



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

18th Sunday –Year A 1/2 August 2020

PARISH VISITATION

A very warm welcome to
Bishop Terry Brady who
is spending time with us
this weekend on his
Parish Visitation

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

at ST BRIGID'S

Saturday -5.00pm (Vigil)

7.00pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday - 8.00 am

Sunday - 10.30 am

4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday - 6.00 pm

Please also note that,

in accordance with the latest government regulations,
the **MAXIMUM** number able
to attend any Mass
at St Brigid's
is now 100 persons.

BOOKINGS for ALL 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=IwAR1Iwfy9XyecuuvccMrH-V_GRf8BB36-0gCD9z_F2mLKnXx2CurbMRva-_w)
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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

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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

FEEDING THE HUNGRY: 18TH SUNDAY A

There are at least three kinds of hunger. There is a hunger for bread, for the food and drink that satisfy physical hunger and nourish health and life. There is emotional hunger, a hunger for acceptance and welcome, affirmation and affection from others. And there is spiritual hunger, that includes a craving for the company of good people. For Christians, this means most of all the company of Jesus Christ.

Mother Teresa of Kolkata has spoken well of these three kinds of hunger. She says:

Your poverty is greater than ours ... the spiritual poverty of the West is much greater than the physical poverty of the East. In the West, there are millions of people who suffer loneliness and emptiness, who feel unloved and unwanted. They are not the hungry in the physical sense; what is missing is a relationship with God and with each other.

In the gospel today we meet people who are experiencing these three kinds of hunger. Their greatest hunger is for the company of Jesus, for the enlightenment, truth and challenge of the words he speaks, and for the warmth and comfort of his understanding, kindness and compassion.

Tired out from hard work, and looking for a little rest and recreation, as well as some quiet time to mourn the recent killing of his cousin, John the Baptist, Jesus sails with his friends for the eastern shore of the lake. But seeing where the boat is heading, the crowds hurry to reach that shore on foot. You can imagine what you and I might have thought and even said about this. Jesus too might easily have felt annoyed and resentful, and even have moaned and groaned: "Why won't they leave me alone for a while? Why won't they let me have a little bit of time to myself? Why won't they give me just a bit of peace and quiet? Why won't they stay away for now? Why won't they?"

But Jesus, ever "the man for others", thinks no such thoughts. He thinks only of them, of their need for him, and of the love and assistance he can provide. Sensing their longing to be with him, and seeing so many sick and troubled persons among them, his heart is moved with compassion. So, he goes from one little group to the other – listening to them, talking to them, comforting them, and healing their physically and mentally sick ones. Their cravings to be with him, then, and their longings for his welcome and acceptance, affirmation and affection, are satisfied and fulfilled.

All this goes on for a long while. So long in fact, that his disciples, watching the sun sinking rapidly below the horizon, start to get impatient and annoyed. They speak bluntly to their leader of the frustrations they are feeling: "This is an isolated place," they say, "and the time has slipped by; so, send the people away, so they can go to the villages to buy

themselves some food." "No way," says Jesus, just as directly: "you give them something to eat yourselves." Grudgingly, they place in the hands of Jesus the five loaves and the two fish, their own picnic lunch. First Jesus thanks God for these gifts of fish and bread. Then he breaks the loaves into pieces and hands them to his disciples, who distribute the food to the crowds.

Something amazing is happening here. Not only is Jesus multiplying the bread. Not only is he feeding the hungry people with more food than they can eat, he is also involving his disciples in the task of feeding such a vast number of people - well over five thousand at a single sitting. It's a sign of things to come.

All this has much to say to us today as friends and followers of Jesus. We must face, first of all, the physical hunger of millions of our fellow human beings around the world, much aggravated right now by the economic effects of Covid-19. Can anyone right now still indulge in conspicuous consumption with a clear conscience, when so many others lack the basic necessities of life, and are even starving to death? What will Jesus say to you and me on Judgment Day? Will it be, "I was hungry, and you gave me food? I was thirsty and you gave me drink" (Mt 25:35-36)? Or will it be, "I was hungry and you never gave me any food, I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink" (Mt 25:42-43)?

