



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

21st Sunday –Year A 22/23 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

THE IDENTITY OF JESUS: 21ST SUNDAY A

“Who was Jesus?”, and “Who is Jesus?” These are the most basic questions we can ask about him. The start of questions about Jesus may be traced to his own life-time, as we see from our gospel today. According to Matthew, he put this question to his first followers: “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” (8:17). Next, Jesus asks a second question, this time one that invites his followers to take a personal stand, and state what Jesus means to them: “But you,” he says, “who do you say I am?” (8:29). Peter answers for his group: “You are the Christ [the Messiah], the Son of the living God.” Jesus was, in fact, asking his disciples about his relationship to God, on the one hand, and his relationship to the human race, on the other.

The New Testament, and more particularly the gospels, are our chief source of knowledge about Jesus. Knowledge of him is also provided in the creeds (our professions of faith) and in our prayer services (such as the Mass). Knowledge of him is also given in those truths which our Church proclaims as revealed by God. Knowledge of him is also available in the faith of Christian people.

This latter source can be a problem, however, as too many people put a full stop after the statement “Jesus is God”. They omit or overlook the words that need to be added for the full picture. Those words are: “and man together”. So the full statement of faith in Jesus is this: “Jesus is God and man together”, together in one concrete being. He is not a hybrid - partly man, and partly God. He is not man + God. He is 100% fully, perfectly and completely human, and at the same time and in one concrete being, he is fully, perfectly and completely divine, yet living his divinity on earth within the limits of humanity. That, I admit, is a great mystery, the mystery of the Incarnation.

Jesus, as totally human and not just divine, is not the first Superman. As the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer puts it so well, “he shared our human nature in all things but sin” (cf. Hebrews 4:15). To overlook or neglect his humanity is to overlook the real limitations as well as the real strengths he shares with us as a fellow human being.

While Jesus was all along fully divine, and, in fact, came in time to be honoured as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, he lived his divinity on earth in a fully human way, and with all the limitations that go with being human. So, I have to answer “NO” to each of the following claims that are sometimes made about him: - “As a boy, Jesus had the intelligence and will of a grown-up person.” “NO!”; “When he was a baby and a child Jesus knew everything – past, present and future.” “NO!”; “Jesus only seemed to be human. Really he was just God.” “NO!”; “Jesus ate and drank, but he didn’t really need to, because he was God.” “NO!”; “The body of Jesus on earth was really different

from ours.” “NO!”; “Because he was God, Jesus did not actually need a body. In fact, Jesus only appeared to have a body.” “NO!”; None of those statements are true or can be true. For they are all incompatible with being fully human. They are also incompatible with being fully divine in a fully human way.

Being a man of the first century means too that Jesus did not have the knowledge, skills and expertise of a modern human being. His age and his world are so different from ours. He had no experience and no knowledge of computers, CDs, DVDs, MP3s, Bluetooth, I-pods, i-pads, podcasts, mobile phones, aeroplanes, motorcars, interstate and overseas travel, radio, television, newspapers, supermarkets, weapons of mass destruction, and space probes. To answer the question, then, whether he, a first-century man, could have made a computer and a television set, the same reply has to be given. “NO! DEFINITELY NOT!”

Our conclusion must be that in thinking and speaking about Jesus, the divine and the human in one concrete being must always be kept together. But, as I’ve stressed, some people don’t take his humanity seriously, or at least not seriously enough. They see his humanity as largely swamped or even replaced by his divinity. They find it hard, then, to grasp and accept the fact that Jesus had to grow in knowledge, to face real temptations, and to discover his own vocation, his own career path.

The memory of Jesus raises another important question: - “What is the difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about him?” To know Jesus personally is to respond to his person and message, to share our lives with him, to follow him, and therefore to change our lives and become better people, more human and humane people. Knowing him involves an experience of his presence, friendship with him, following him, imitating him, trust and prayer. But the knowledge which comes from an inter-personal relationship with him gives rise to a desire, and perhaps even a yearning, a hunger and a craving, to know more about him, to learn more about his values and the way he lived his life. Faith in him, then, is a matter of both the heart and the head. When we hear or read about him, then, we expect to hear him in his words and see him in the gospel stories about him.

So, fellow followers of Jesus! Let’s look for his presence and his friendship in all the ways available to us! In our search for him, may we discover him as the humanity of God, the human expression of God, the human face of God, the human heart of God, God’s body-language! One like us as a fellow human being, except that unlike you and me as human beings, he was always completely faithful to God and to whatever God wanted of him! What a great big difference is that!

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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-
resses, 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

Please keep in your prayers our
Confirmation Candidates for this
year as they continue their prepara-
tion to receive the Sacrament in two
weeks' time.

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

THANK YOU!!!!

To all who contributed to our Appeal
for Lebanon last weekend. A total of
\$1,000.00 has been forwarded to the
Archdiocese of Sydney to be sent on
to Lebanon.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2020

NEXT weekend, 29/30 AUGUST, at
All Masses, we will be conducting
our annual Mission Appeal which had
to be postponed from last May owing
to the pandemic.

Please give generously in the special
envelopes provided at the church
door.

"Take fresh courage"

This year is the ten year Anniversary
of the canonisation of St Mary
MacKillop of the Cross. During these
challenging times, please pray and
support "Mary MacKillop Today" so
that they can continue to transform
lives through their vital work and
carry on the legacy of St Mary of the
Cross. For further information call
8912 2777 OR
visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

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

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.

Information Directory

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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

- ♦ Bob Bain
- ♦ Calogero Ciravolo
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Elizabeth Yashadhana
- ♦ Mary Harb
- ♦ Winifreda Jauco
- ♦ Peter Ling
- ♦ Geoffrey Leask
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ And all those infected with Corona-Virus

Death Anniversaries

Budawi Attie; Kathleen McInerney;
Zabede Yamine; Ren Thi Pham;
Caterina Arcuri; Mary Cunningham;
Mane Lakiss; Salvatore Buda;
Racheda Semrany.

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 from the Chief Health Officer.