings@mtcarmel.com.au
247 Andrews Road, Varroville

Senior's Group:

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

Planned Giving

Please collect your planned giving receipts and Envelopes which are available at the back of the church.

Thank you for supporting our parish

Recently Deceased: George Sassine, Ester Cerato, Gina Quinlan, Edward Shelley, Jose Luis Da Silva Fr. Francis Xavier Chanampally CP, Emile Elhindi.

Death Anniversaries: Antonio Merlino, Austin Lowe, Francesca Mejio, Connie Cloran, Giuseppe Biviano, Charles Raby, Gioan Viet Khoi Tran, Anthony Kim Siang Ng, John Duklevski, Maria Teresa Anastasi, Joaquim (Jack) Ribeiro, Mantoura Yammine, John (Jack) Shannon, Victoriano Latagan

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

Other intentions: Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Elias & Wahebe Estephan, Gerard O'Donnell



Do you want to support the faith life of your child?

A Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium opens in our parish in October for children 3-6 years old. It will be based at Rosebery. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation program to help nurture and strengthen the relationship between God and the child. It uses the Montessori method in which the child uses beautiful handmade materials to explore Scripture, Liturgy and practical life activities.

Parents of 3-6 year olds can register for our Zoom information session to find out more

Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Register: atrium@citysouthcatholic.org.au or 0482 625 706. Or contact our Atrium Coordinator Gemma Thompson at the same details for other times.



Mass Texts: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 23:1-6
The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

Response: Ps 22
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



Second Reading: Eph 2:13-18
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6:30-34
They were as sheep without a shepherd

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

JULY

21st Sun 12.00pm Senior's Group 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
3rd Sat 3.00pm Our Lady of Snows
4th w/end CWF Appeal
4th Sun 1.30pm Our Lady of Snows
8th Thur Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

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
	20/21 July	27/28 July	20/21 July	27/28 July		
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Michael H 1st: Margaret H 2nd: Jim Y	Com: Ofa T 1st: Aloysia S 2nd: Michael S	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Michael H Margaret H Leila W Ofa T	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L 1st: Esther G 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Stephen O Dennis M F. Seufale	Margaret K John S Margaret T	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Joanne M 1st: Anthony N 2nd: Italian	Com: Frank C 1st: Bernadette S 2nd: Italian	Susan K Peter J John M Aiden K	Tony H Angiw C Bernadette Y Jenny O	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Charlene E 1st: Karen W 2nd: Robert W	Youth Mass	Lina E Charlie E Charlene E	Arthur K Alexis H Lenore D	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.

