



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C

14 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

TELLING AND LIVING THE TRUTH

A few years ago, a Franciscan priest named Fabian Thom was shot dead in his bed, at his home in Port Moresby. This is what he got for his forty years of befriending, helping, healing, teaching, guiding, and supporting, hundreds and thousands of people as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. His family says his murder makes no sense, because he made no personal enemies, and was always open, honest, truthful, good, kind and gentle, with every person he met. Unfortunately, payback is still strong in parts of PNG culture, but it remains a great puzzle why Fr Fabian became a target for his murderers.

Fr Fabian joins a long line of prophets, spokespersons for God, who have been martyred for being constant and faithful in their work for God. They remind us all that there's a price to be paid in our dealings with others, for always telling and living the truth. The prophet, Jeremiah, whom we meet today in our First Reading, is dumped down a muddy well because he kept saying what God wanted him to say, but which people did not want to hear. Jesus, too, as our Second Reading has reminded us, stuck to his task of telling the truth without fear or favour, and kept on living the truth he told. For that he became a sign that was contradicted, and, in the end, was murdered on the cross.

At the birth of Jesus, the angels sang: 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to the people God loves' (Lk 2:14). He was announced as the Prince of Peace. But that never meant he would be weak, soft, and sentimental. A lover of children, people without friends, and poor persons? Yes! A speaker of pious, gentle but meaningless platitudes? No way! Jesus came to bring real peace to the world, but real peace always comes at a price, the price of misunderstanding, conflict and division, even within one's own family. Think of the conflict and division threatening democracy in the USA, over the 'big lie' that Donald Trump won the presidency of the USA in 2020, the lie that even led to the storming of the Capitol, the seat of government, on January 6th, 2021.

A very perceptive writer called F. Scott Peck has coined the phrase 'people of the lie'. In South Africa, the national lie was the system of apartheid, the unequal system of separate development and segregation of white people on the one hand, from coloured and black people on the other. Here in Australia, until the High Court Mabo case a few years ago, we have lived with the lie, that when settlers first arrived from Britain, Australia was terra nullius, an uninhabited land. The truth is, that our aboriginal brothers and sisters have occupied the land for more than 60 thousand years, and therefore continue to experience Australia Day (January 26th) as Invasion Day. Being reconciled must include admitting the truth, and in a spirit of what has been called 'tough love', putting right the wrongs of stealing their land and even massacring many aborigines. This is Australia's 'original sin'.

Truth is hard on families, communities, and nations. When a family stop pretending that Mum's drinking is not a problem, or that Dad's gambling doesn't hurt anyone else, or that number one son's insulting and abusive language is just letting off steam, expect a blow-up when the 'not happy, Jan' message is finally delivered. When a nation admits that its economy is based on the destruction of the environment or the oppression of certain groups, few people will feel comfortable about that. Telling the truth typically leads to denial, and denial to much conflict and division, before a process of reconciliation and peace can begin.

So, we might ask, who is the one in our family, in our parish, in our community, in our nation, who keeps on risking unpopularity and even violence, by telling it like it is? Who among us is doing a Jeremiah or a Jesus, by always 'speaking the truth in love' (Ephesians 4:15)? Who among us is fearless enough to say as needed, 'That's not right!' Maybe it's you, maybe every one of you. I hope so.

Consider going into action this week in this way: - Spend one whole day as a teller of truth. Don't be silent when others are loose or evasive with the truth. Tell no white lies. Don't cover up for your best friend or anyone else.

Get real with people. Find out what happens when you confront the truth, speak the truth and live the truth. Be ready to be a whistle-blower wherever it's needed.

Without any fear or favour, without any deceit or hypocrisy, without worrying about being called a 'dobber', without any compromise at all! Be as fired-up about 'telling the truth in love' as Jesus was when he said: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!' (Luke 12:49). And saying to God all along, that little prayer we say over and over today with the psalmist, 'Lord, come to my aid!'

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Mass Texts: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10 King Zedekiah saves Jeremiah from the well.

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4
Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53
Jesus tells his disciples he has come for division.



CWF Parish Appeal for 2022-2023

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

Special envelopes are available on the pew. Or at the back of the church. You can also donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Can you help ?

Does anyone know Mr Arpad Kadar? Born 1941 in Romania. He arrived in Sydney in 1974.

Last known address was 8/15-19 Garners Avenue Mar-rickville between 2001 or 2005.

If anybody knew of his whereabouts or what happened to him, please contact Lissa on 0419 951 203 on behalf of Damian (Christopher) Jeffrey or let the Parish office know.

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.

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**



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.

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 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.



St. Brigid's Young Beacons Parents and Families



Young Beacons welcome back Fr. Dominic



Fathers Day Gathering Reminder -

When: Sunday 21st August 2022, 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.

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

RSVP: christopher@stbrigid.org.au or just show up!

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St. Brigids Outreach

AOK – Acts of Kindness
Community Outreach



You are invited to join us to serve people in need in Woolloomooloo.



When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.
Leaving around 5:00 pm from Shrublands Hall.
Serving the homeless starts at 6:00pm and finishes around 7:15, return to Shrublands hall at approximately 7:30. Transport provided to and from Shrublands hall.

Spaces are limited to 4 people per session.

RSVP: outreach@stbrigid.org.au

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE—MAY 2023

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre invites you to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Pilgrimage will depart Amman, Jordan on 7 May 2023 and returning 20 May 2023.

For more information please email francois.kunc@gmail.com.

Recently Deceased: Renato Di Perna; Isilda Quintal; Carlos Carvalho; Giovanni Campanille

Death Anniversaries: Reginald Kilmartin; Michel and Andre Webbe; Maria Hong Thi Ngo; Palvoric Kataca; Dr. Patrick Thompson; Anna Hoang; Thi Mien; Terry Kelly; Maureen Power; Mary Patricia Brock; John Ernest Parry; Grace Yeo; Frema Mary Thomas;

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, Sr. Anna Kopyt; Sr. Agnese Copyt

Other intentions: Louis Di Marino; Virginia Roepke

Parish Collection 7/8/2022

First Collection \$ 1,250

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 \$ 2,294

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

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
28th	Sun	9:00am Sacrament of Confirmation Prep 4 10:30am SB Primary School Family Mass

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
	13/14 August	20/21 August	13/14 August	20/21 August	13/14 August	20/21 August	
Sat 5:00pm	Paul Cloran Gabrielle B.	Michael P Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Ofa Tupola	M. Dillon- Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	M. Dillon- Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. An- tonella G	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Margaret H. Sue King	Joseph F. Mary Leask	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K.	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Thu Hoang Margaret H.	D. Maher Vihn N. Agustine E.	D. Maher Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Tanya H. Diana P. Bernadette S.	Dana T. Anthony N.	Albert N. Anthony N Tony C. Giuseppe S.	Albert N. Anthony N Jenny O. Jessica H.	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Kristin R. John S.	Pedro M. Arthur K.	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Jackie K. Adrienne H.	Tony Hayek Michael W. Jackie K Alex M.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.