



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

**We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**31st July 2022**

*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*

### WILL WE BE SELFISH OR GENEROUS?

**Ecclesiastes 1.2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3.1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21**

We have heard Jesus say: 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

A London newspaper once offered a prize for the best definition of money. This was the winning answer: 'Money is an instrument that can buy you everything but happiness and pay your fare to every place but heaven.' Maybe the prize-winner had taken to heart the gospel words of Jesus on money! Certainly, they're both on the same track, and they both recognize that what we need and what we want are not the same.

You may have heard the saying: 'Where there's a will there's a relative.' When my mother was making her will, she was determined not to let her death give rise to any quarrels, bitterness, and strife in the family. So, she split her will exactly evenly among all eight children. In today's incident, it's clear that Jesus doesn't want to take on board any quarrel over wills and inheritance. On the other hand, he uses the trouble and strife between the two brothers to make some strong points about the use of money and wealth.

The first point Jesus makes is that to be greedy, grasping, and selfish is to be a human failure. Why? Because, as he puts it, 'one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions'. After all, there are more important values in life, more relevant and enriching values, and ones that make a person 'rich in the eyes of God'. The second point Jesus makes is illustrated in his story of the rich but foolish landowner. It's that when we die, we cannot take any money or possessions with us. Investments, savings, superannuation, trust funds, stocks, shares, bonds, and dividends, none of these will travel with us to meet our Maker. As someone has wisely said: 'Shrouds have no pockets!'

Back to the rich fool in the story! Two things stand out strongly. No other parable is so full of the words, 'I', 'me', 'my', and 'mine'. A schoolboy was once asked what parts of speech are 'my' and 'mine'. He called them not 'possessive' but 'aggressive' adjectives. Certainly, the rich fool was aggressively self-centred. Today he might be called 'filthy rich'. The one thing that never occurs to him is to give away any of his wealth. His world is a tiny little world, bounded on the north, south, east, and west, by himself. Enclosing

him on all sides is one giant ego. Instead of restraining himself, he asserts himself. Instead of denying himself, he indulges himself. Instead of finding happiness in giving, he focuses on getting, gaining, grabbing, and grasping. 'Take things easy,' he says to himself, 'eat, drink, and have a good time'. He thinks of no one but himself. His whole attitude is the opposite of the attitude of Jesus.

The second thing that stands out about the rich fool is that he never sees beyond this life. All his plans are for life here on earth. He does not reckon with destiny, that 'this very night the demand will be made [by death] for your soul, your life'. A conversation took place between an eighteen-year-old girl in her final year of school and her grandmother, who has the wisdom of many years of life experience behind her. Says the younger woman: 'Nana, I'm going to university.' 'And then?' says the older woman. 'I will study medicine.' 'And then?' 'I will practise surgery.' 'And then?' 'I will make a fortune.' 'And then?' 'I suppose that I shall grow old and retire and live on my money.' 'And then?' 'Well, I suppose that I will die one day.' 'And then?' comes her grandmother's last stabbing question. The implication seems to be, 'don't end up just another rich and selfish old fool'. A person that never remembers that there's another world is destined someday for the grimmest of grim shocks.

The problem is not having possessions. That in itself is neutral. The problem arises when selfishness stops the 'haves' from sharing with the 'have-nots'.

Where do you and I stand, dear People of God, regarding our money and possessions and our commitment by baptism to follow the poor man, Jesus? Are we selfish and self-indulgent? Do we shop till we drop? Or are we other-centred and generous? Do we see ourselves as an island isolated from others' needs, or do we see ourselves as living in solidarity with all human beings? Do we see ourselves as having an absolute right of ownership over our money and goods? Or do we take the view that the earth and its resources belong to the whole human family? If we have more than we need to survive and even thrive as human beings, are we willing to assist the many millions in poor countries and closer to home, who are suffering hunger and starvation, even as I speak? Do we acknowledge the truth of the challenge the Second Vatican Council put to individuals and governments: 'Feed the people dying of hunger because if you do not feed them, you are killing them?'

Or is it more important to us that our clothes have the so-called

and 'the right friends'? Would we rather be kind and generous persons, giving our lives and resources for the enrichment and well-being of others, or just another material girl or boy, man or woman? Selfish? Self-centred? Self-indulgent? Self-absorbed? Self-satisfied and Self-assured?

In our Holy Communion with Jesus Christ, let's talk to him about where we stand on our wants and needs, including our need to care for others in glaring and urgent need!

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**The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend (6-7th August).**

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use.

**Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

## St. Brigid's Young Beacons

### Parents and Families



All children and families are invited to join us to prepare gifts for **Fathers' Day**



**When:** Sunday 21st August 2022

Mass at 10:30am followed by Card and Gift Making after Mass.

**Where:** St Brigid's Church and afterwards in the Parish Centre (Parish Office).

Activities include St. Joseph Scripture and prayer, making Fathers' Day cards and small gifts for our Fathers and Father figures at St. Brigid's Community.

**RSVP:** [christopher@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:christopher@stbrigid.org.au) or just show up!

### The Bishop's Blend Breakfast

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to.....

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbbx> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

2021 National Church Life Survey

The **National Church Life Survey (NCLS)** is a five-yearly co-operative venture across all churches in Australia. The survey results provide a credible evidence-base for churches to strengthen their vitality, develop effective leadership and inform their ministry and mission.

The 2021 NCLS has been held over to this year. We invite parishioners of St Brigid's to complete the survey in the coming weeks.