In the second place, you and I keep coming across deprived, despised and lonely people, yearning for just a little bit of affirmation, a little bit of acceptance, and a little bit of affection. The problems in both city and country of persons being picked on and bullied, of runaway and homeless children, of drug addiction, of discrimination, of cruelty, of domestic violence, of suicide, are but symptoms of deep unsatisfied longings to be loved and to love. Can we, then, be at least a little more sensitive, a little more responsive, a little more pro-active and caring towards hurt, lost and lonely persons out there, and perhaps even right here among us? And will we let our Leader say to us: "I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me (Mt 25:36-37)?"

Over and over again, Jesus clearly identified himself with people in physical, emotional and spiritual need. To meet them is to meet him. "In truth I tell you," he says, "in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40-41). Or else, "in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me" (Mt 25:45).

It's the very same nurturing Jesus whom we are meeting today in our prayer. He keeps waiting to nourish us with the gift of himself in bread and wine. He also keeps waiting and wanting to send us out from our prayer, to be for others his eyes, ears, heart,

hands and feet. May we do more than we've ever done before, then, to satisfy the physical, emotional and spiritual hungers of those persons, who are both needing and waiting for us, to be for them agents of the goodness of Jesus, and missionaries of his love!
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Baptism Dates—2020

**20 and 27 September; 25 October;
15 and 22 November; 20 December
at 12.30pm.**

**1st Sunday—Preparation for parents
and godparents.**

2nd Sunday—Welcoming Mass

**If you wish to make a booking,
please e-mail the Parish Office on :
parish@stbrigid.org.au
including your choice of date AND
postal address.**

**Please Note: Baptism is a communal
sacrament at St Brigid's with up to
FIVE (5) children baptised at each
session.**

**In accordance with COVID-19 Regu-
lations, the MAXIMUM number of
guests per family will be 20, includ-
ing parents, siblings and godparents**

Women's Spirituality Group

Zoom
Thursday
August 6 2020
7:30PM AEST

Join us for one hour of
connection – with each
other, our hearts and our
God. ♥ All in the comfort
of your own home! All
St Brigid's women most
welcome. ♥ Just email
paige.bullen@gmail.com and
she'll happily send you the link.

**The Feast of Mary MacKillop
On Saturday 8 August 2020, Mary
MacKillop Place will be CLOSED this
year. Details will be posted on the
website:**

marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au

**Mass in the Memorial Chapel will be
livestreamed at 10.00am .**

2021 Wedding Bookings

**St Brigid's is now accepting
SATURDAY Wedding Bookings for
next year.**

**Please send your enquiry via E-MAIL
to: parish@stbrigid.org.au.**

**Include couple's names, addresses,
phone numbers, choice of date and
time, and name of priest who has
agreed to officiate at your wedding.
Please keep in mind that, in accord-
ance with COVID 19 Regulations and
until further notice a MAXIMUM of
100 people is permitted at any ser-
vice in St Brigid's Church .**

ST BRIGID'S PLANNED GIVING

**If you are not already a mem-
ber and would like to join our
Planned Giving Scheme , please
contact the Parish Office by:**

**E-mail: [parish @stbrigid.org.au](mailto:parish@stbrigid.org.au)
OR**

**Phone: 8577 5670 (9.30am -
4.00pm, Mon to Fri).**

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 de-
ductible receipt at the end of each
financial year.

From the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropri-
ate people to deal with crimes are the po-
lice. If you—or anyone you know— have been
abused, please contact the police. Alterna-
tively, 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 sup-
port and guidance. The Archdiocese has a
legal obligation to report crimes to the po-
lice.

Information Directory

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Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

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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

Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/
Pongia Fenukitau

Men's Club: Arthur Kassis;
John Skinner,
Mick Ward

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:
Jim Yeo

Pastoral Council Co-chairs :
Peter Jennings,
Arthur Kassis

Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo
Oliver Bautista

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

- ♦ Anthony Testa
- ♦ Peter English
- ♦ Manuel Pasquale Coelho
- ♦ Concetta Lanzafame
- ♦ Silvestro Fioraliso
- ♦ Antonio Frade

For the Sick

- ♦ Basile Kamoschosto
- ♦ Lena Buck
- ♦ Sheila Kettle
- ♦ Maria Fuller
- ♦ 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

Ivy Heares; Thomas Pearson;
Giuseppina Buda; Lucia Amoranto;
Kathleen Mahony; Anthony Coorey;
Sr Ruth Boland RSJ; George Metlege
Chloe Bovingdon; Clara Anderson;
Robert Smith; Gloria Chippendale
George Pearson; ; Kevin Doyle.

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.