



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

20th Sunday –Year A 15/16 August 2020

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.

The Chancery of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has advised parishes of the following recommendations by NSW Health:

It is now recommended that people wear masks when they are in crowded places and social distancing is not easy to maintain. NSW Health states examples such as public transport and places of worship.

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-](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-brigid-catholic-church-marrickville)

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

OUTSIDERS BECOMING INSIDERS: 20TH SUNDAY YEAR A

Before Covid-19 stopped me in my tracks, I would go to a city church every now and then to get my sins forgiven. Along its street I would regularly come across a homeless man and his dog, plus an upturned cap to collect some help from passers-by. One day I was amazed and inspired when I saw a young woman take out \$20 from her purse and place it in the man's cap. By comparison, I had only a couple of coins to give, and felt ashamed first of all that I was so stingy, and secondly that I was so well off at home - with a roof over my head, a warm bed, and more than enough to eat. Just the same, the poor man looked up, smiled, and said to each of us from his heart: "Thank you very much!"

In the gospel story today, we come across another person begging. But the Canaanite woman of the story is not begging for money, only for a favour. Still looking for a bit of "me time" after endless days and nights of generous service to others, and of verbal attacks from his enemies, Jesus has crossed the border into the pagan (non-Jewish) region of Tyre and Sidon (in today's geography southern Lebanon). Hardly has he arrived, when that local woman comes out screaming at him to cure her sick daughter.

The apostles around Jesus are irritated by her noisy behaviour. For them, she's a pest and a nuisance, and to shut her up as soon as possible, they plead with Jesus to give her what she wants. The reaction of Jesus himself, usually so caring and generous, is a surprise. At first, he ignores her. Next, he says she doesn't qualify for assistance, because, as he puts it, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." But, not put off by this, the woman falls down at his feet, and says simply: "Lord, help me." But still Jesus hesitates. In fact, he attempts to put her off with some quite harsh words: "It is not fair to take the children's food," he says, "and throw it to the dogs." (At that time Jews used to show their contempt for gentiles, non-Jews, by calling them "dogs").

But Jesus was meeting one feisty, desperate, determined and tenacious woman, whose tough love for her troubled daughter was so strong, that she simply wasn't going to take "no" for an answer. (I'm reminded of Dolly Parton singing in response to some male put-down, "... but because I'm blonde, don't think I'm dumb, because this dumb blonde ain't nobody's fool!"). Quick as a flash, she matches Jesus with her brilliant quip: "Yes, Lord, yet even the puppy dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." There and then, her clever answer outwits Jesus, challenges Jewish prejudice against her, and breaks

down his defences. He warms to her, and better still, he gives in to her request. "Woman," he says, "great is your faith! Let it be done to you as you wish". As a result, "her daughter was healed instantly" of her troubling illness.

Long before Jesus, as our First Reading reports, the prophet Isaiah had spoken of outsiders, people of other nations, joining God's chosen Jewish people, in coming to the Temple in Jerusalem and praying to God together. In time, then, outsiders would become insiders. But even for Jesus, this would be a new learning experience and a new insight, actually triggered by his encounter with that Canaanite woman. That insight, of outsiders becoming insiders through the grace of God, would deepen in both Jesus himself and his first followers. So much so, that Paul the Apostle would come to strongly assert: "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28). It makes sense for us, then, to think big about the Church, and to understand and appreciate it as one community of the followers of Jesus, despite all its differences, divisions, disagreements and denominations.

Within the whole human race, and not just within the church of Jesus, the slogan "we're all in this together" has become more and more an apt description as well as a shared aspiration and goal. We see it reflected in the workings of the United Nations Organisation, and of such associated bodies as the World Health Organisation and the International Court of Justice. We see it expressed in bi-lateral and multilateral trade agreements, and in international aid from rich nations to poor ones. We see it happening in such developments as the protest movements "Me Too" and "Black Lives Matter". We see it in joint action for land rights and compensation for dispossessed native peoples. We see it happening also in international efforts to stop the harmful effects of climate change and the degradation of the environment.

The meeting of Jesus with the Canaanite woman tells me something that was true about Jesus the man, and just as true of you and me. Moral consciousness, sensitivity to right and wrong, in one word "conscience", develops over time, and in response to real people and real human situations. How vital it is, then, that in belonging to both the Church and the world, we all remain closely connected! How vital it is also, to keep praying to God, to change our appreciation of other people, and of our love for them, from mere sparks into bright, burning flames!

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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

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, ad-
dresses, 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 .

CONFIRMATION 2020

This weekend we welcome and con-
gratulate our Confirmation Candi-
dates for this year as they are Pre-
sented to the parish. They are part
way through their preparation to re-
ceive the Sacrament and we are de-
lighted that , despite the many
changes we have all been going
through, we are able to celebrate
their Confirmation this year.

Please keep them in your prayers.

*Our candidates will be confirmed
on Sunday 6 September 2020
by Bishop Terry Brady*

LEBANON EXPLOSION APPEAL

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, at All Masses, we are
appealing for donations to assist the
grief-stricken people of Lebanon as
they struggle to recover from the re-
cent disastrous explosion in Beirut
which has occurred in the midst of a
world-wide pandemic.

There will be a THIRD COLLECTION
at each Mass.

Alternatively, you may wish to do-
nate via our website. Please ensure
that you clearly mark your contribu-
tion "LEBANON APPEAL"

All contributions will be forwarded to
the Archdiocese of Sydney to be sent
on to Lebanon.

ST BRIGID'S PLANNED GIVING

If you are not already a member 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 **WEEK-
LY envelope** **OR** via : a **MONTHLY
Credit Card deduction**

For a portion of either of the above, you
may claim a tax deductible 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.

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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

- ♦ Joaquin Ventura
- ♦ Natalien Samsona
- ♦ Victims from Beirut blast
- ♦ Anthony Testa
- ♦ Peter English
- ♦ Manuel Pasquale Coelho
- ♦ Concetta Lanzafame
- ♦ Silvestro Fioraliso
- ♦ Antonio Frade

For the Sick

- ♦ Basile Karamoschosto
- ♦ 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

Pavlovic Kataca; Patrick Thompson;
Anna Hoang, Thi Mien; Terry Kelly;
Maureen & Hal Power; Maria Hong
Thi Ngo; Mary Brock; John Parry;
Grace Yeo; Freya Thomas; Sayed Ibrahim Yammine; Jose Parungao
Anne Eager

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