



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 A

23rd July, 2023

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.

Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

Next Sunday is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. I guess, like some of you, it still comes as a total surprise that I am 'elderly'. I keep wanting to say- "Hey, I still feel the same as I did when I was 50!" -except for the knees, of course.

Pope Francis writes beautifully to those of us who are grandparents and senior:

"The state of so much of the world points to the need for a profound change of heart, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers and sisters.

We grandparents and elderly have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving base with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in our humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need.

This attitude may be mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and abusive who will inherit the earth. One fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world. Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer- not only our own grandchildren but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects. Let us hold in our hearts, like St Joseph, who was a loving and attentive father, the little ones of Ukraine, of Afghanistan, of Sudan ..."

On Monday Week, August 1, World Youth Day

begins in Lisbon. Most pilgrims have already left this weekend, They take part in a week of experiences in dioceses around Portugal. The theme chosen for this World Youth Day is "Mary arose and went with haste". It is taken from the story of how Mary, on learning her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant in her old age, rushed to help her. Mary herself carrying Jesus already in her womb.

Pope Francis in his message to the youth of the world, not only those attending the WYD Lisbon wrote: Any young person who goes to WYD, goes because, deep down, he or she has the thirst to participate, to share, to tell their experience and receive the experience of others. They are thirsting for horizons. Don't put up a wall in front of your life. Walls close you in; the horizon makes you grow. Always look at the horizon with your eyes, but look, above all, with your heart."

There are ten parishioners going from our parish. We will also have special prayers each day here in the parish for the pilgrims and for all young people

Our prayer will be the official prayer for this year's WYD:

**Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone,
obeying the Father
in the love of the Holy Spirit.
Enable us to go peacefully,
since those who take Christ, take peace.
For well doing is the best
wellbeing. Amen**

Fr. Tom McDonough CP





Sacrament of Confirmation
Information night
26th July at 7pm in Shrubland Hall
Only Parents need to attend



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This year we celebrate St. Brigid's Church 102nd birthday! We would like to mark this occasion by collecting some photos. You are invited to send us your photos, especially if they include the blue light beacons and cross that make our church such a famous landmark (and inspired our name, the Young Beacons!).

Our beautiful blue cross atop the main beacon is currently only half working. We hope that this project will remind us of how spectacular it looks when it is in full working order. Hopefully the cross will soon be restored to its former glory!

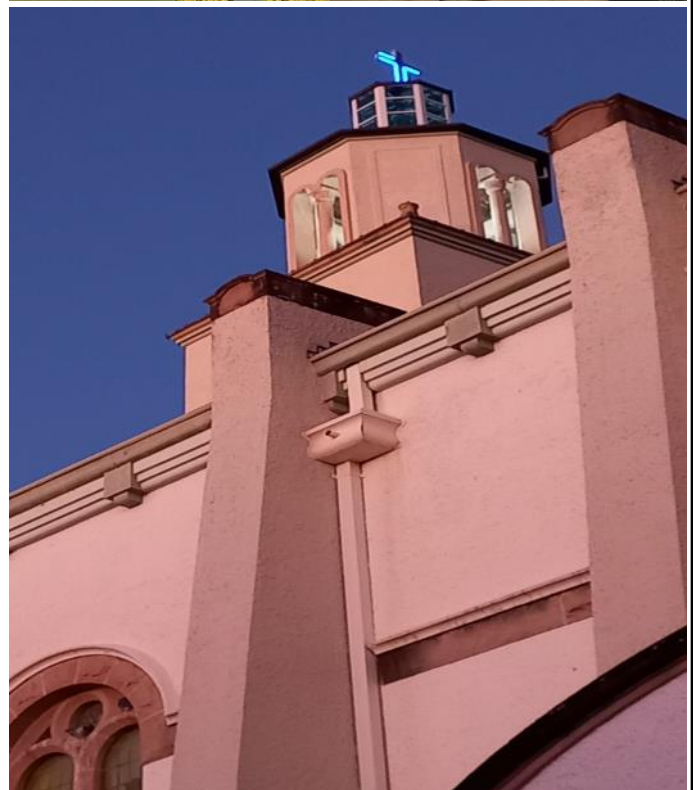
Photos of the week - Here are some amazing images that were shared for our project this week.
THANK YOU!

We will use the photos to make a photographic Montage.

When: please share your photos by Sunday 6th August 2023

Subject: St Brigid's Church including the Blue Light Beacons

Send to: christopher@stbrigid.org.au



Photos by: Charlene and Celina Elias and Robert Whitby

Parish

Sunday 17th September 2023

Community

12.00pm after Mass Shrubland Hall

Tickets: \$60 pp includes 3 course meal + beverages

Raffle will be available at every weekend masses and on the day
With great prizes

Fundraising

Please contact Tony Cipolla, Arthur Kassis, Anthony Naticchia,
Sr Elenita Flores, CP or the parish office for tickets

Event

Recent and New Parishioners

Following the challenges of COVID, we want to kick-start our program for welcoming more recent and newer parishioners. We want to provide a welcome, information about the parish, and lots of ways new parishioners can become involved in the life of St Brigid's

There will be a CLIPBOARD at the back of the church where you can provide contact details,
OR Speak personally to one of the Parish Team who can get your details

OR Contact the parish office with your details.
One of our Team will then begin contact.