It is a voluntary and anonymous survey of Church attenders over the age of 15 years. There are also surveys available for children aged 8 -14 years.

There are two ways that you can complete the survey:

**A paper survey**, which will be available at our Masses on 6-7 August and 13-14 August which you can complete at church or do at home and return to the church, **OR**

**An online survey** which you can do anytime in the next month at <https://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au/> or by scanning this QR code.



To complete the survey, you need **St Brigid's unique code** which is **TAS087**

### St Joseph's Parish Enfield Healing Mass

Friday 5th August 2022

Celebrant: Father Maroun El Kazzi

Rosary : 7:00 PM Mass: 8:00PM

Reconciliation : 7:00 PM - 8:00PM Exposition (after Mass) Prayer and Praise: 7:30 PM Prayer Ministry available after Mass

Parking at rear of church. Enter from Baker St. Rose: 9642-2359 / 0412 115-961

E-mail: [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

### Parish Renewal Conference 2022

Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

#### St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19 August, 6 - 9 pm and

Saturday 20 August, 9 am - 5:15 pm

\$25 per person for

parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney

#### Registration essential:

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22)

by Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.



Since 1988 the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day has taken place annually on 4 August. This date was historically used to communally celebrate the birthdays of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken from their families at a young age, without knowing their birthday— the Stolen Generations. Let us pray for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters as we continue towards Reconciliation and love.



### Passionist Family Groups

If you are interested in joining our Passionist Family Groups, please contact the Parish Office.

We will pass your details on to the Passionist Family Group coordinators for St Brigid's, and either Adrienne or Jonathan will be in contact.

### Mass Texts: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21–23**

**Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.**

**Response:**

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11**

**You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 12:13–21**

This very night your soul will be demanded of you.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2022

#### Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Sessions

Sunday, 07 August at 9:00 am - 1st Session

Sunday, 14 August at 9:00 am - 2nd Session

Sunday, 21 August at 9:00 am - 3rd Session

Sunday, 28 August at 9 00 am - 4th Session

At Shrublands Hall



**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Sunday 18th September at 2pm

#### 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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also 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.

**Recently Deceased:** Dorothy Sinclair; Michael Napoli; Gerard O'Donnell; Antony Nguyen Tue; Yvonne Caws

**Death Anniversaries:** Timothy O'Brien; Betty Isabel Scollard; Alfred Taylor; Eileen Minehan; Cecilia Da Silva; Thomas Bunch; Sr. Ruth Boland RSJ; Ivy Heares; Thomas Pearson; Lucia Aroranto; Kathleen Mahony; Giuseppina Buda; Anthony Coorey; Chloe Bovingdon; Clara Anderson; Robert Smith; Kevin Doyle; Gloria Mary Chippendale.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Mely Siasat; Renato Di Perna; George Turchi; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Joseph Chaina; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas; James Misingongo; Fr Rob Egar; Mary Angela Thomas; Kevin Boyce, Marie Thompson; Falakiko Sevelo Kama; George Clavigo

**Other intentions:**

**Parish Collection 24/7/2022**

**First Collection \$ 1,175.00**

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests, and brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives. A portion of this collection is passed to the Archdiocese, to support the ministry of the ArchBishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

**Second Collection \$ 1,397.60**

The Second collection, which includes our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including the administration costs in running the parish. This collection goes towards our building maintenance costs, including insurance, utilities, cleaning & rubbish removal.

**Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish**



Please scan the QR code to be directed to our donations page

**Parish Calendar 2022**

**August**

- 1st Mon Bereavement Meeting 6.30pm
- 2nd Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7pm
- 4th Thu Finance Meeting 7pm
- 5th Fri Anointing of the Sick 9am  
Men's Club 7.30pm
- 6th Sun San Lupo Mass 10.30am
- 7th Sun Sacrament of Confirmation (Prep 1) 9am
- 8th Mon St Mary of the Cross 9am
- 10th Wed Christmas Carols Meeting
- 14th Sun Sacrament of Confirmation (Prep 2) 9am
- 15th Mon The Assumption of the B V Mary  
**Holy day of Obligation**  
**Masses: 6:45am, & 9:00am English, 6:00pm Vietnamese, 7pm English**

**Liturgical Timetable**

- Mon - Wed - Fri:** Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.** Followed by Rosary
- Tues** **Mass at 6:45**
- Thurs:** Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
- Saturday:** **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**
- Saturday:** Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
- Sunday:** **Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.30pm (Viet); 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.

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

**Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries Roster**

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	30-31 July	6/7 August	30-31 July	6/7 August	30-31 July	6/7 August	
Sat 5:00pm	Gabrielle B Michael Price	Leila Walsh Kelelia A.	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Ofa Tupola Dcn Chris Paul Cloran	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Liz B. Carol Price Dcn Chris	M. Dillon Vinh N.	M. Dillon Vinh N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Margaret T. Sue King	Mary Leask Jim Yeo	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis .S. Margaret K. Mary Leask	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Margaret T. Margaret K.	D. Maher Vihn N.	D. Maher Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sun 10:30am	Terry R. Diana Perin- Maria Barlow	Peter J. Alberto S Bernadette Y.	Albert N. Anthony N Tony Cipolla Giuseppe S. Angie C.	Albert N. Anthony N Joanne M. John M.	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S.
Sunday 6:00pm	John S Kristen R.	Adrienne H. Arthur K.	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Kristine R. Jackie K.	Tony Hayek Arthur K. John S.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.