



# 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 B

25th August, 2024

*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.*

### Pastoral Ministry Contacts

#### Adult Sacraments:

Sr. Rosana

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#### Justice & Peace Network:

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Arthur Kassis, John Skinner  
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#### Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

#### Music Director:

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#### Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group:

John Freeman & Richard  
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#### Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook &  
Lina Elias



*Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,*

*Welcome to this week's newsletter! I'm excited to share with you some of the wonderful events and activities happening in our parish; I will come back with a few more new initiatives in the upcoming newsletters. Your generosity and active involvement play a crucial role in making our parish the vibrant and welcoming community it is today - and what it will continue to be in the future. Thank you for all that you do to support and enrich our parish life.*

### Social Justice Sunday

*This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday, an annual event celebrated by the Catholic Church in Australia to highlight issues of social justice and to encourage reflection and action within the community. The focus of this year's Social Justice Sunday is guided by the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement titled "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World." The statement, issued by the Australian Catholic Bishops, addresses the pressing issues of violence and the quest for peace in today's world. It challenges the faithful to reflect on the signs of violence in our society, question why it persists, and consider what steps can be taken to cultivate peace.*

*Drawing on scriptural teachings and the wisdom of Pope St. John XXIII's \*Pacem in Terris\* and Pope Francis' \*Fratelli Tutti\*, the statement emphasises the importance of trusting in Christ as the foundation for peace. The Bishops encourage communities to reject pessimism and despair, placing their faith in the possibility of peace through the teachings of Christ, who is seen as the way, the truth, the life, and the Prince of Peace. Social Justice Sunday invites us to engage in prayer, reflection, and action to promote peace and justice in our communities and beyond.*

*Read the document from: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>*

### Feast of Our Lady of La Vang

*Last Saturday evening, the Vietnamese community in our parish joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of La Vang. The event began with a solemn Mass featuring a procession of Our Lady and concluded with a time of fellowship and refreshments. We deeply appreciate how the Vietnamese community's cultural and religious richness continues to enrich and nurture our parish life. This feast honours the Blessed Mother's apparition at La Vang.*

*A brief background: In 1798, during a period of persecution, a group of Vietnamese Catholics sought refuge in the dense jungle of La Vang, enduring hardships and illnesses. One evening, they witnessed a miraculous apparition of the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus. Mary, aware of their suffering, instructed them to make tea from nearby leaves to cure their ailments and promised*



that prayers offered at this site would be answered. The news of this miracle spread, and by 1820, even local Buddhists believed in the Virgin's promise, leading to the construction of the first shrine at the site. Over time, this shrine became the Church of Our Lady of La Vang, a place of solace and courage for the faithful during periods of oppression.

In 1885, the chapel was destroyed during anti-Christian persecution, and Father Philip Minh was martyred. Despite challenges, a new church was completed in 1901, and La Vang became a significant pilgrimage site in Southeast Asia. In 1961, a new basilica was dedicated, reaffirming the enduring devotion of Vietnamese Catholics to the Virgin Mary, with the hope that she would one day deliver their country from oppression. Throughout history, La Vang has remained a symbol of faith and resilience in Vietnam.



### **Back to Parish mass**

The "Back to Paris Mass" last Sunday was a vibrant and well-attended celebration, drawing a large number of young people, including many Casimir college students, staff, and many others. The youth choir enthusiastically led the music, filling the church with uplifting and spirited songs. Additionally, young people actively participated in various roles throughout the Mass, from serving as lectors to assisting with the offertory and other liturgical duties, creating an atmosphere of youthful energy and devotion. Very special thanks to the principal, RECs, musicians, and students of Casimir College for promoting and joining us in praying and celebrating.

### **Community Refuge Integration and Settlement Piolet (CRISP)**

Last week's CRISP appeal was a resounding success, with a fantastic response from the parish community. A total of 20 people signed up, showing great enthusiasm and curiosity. This strong interest highlights the parish's dedication to supporting the cause. To provide more details and answer any questions, an information night is scheduled for **Wednesday, 28th of August, at 7 pm** in the parish office, with a Zoom option available. This session will offer an opportunity for participants to learn more about the initiative and get involved in meaningful ways. The positive turnout is a testament to the community's willingness to come together for a good cause. Thank you, and anyone who missed the presentations last weekend and would like to know more about it is welcome to join the information night.