We want to get to know you, and want you to get to know us.



Dear Friends,
There is an excellent
Opportunity for fellowship and
spiritual growth through
our renewed service, the St Brigid's
Hospitality Committee, whose aim is
to welcome and greet new
parishioners.

Our ultimate goal is to
make connections with new and
returning families, groups and
individuals.

Providing a safe space for hospitality
and welcoming them to our church,
is the passion of our work.

Connecting people to Parish life
through our other programs is our
purpose and drive.

To show your interest in joining the
team please feel free to contact
the below.

Deacon Christopher:

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SmartLoving Fertility

An online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From 19 July - 31 August you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week. Use NFPWEEK coupon code to claim your discount.

www.smartloving.org/fertility

Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS 23 July 2023

- **World Youth Day pilgrims go with haste!**
- **Natalia Matar hears God's call for WYD**
- **Sound of Freedom review: Caviezel is the master of expression**
- **Welcome, maestro! New director of music for St Mary's Cathedral**
 - **Faith on the racetrack: jockey Jack Waterhouse's near-death conversion**
 - **Fr Gerald Gleeson on George Weigel, synodality and Vatican II**

Recently Deceased: Jim Kerrigan, Agostina Scardino, Peter Grima, Margaret Madden, Thi Sen Vo,

Ortensio Mastroianni, Manuel De Sousa, Edelweiss Marinozzi, Agatino Miuccio, Manuel Elias, Cecilia Tuyet Anh Thi Le, Maree Metcalfe, Maria Graciete Duarte Luis.

Death Anniversaries: Francesca Mejia, Connie Cloran, Giuseppi Biviano, Charles Raby, Giom Viet Khoi Tran, Anthony Kim Siang Ng, John Duklevski, Maria Anastasi, Joaquim Ribeiro, John Shannon, Victoriano Latagan, George Elia, Chris Lane, Helen & Peter Buchel, Ibrahim Yammine, Gia kim Am Van Nguyen, Phero Tiep Van Vu, Cecilia Da Silva, Rodney Anderson, Roger Bugeja, Joseph Sau Van Dinh, Giuseppina Cappadona, Amanda Archinal, Gregory Charles Devlin, Maria Tik Trang Hoang, Sr Frances Bartley, Nguyen Van Hung, Dominic Nguyen Van Ai, Daniel Peter Guilfoyle, Timothy O'Brien, Bethy Elizabeth Scollard, Alfred Taylor, Eileen Minehan, Thomas Bunch, Madalena Pham Thi Ba, Hannah Douchi, Lily Sterling, Percy James Walsh, Elaine Downing, Fale Von Dingleddge, Victor Habermann,, Francesca & Giovanni Spinella, George Vispoel, Juanita Wilde, Mario Calvano, Joan Patricia Thompson, SR Veronica Taylor, Nguyen Thi Trinh, Duong Thi Viet, Jacob Yammine, Austin Lowe, Antonio Merlino,

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Buena Ong, Phil Drew,

Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Georgette Khoury, Steven Para, Huyen Nguyen, George Bugeja, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Fr Thomas Thanh CP, Leonardo Sofi, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Margaret Madden, Maria Caccamo, Carmel King, Arch Moss, Cruz Chacana (baby boy), Mely Siasat

Other intentions: Antonio Rendeiro, Steven Para, Wendy Lamb, Joe & Josephine Farah, Mufid Rende



Mass Texts: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance

Response: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia !

Gospel: Mt 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Parish Calendar 2023

July

26th	Wed	7.00pm	Confirmation Information Night
29th	Sat	10.00am	San Lupo Mass
29th	Sat	3.00pm	Our Lady of Snows Mass
30th	Sun	1.30pm	Our Lady of Snows Mass

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4th	Fri	9.00am	Anointing of Sick
8th	Tues	6.45am	St Mary of the Cross
13th	Sun	9.00am	Confirmation Preparation session #1
15th	Tue	6.45am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
17th	Wed	7.00pm	Maintenance Meeting

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri:	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and Rosary
Tues:	Mass at 6:45am
Thurs:	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
Saturday:	Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary
Sunday:	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese) Mass at 8.00am 10.30am (bilingual) 4.00pm (Vietnamese) 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. Blessing for the Ministers will be given after the Mass.

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

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	22/23 July	29/30 July	22/23 July	29/30 July	22/23 July	29/30 July	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Liz B Reader: Jim Y	Com: Kelilia A Reader: Michael P	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelly H Ofa T Gabriele B	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole P Michael P Liz B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L Reader: Joseph F	Com: Marco G Reader: Geoffrey L	Dennis M Geoffrey F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh H F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Terry R Reader: Robert G	Com: Peter J Reader: Kristen R	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur Reader: Kevin B	Com: Pedro M Reader: Charlie	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K Kristen K	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis 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.