



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

**We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**21 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*

### **PRIDE BEFORE A FALL: 21ST SUNDAY C**

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Once upon a time, there was a dad who prided himself on his driving skills. He wouldn't let the mum of the family drive when he was in the car. Never! Nor would he let their one teenager with a licence drive. They were simply not competent enough, he would say, or careful enough, or responsible enough. Only he could be trusted to drive the family car. Moreover, as he drove along, he would give his family a running commentary on the mistakes of other drivers. The mum and the kids had long ago learned to tune out these commentaries. They thought: 'Away from the car, he can be a nice man, really, and anyway you have to put up with certain things in dads, don't you?'

Well, one public holiday, on their way back from a picnic, they called at a milk bar for ice cream. When they were backing out of their parking space the dad didn't see a car that was coming behind him and ploughed into it. The car was a brand-new Jeep Cherokee. It had the right of way. The Dad was furious because he knew it was his fault. Just the same he jumped out of the family car and cursed the young man who was driving the Cherokee.

All the young man could say was: 'Sir, you've wrecked my twenty-first birthday present!' The mum said to the dad: 'He had the right of way, didn't he?' Then the young man heaved a sigh and made sure that the Mum and the kids and the dog were all right. 'I guess I can get it fixed,' he said, as he walked away. But the dad wouldn't apologise; though everyone, himself included, knew he was in the wrong. Yet, like God, the young man forgave him anyway.

The Dad in that story was at heart a good man. But, a bit like some of the people Jesus had to deal with, he had become proud, conceited, and complacent, and just a bit too ready to put others down. When disagreement and conflict arose in the family, his opinion had to prevail, he had to come first, had to be numero uno, and always the one in the right. But in this incident, he came a cropper

and found himself on the outer with his family. The words of Jesus came true, 'the last will be first and the first will be last' (Lk 13:30).

In the Jesus story today, an anonymous person asks him the question that you and I might also like to ask him: - 'Will only a few be saved? (Lk 13:23) And will I be among that number when the saints come marching in? Jesus refuses to answer the question directly. But it gives him an opening to warn us against complacency, to advise us not to take our spiritual health for granted, and to urge us to keep on striving and struggling to consistently live his values, standards, and teachings. We might be tempted to think: 'I'm all right, Jack, I'm not a saint but I'm pretty good. I don't do anybody any harm. I'm a regular at Sunday Mass, where I listen to the words of Jesus and receive him in Holy Communion.'

But is that automatically good enough? Perhaps that's being just too like those people Jesus spoke about in our gospel today, the ones who come knocking on his door and saying: 'Lord, open to us. We once ate and drank with you; you taught in our streets.' Too like the ones that, sad to say, Jesus has to turn away from his company at the coming feast of the kingdom of God: 'I'm sorry about this. But you stopped being my friend. You stopped trying to live like me. You let the love in your heart dry up. At home and work, you became proud and selfish, arrogant and complacent, impossible to live with. You know, you and I have become strangers to each other. I just don't know you anymore. We simply don't belong here together. Better be on your way!'

Could that really be Jesus talking, the kind and merciful Jesus? The Jesus who makes allowances? The Jesus who walks the extra mile? The Jesus who welcomes outcasts to his table? The Jesus who tells the story of the prodigal son? The Jesus who dines with Zacchaeus and tells him, 'Today salvation has come to your house'? The Jesus who forgives the repentant thief? The Jesus who prays for his executioners, 'Father, forgive them'?

Yes, it is the very same Jesus. For the same Jesus who is kind and merciful, is also the one who has great expectations of us, who wants us to stay with him, who wants us to keep walking life's journey with him, who wants us to not only hear his words, but also to heed them, who wants us to not only receive him in Holy Communion, but to renew our friendship with him every time, and commit ourselves to following him with faith, hope and love. Did not this same Jesus say: 'From those to whom much has been given, much will be required?' (Luke 12:48)

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### Mass Texts: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **First Reading: Is 66:18-21**

The Lord will gather all people to see his glory.

**Response:** Go out to all the world, and tell the Goodnews.

#### **Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13**

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!** I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

#### **Gospel: Lk 12:49-53**

Jesus tells his disciples he has come for division.

### Passionist Family Groups

Passionist Family Groups will be holding a combined event on Saturday 17 September at 6:00pm in Shrublands Hall.



The evening will be catered and there will be a small charge.

If you are interested in joining our Passionist Family Groups, and would like to attend our evening, 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](mailto: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.

## 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 any-time 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**



Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria invite you to their annual **Mention My Name Prayer Service** to remember all those who have lost their lives through suicide and to pray for their grieving family, friends and communities.

**Date - Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 7pm**

**Location - St Mary's Cathedral, 2 St Mary's Road, Sydney**

**Presider: Bishop Terry Brady**



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND  
Your local charity

### 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](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf).

**Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

**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](mailto:christopher@stbrigid.org.au) or just show up!

**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](mailto:outreach@stbrigid.org.au)

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**ST JOSEPH'S Prayer Group, Enfield**

**TEACHING DAY**

Saturday, 27th August, 2022 9:45 am—3:30 pm

Speaker: Fr. Mirko Integlia "What It Means to be A Christian"

Special Guest Speaker—Bridget Sakr

Cost: \$15.00. Please bring a dish for our communal lunch. Coffee & Tea provided

CONTACT: Rose: 9642 2359 Mobile: 0412 115 961

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**Recently Deceased:** Dante Dela Cruz; Rose Maria Correira

**Death Anniversaries:** Sayed Ibrahim Yammine; Jose Parungao; Anne Margaret Eager; Budawi Attie.; Katheleen McNerney; Zabede Yammine; Kathleen Townsend; Joe Townsend; Caterina Arcuri; Ren Thi Pham; Mary Cunningham; Peni Apikotoa; Mani Lakiss

**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; Patricia Wash

**Other intentions:**

**Parish Collection 12/8/2022**

**First Collection \$ 1'275.00**

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 \$ 1'944.25**

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**

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

**September**

4th Sun W/E Father's Day  
 10:00am Baptism Preparation  
 5th Mon 6:30pm Bereavement Ministry

**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
	20/21 August	27/28 August	20/21 August	27/28 August	20/21 August	27/28 August	
Sat 5:00pm	Michael P Kelelia A	Liz Buchel Michael S.	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Ofa Tupola Gabrielle B. Paul Cloran	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon-Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	M. Dillon-Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Joseph F. Mary Leask	Sue King Margaret H	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Thu Hoang Margaret H. Margaret K.	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K. Mary Leask	D. Maher Vihn N. Augustine E.	D. Maher Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Dana T. Tanya H. Angie C.	John Mc. Anthony N Catherine V.	Albert N. Anthony N Jenny O. Jessica H. Jose Hartany	Albert N. Anthony N Peter J.	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Pedro M. Arthur K.	Adrienne H. John Skinner	Tony Hayek Michael W. Jackie K Alex M.	Tony Hayek Pedro M. Jackie K. Arthur K.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.