



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 A

20th 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

Sourced from CathNews

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on all of us, whatever our faith, to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was by launched this week by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission Each Social Justice Statement is a teaching document of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a large part of this year's statement was written by members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. It is part of the message's exhortation to "listen".

"Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough," Bishop Long said. "It must be so much more difficult for these people to tell us about their painful experiences. We are deeply grateful to those who shared their stories of pain with us."

The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice to Parliament referendum was mooted and before the timing of a vote was proposed. While the bishops don't suggest how people should vote, Bishop Long says "whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation.

Copies of this years Social Justice Statement will be available at the church doors next week, hopefully, if we get deliveries in time.
And it can be read online at: <https://bit.ly/SJS2023-24>

Parking for Sunday masses and other services is becoming a real challenge. We will also be losing a couple of car parking spots under the great tree in the parking lot, as the huge roots make a safety issue. Please be aware of that each weekend. Parking is also available under the school hall, for which we thank St Brigid's Primary. A number of months ago, an accident with the palm trees brought down power to the lighting in the carpark. Insurance has held us up, but this week lighting for the carpark should be fully restored.

Fr Tom McDonough CP



FEAST DAYS TO CELEBRATE

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| Mon 21Aug | Saint Pius X, Pope |
| Tue 22Aug | Our Lady, Mother and Queen |
| Wed 23Aug | St Rose Of Lima |
| Thu 24Aug | St Bartholomew, Apostle |
| Fri 25Aug | St Louis St Joseph Of Calasanz |
| Sat 26Aug | Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary |



Sacrament of Confirmation
 Program Session 2
 20th August at 9am
 Shrubland Hall



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



**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, mak-
 ing Fathers' Day cards and small gifts for our Fathers
 and Father figures at St. Brigid's Community. We will
 also prepare for our raffle launch.**

Please bring something to share for morning tea.

Mums, Dads and families are always welcome!

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

AVE MARIA CONCERT

The communities of St. Brigid's will gather together in song to praise Mary in the Month of October. It will be held on Friday, 13th October at St Brigid's Church from 7:00 pm -9:00 pm.

The theme of this concert is "Ave Maria".

All communities will choose 2 Marian songs to be sung in their own language or English:

- It can be solo or as a group approx. 2-3 mins in length.
- Duets 2-3 mins in length.

Each song will have its introduction and the meaning of the song explained to the congregation.

Please email your entries of songs to:

Anna Ngo - annahoang.ngo@gmail.com

Mary Cloran - maryccloran@gmail.com

You will receive further information in regard to rehearsals which will commence in September/October.

Entry will be free but donations to support St Brigid's will be gratefully appreciated.

Refreshment will be served.

Looking forward for your participation.



FATHER'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Father's Day Appeal

Sunday 3 September 2023

Your priests helped begin your faith journey
 The Archdiocese Father's Day Appeal supports retired priests and honours our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community. Your gift is a 'thank you' to those who've contributed in so many ways in your life.

Will you help look after them in their retirement this Father's Day?
 Donate today by completing the parish envelope, calling 1800 753 959 or online at www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf

Parish

Sunday 17th September 2023

Community

12.00pm after Mass Shrubland Hall

Fundraising

Tickets: \$60 pp includes 3 course meal + beverages
 Raffle will be available at every weekend masses and on the day
 With great prizes

Event

Please contact Tony Cipolla,
 Sr Elenita Flores, CP or the parish office for tickets

Limited space - get in fast

RCIA PROGRAM

For those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Initiation into The Catholic Church, Please reach out to the Parish office or Sr Rosana. Preparation sessions will commence in October. We look forward to this journey with our Candidates .



ST BRIGID YOUTH MASS

We are proud to hold our **FIRST YOUTH MASS** led by Casimir College this Sunday at 6pm. Please join us and support the youth ministry to make this an ongoing event in our parish . For all enquiries, please contact either the Parish Office or Jenny at youthministry@passionists.com



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage visit made to many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Itinerary and application form, available through national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call 89124818.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

The 2024 Calendar has been finalized for Baptisms. If you are looking for a Baptism date in 2024, please contact the parish office for guidance.



The Catholic Weekly

In this week's edition:

- ..Twelve profess final vows with Nashville Dominicans, including Sydneysider Sr Moana Grace
- ..Sydney's a church of Millennials

JOIN THE ALTAR SERVICE 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 OR 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.

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.

Recently Deceased: Jim Kerrigan, Agostina Scardino, Peter Grima, Margaret Madden, Thi Sen Vo, Ortensio Mastroianni, Manuel De Sousa, Edelweiss Marinozzi, Agatino Miuccio, Manuel Elias, Cecilia Tuyet Anh Thi Le, Maree Metcalfe, Maria Graciete Duarte Luis, Maria Pia Colagrossi, Manuel Fernandes, Manuel De Jesus Luis, Gerald Marshall,

Death Anniversaries: AUGUST-

Sr Ruth Boland RSJ, Ivy Heares, Thomas Pearson, Lucia Amoranto, Kathleen Mahony, Giuseppina Buda, Anthony Coorey, Chloe Bovingdon, 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, Johannis 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 Houry, 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, Mary Rende



Mass Texts: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1s 56:1, 6-7

I will lead my foreigners to my holy mountain.

Response: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 15: 21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Parish Calendar 2023

AUGUST

27th Sun 9.00am Confirmation Preparation session #3

29th Tue 7.00pm PPC meeting

SEPTEMBER

1st Fri 9.00am Anointing of Sick

3rd Sun 9.00am Father's Day Confirmation Preparation session #4

8th Fri 9.00am Confirmation reflection day

17th Sun 1.30pm Senior Group

24th Sun 2.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation

26th Tue 7.00pm PPC meeting

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri: Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am** and Rosary

Tues: **Mass at 6:45am**

Thurs: Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary

Saturday: **Mass at 8:00am** followed by Holy Rosary

Reconciliation: 4.30pm. **Mass: 5.00pm** (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday: **Mass at 8.00am 10.30am** (bilingual) 4.00pm (Vietnamese) **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. 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 |
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| | 19/20 | 26/27 | 19/20 | 26/27 | 19/20 | 26/27 | 26/27 |
| Saturday 5:00pm | Com: Gabriel B Reader : Michael S | Com: Liz B Reader : Jim Y | M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Michael P Paul C | M. Dillon Vinh N Shelly H Ofa T Gabrielle B | M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N. | M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N. | Jim Yeo Michael P. |
| Sunday 8:00am | Com: Mary L Reader: Joseph F | Com: John S Reader: Geoffrey L | Dennis M Geoffrey L F.Seufale Margaret K | Dennis M Geoffrey L F.Seufale Margaret K | Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E | Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E | Peter H. Maria M. |
| Sunday 10:30am | Com: Catherine V Reader: 1st St Brig Primary 2nd Italian | Com: Peter J Reader: 1st Children MassKids Daniel 2nd Italian | Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R | Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R | Albert N Anthony N | Albert N Anthony N | Tony C. Giuseppe S |
| Sunday 6:00pm | Com: Casimir Reader: Casimir | Com: Arthur K Reader: Kevin B | Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K | 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 |