



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887

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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 A

6th August 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

Another week slips by with three significant feasts for we religious, St Ignatius Loyola who founded the Jesuits, St Alphonsus Ligouri who founded the Redemptorists and St Dominic who founded.... - you guessed it, the Dominicans! Three great religious order. There are in fact over 130 religious congregations in Australia. Much of their traditional ministries -and properties, schools and hospitals - are now handed over to lay people under such umbrellas as Mercy Education, Good Samaritan Education, Calvary Health, St Vincent's Health, Edmund Rice . This keep alive the wondrous spirit of service and care of the congregations.

The religious themselves, though aging, are far from hanging up their boots. They make themselves available - and their facilities - in ministries for women, the homeless, domestic violence, refugee and migrant services, advocacy for women and children trafficked for sex & slave labour, overseas mission, aboriginal ministries, disability services, safeguarding of children and the vulnerable, counselling and pastoral care, hospital and home visitation, spiritual direction, retreats and meditation schools, adult faith formation, and the list goes on.

Our generation is privileged to have known a Church where thousands upon thousands of men and women gave up careers, family, achievements, to serve the neediest and crucified in our societies. We won't see they're like again! In our parish, we are thankfully still blessed to have the Passionist sisters, Marist sisters, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary sisters, Mary Queen sisters, Sisters of Mercy and we Passionist Fathers and brothers -and the still present and living legacy of the Good Sams, the Carmelites and the DeLaSalles.

Our beautiful parish church was built and paid for between 1915 and 1920. The money was raised by lots of small efforts. The women of the parish ran cake stalls down by the railway station. There were church fetes, fundraising dinners. One small, seemingly unimportant looking chalice was in fact made by women donating their wedding rings. All of you parishioners, and for many of you, your parents and grandparents, have built not only the church building itself, but then the schools also.

We see the same simple but extraordinary generosity still. You will have seen the cake and biscuit stalls recently, the sausage sizzle and bacon and egg rolls also, the coming Italian Parish Luncheon and raffle - all to assist our life and sense of family together in the parish. Your generosity is at times endless - because the money and finances are one thing, but the gift of volunteering your time and talent, experience and expertise - your presence and prayer - continues.

People volunteer their own workers, firms, and professional services that otherwise would be hugely expensive -as we saw in the recent painting of the roof of the sanctuary above the altar. In the past too, our different national groups donated large amounts - the Tongan & Samoan, Portuguese, Lebanese, Italian - all had regular fundraising efforts.

At this time, I want to thank our Vietnamese parishioners. Spurred by the recent work in the church, both individually and collectively, our Vietnamese sisters and brothers have worked to raise funds for the upkeep of the church and our on going costs. Individuals and families have donated many, many thousands of dollars. And I mean many ! Then this week, the Vietnamese Marrickville Pastoral Council met with me to give the proceeds of their efforts as the Vietnamese parishioners of St Brigid's.

They donated \$60,000 to the parish.

We are truly, truly blessed.

Fr Tom McDonough CP

**Donate to the Charitable Works Fund August 2023 Appeal**  
5th & 6th August 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at [www.ourfaithworks/give-to-cwf](http://www.ourfaithworks/give-to-cwf)  
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give



**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
Program Commencing  
13th August at 9am  
Shrubland Hall



## St. Brigid's Young Beacons

Parents and Families



*The Young Beacons need Photographs of our  
Blue Beacons and Cross.*

The Young Beacons need your photographs of our Blue Beacons and Cross.

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](mailto:christopher@stbrigid.org.au)



Photos by: Celina and Charlene Elias and Trang Le.

### 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,  
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.

**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 27th August 2023, Mass at 10:30am immediately followed by Card and Gift Making after Mass.  
**Where:** St Brigid's Church and afterwards in the Parish Pastoral Centre (Monastery).

**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. Please bring something to share for morning tea.

Mums, Dads and families are always welcome!

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

This year, 2023, marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During **Natural Fertility Awareness Week**, in August, a special, free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "*Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective*" will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST.

As well as highlighting the male perspective in using the Billings Ovulation Method®, couples will reflect on how it has helped them in understanding their joint fertility, as well as benefiting their relationships and family life.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

### Join the Altar Servers Ministry

If you are 11 years old and have received the First Holy Communion. Training will start on 12th August 2023 @ 3pm Contact us Parish office # 8577 5670 Email: [parish@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:parish@stbrigid.org.au) OR [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)

### ST BRIGID PIETY STORE

Located at the Back of the Church, we stock Baptism candles and stoles, as well as a variety of religious items.  
Open at each weekend mass.

