



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C

7 August 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

LOOKING FOR JESUS TO TAKE US HOME: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 18-19; Luke 12:32-48

'Be ready,' Jesus says, 'because I am coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Linda, a mother, was putting her three tiny tots to bed. Suddenly, Anna, who had just begun kindergarten, said thoughtfully: 'Mummy, if the world came to an end right now ...' Linda gulped and said a quick prayer for guidance. 'Yes, dear,' she said, 'go on.' Anna finished her question, saying, 'Would I have to take my library book back, or would it be okay to leave it at home?' Anna's innocent question and Jesus' clear words invite me to ask: 'How ready am I at this very moment to meet my Lord?'

Jesus calls on his followers to be on the job so to speak, with their sleeves rolled up and ready for action, on the day of his Second Coming. Just when that will be, nobody knows. Meanwhile, for those of us who will have passed on before the Second Coming, Jesus will also be coming for us at our death. Just exactly when that will be, we have no idea. We don't know what year, what month, what day, and what hour any of us who are alive now are destined to pass from this world into the next. It might be in 50 years' time or 10 years'. It might be next year or it might be tomorrow. It could even be tonight. 'Who knows?' God knows, and God alone knows.

No matter how strong and healthy we might be, life can be as fragile and unpredictable as when a burglar breaks into a house in the dead of night. Remember what happened to Princess Diana, and many others. The all-important thing is to hear and heed the sensible advice of Jesus: 'Be ready! Be ready at all times and at any time! Be always ready to let go and let God!'

For those servants of God who are ready, Jesus offers a blessing: 'Happy those servants whom Jesus the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you the truth. He will put on an apron, sit them down at the table, and wait on them.' They will find themselves at the table of the Lord,

being waited on by Jesus himself, no longer just servants, but friends. Waited on, nourished, cared for, and loved, just as he does at every Eucharist, but this time in a richer and fuller way.

How very important and necessary it is, then, that we heed the teaching of Jesus on how he will be coming into our lives at the end, by being on the lookout for how he comes into our lives now. In 'the signs of the times', in the people we meet, in the circumstances of every day, and in the opportunities that come our way to do good for others! Someone has said wisely and well. 'I will pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do to any person, let me do it now, and not delay it, for I shall not pass this way again.' Someone else has said just as wisely: 'As we live, so we die, and as we die, so we stay.'

If we are convinced of the truth of those sayings, we will not only be people of faith. We will also be people of hope, people who pray with conviction and commitment three prayers we regularly recite at Mass: - 1. 'Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.' 2. '... we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ', and 3. '...we look forward to his second coming'. Living like that, and praying like that will make those other words of Jesus come true for us: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.'

When Jesus Christ comes for us, then, how would we like him to find us? We would surely want him to find us with our work completed. Life for so many of us is filled with loose ends. There are things undone and things half done, things put off, and things not even started. May we be able to say what Jesus said to his God and ours: 'Father, I have finished the work you gave me to do' (Jn 17:4)!

We would surely want Jesus to find us at peace with our fellow human beings. At peace and reconciled, with no anger still burning in our hearts, and carrying no grudges!

We would also surely want Jesus to find us at peace with ourselves, with confidence that we have nothing on our conscience to trouble or hinder us now, that we have experienced and celebrated God's mercy and forgiveness, and that we have put right any wrong we have done.

So, when Jesus comes for us, if he finds us with our work complete and at peace with ourselves, with our fellow human beings, and with our God, we will surely feel safe and secure as he takes us into his arms, and carries us home to God.

For this most necessary of all blessings, let us keep praying to the Lord!

Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP
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Mass Texts: 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9 In the destruction of their foes, God called them and made them glorious.

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
The power of faith.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21
Be as servants, wide awake at the return of their master.

 **CFW August Parish Appeal**
The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help.

Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns, and broken families.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



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.

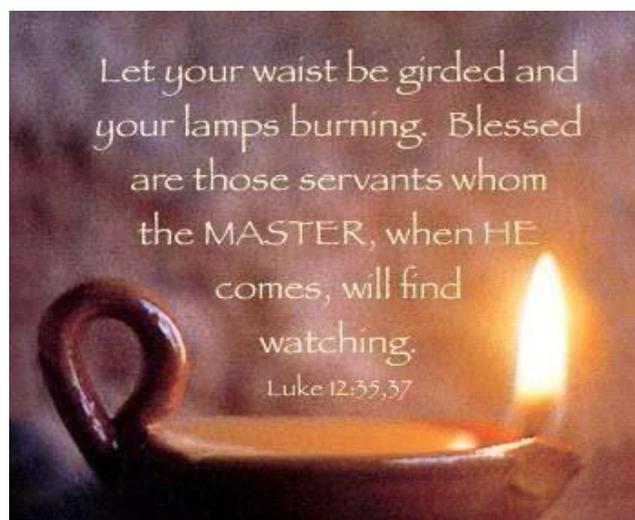
There are two ways that you can complete the survey:

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 **TAS08701**



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 after-
wards 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
or just show up!

Morning Tea will be provided.
Mums, Dads & families are always welcome!

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 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: Renato Di Perna

Death Anniversaries: Melda Taliana; Magno Paglinawan; George Metlege; George Pearson; Ray Sykes; Mary O'Brien; Dante De La Cruz Sr.; Maria Theresia Indraguati Widjaja; George Sippel; Dominic Pham Van Quy; Endriawati Widjaja; Johannis Peter Climax; Hanna Dahdah; Masi Togia LAfo; Scott Worland;

Carrying Severe Illness: Mely Siasat; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Joseph Chaina; Elizabeth Pizuto; John Thomas; James Misingongo; Mary Angela Thomas; Kevin Boyce, Marie Thompson; Falakiko Sevelo Kama; George Clavigo; Fr. Jim Elmore, CP

Other intentions: Maria Cesaria Rodrigues

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

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
by Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: 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.



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.

Parish Collection 24/7/2022

First Collection \$ 1040.00

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 \$ 1299.20

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

- 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
- 17th Wed 7.00pm Maintenance Meeting
- 20/21st W/E Presentation of Confirmation Candidates
- 21st Sun 12.30pm Baptisms
- 21st Sun 9.00am Sacrament of Confirmation - Prep 3
- 21st Sun 2.00pm Senior's Group

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
	6/7 August	13/14 August	6/7 August	13/14 August	6/7 August	13/14 August	
Sat 5:00pm	Leila Walsh Kelelia A.	Paul Cloran Gabrielle B.	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Liz B. Carol Price Den Chris	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon- Vinh N.	M. Dillon Vinh N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Mary Leask Jim Yeo	Margaret H. Sue King	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Thu Hoang Francis S.	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Margaret T. Margaret K.	D. Maher Vihn N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G. Agustine E.	D. Maher Vihn N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Peter J. Alberto S Bernadette S	Tanya H. Diana P. Bernadette S.	Albert N. Anthony N Joanne M. John M	Albert N. Anthony N Tony C. Giuseppe S.	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Adrienne H. Arthur K.	Kristin R. John S.	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Jackie K. John S.	Tony Hayek Michael W. Jackie K Arthur K.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.