### The Catholic Weekly PULPIT POINTS •

God is calling: Vocations Guide 2023

- Universities & Colleges Open Days 2023
- Phones banned in Sydney Catholic Schools
- Archbishop Fisher confirms two pilgrims at Nazareth
- Pilgrims engaged, renew vows, at WYD
- Dallas McInerney: Sinead O'Connor remembered

### Stop Expansion of Abortion

A pro-abortion group in the Labor Party known as "EMILY's List" plans to move at the Australian Labor Party (ALP) National Conference in Brisbane 17 - 19 August 2023 to allow free abortions.

The Archbishop and Right to Life have brought this to our attention. If you wish to register your objection to the proposed expansion of abortions with our own MP and Prime Minister, these details are provided.

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600  
Email: [pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm](mailto:pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm)

Sample:

Dear Prime Minister, I oppose the plan to allow free abortions in Australia - planned for discussion at the ALP conference in August 2023. Every abortion ends the life of a vulnerable unborn child. Australia aborts 80,000 babies every year – a frightening statistic. Yours faithfully Name, address, state.

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

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

### Death Anniversaries: AUGUST-

Sr Ruth Boland RSJ, Ivy Heares, Thomas Pearson, Lucia Amoranto, Kathleen Mahony, Giuseppina Buda, Anthony Coorey, Chloe Bovington, Clara Anderson, Robert Smith, Kevin Doyle, Gloria Mary Chippendale, Melda Taliana, Magno Paglinawan, George Pearson, George Metlege, George Pearson, Ray Sykes, Mary O'Brien, Dante De La Cruz, Maria Theresia Indraguati Wiojaja, George Sippel, Dominic Pham Van Quy, Endriawati Widjaja, Johannes Peter Climax, Hanna Dahdah, Masi Togia Lafo, Scott Worland, Reginald Kilmartin, Michel & Amotre Wehbe, Maria Hong Thi Ngo, Pavlovic Kataca, Patrick Thompson, Anna Hoang Tei Mien, Terry Kelly, Maureen Power, Mary Patricia Brock, John Ernest Parry, Grace Yeo, Freda Mary Thomas, Sayed Ibrahim Yammine, Anne Margaret Eager, Budawi Attie, Kathleen McInerney, Caterina Arcuri, Kathleen and Joe Townsend, Ren Thi Pham, Mary Cunningham, Peni Apikotoa, Salvatore Buda, Racheda Semrany, Nunziata Genovese, Phero Pham Cong Dai, Kathleen Zamudio, Bill Barrett, John Parry, Irene Whitby, Crispulo Latagan, Maria Bui Thi Dang.

**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, Maria Caccamo, Carmel King, Arch Moss, Cruz Chacana (baby boy), Mely Siasat

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



## Mass Texts: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **First Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14**

His raiment was as white as snow.

### **Response: Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9**

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth

### **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19**

We heard this voice out of heaven

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia! This is My Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: Listen to him. Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Mt 17:1-9**

His face was shining like the sun.

## Parish Calendar 2023

### **AUGUST**

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
20th	Sun	9.00am	Confirmation Preparation session #2
		10.30am	Presentation of Confirmation candidates
		1.30pm	Senior's Group
27th	Sun	9.00am	Confirmation Preparation session #3
29th	Tue	7.00pm	PPC meeting

## Liturgical Timetable

<b>Mon - Wed - Fri:</b>	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by <b>Mass at 9.00am</b> and Rosary
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>Mass at 6:45am</b>
<b>Thurs:</b>	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass at 8:00am</b> followed by Holy Rosary
<b>Sunday:</b>	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. <b>Mass: 5.00pm</b> (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese) <b>Mass at 8.00am 10.30am</b> (bilingual) 4.00pm (Vietnamese) <b>and 6pm.</b>

### 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
	5/6 Aug	12/13 Aug	5/6 Aug	12/13 Aug	5/6 Aug	12/13 Aug	12/13
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Margaret H Reader : Gabriel B	Com: Paul C Reader : Laura N	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Margaret T Reader: Mary L	Com: Marco G Reader: Margaret T	Dennis M Vinh H F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh H F. Geoffrey Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Angie C Reader: Bernadeth Y	Com: Bernadeth S Reader: 1st St Brig Primary 2nd Italian	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Reader: Kevin B	Com: Pedro M Reader: Charlie	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K JohnS	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K	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