### **The Mario Brothers in Town (Book Week)**

This week, our primary school students marked Book Week, celebrating the joy of reading and literature. During this week, children participate in various activities like dressing up as their favourite book characters, engaging in storytelling sessions, and making book-themed crafts and games. Frs. Cong and Giltus dressed as the "Super Mario brothers" (Mario & Luigi) and joined the parade on Tuesday. Watching the children, staff, and even a few of the parents and younger siblings not enrolled yet come dressed up and join the parade was a treat and a real magic; true to the theme of this year, "reading is Magic." All the week's events were to encourage a love for reading, spark imagination, creativity, and a lifelong passion for books among the young.



### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Having met ample times, the RCIA team is enthusiastic and prepared for the upcoming 2024-25 season. Their careful planning and collaboration have laid a strong foundation for what promises to be a fruitful and spiritually enriching journey for those seeking to join the Church. The RCIA sessions will commence on the 18th September, and the team is fortunate to have dedicated and passionate members who are committed to guiding and supporting the candidates through their faith formation. With a well-structured program in place and a focus on creating a welcoming and nurturing environment, the team is ready to help each participant deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and build a strong relationship with Christ. The season ahead holds great promise, and the team's commitment will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact on the lives of those they serve. It is important to recall that we had 13 people who journeyed through the RCIA program last season and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Thanks to all the team members for their generosity in sharing their time, resources and faith journey with those beginning to step into a relationship with Jesus.

### **Ongoing Faith Formation Team**

The Ongoing Faith Formation Team has been hard at work, beginning with a comprehensive survey conducted a few months ago to gauge parish interest in faith development. Based on the valuable feedback received, the team has been meeting regularly, planning and tailoring programs to meet the needs and desires of our community. The team has been working on creating an engaging four-session series aimed to be launched in Advent 2024. This series, shaped by parishioners' interests, promises to offer meaningful insights and spiritual growth, reflecting the team's dedication to nurturing our collective faith journey. Thanks to the team members involved in this amazing endeavour.

**Have a lovely week.**

Fr. Giltus CP

Volunteer Opportunities -  
English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work, it also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. Serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2024.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project  
Email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**Free Accomodation** (own bedroom) including paid utilities, in exchange for assistance for person with mobility issues, e.g meal preparation & feeding. Sydenham/St Peters area, close to Sydney CBD, universities, hospitals. Would suit student and part-timer workers. Please send queries/expressions of interest to [rayterre32az@gmail.com](mailto:rayterre32az@gmail.com) or call Ray on 8060 5676.

**Please pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Bradley Smith, Elizabeth McGee, Anna Stopic, Violette Toma, Tony Mansour

**Death Anniversaries:** Caterina Arcuri, Kathleen Townsend, Ren Thi Pham, Mary Cunningham, Peni Apikotoa, Mama Lakiss, Salvatore "Sam" Buda, Racheda Semrany, Nunziata Genovese, Phero Pham Cong Dai, Kathleen Therese Zamudio, Bill Barrett, John Parry, Irene Whitby, Crispulo Latagan, Maria Bui Thi Dang,

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Steven Para, John Love, Eileen McClement, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, Greg Glass, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Paul Massi, Maria Caccamo, Paul Murphy, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Nick Rizzo, Susan King, Tina Schino, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Violet Touma, Damia Roumie, Jose Gomes, Catherine Vella, Laura Nolan, Angela Augerinos, Antonios Gebrael, Gloria Susana Rojas, Rudi Presern, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland

**Other intentions:** Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Carmelo Vittilli



## A Golden Age of Keyboard Music

Music by Cabezon, Correa, Gabrieli, Merulo,  
Storace, Bull, Byrd and Tomkins



Sunday 25th August 2pm  
St Brigid's Marrickville  
392 Marrickville Road

Tickets \$40/\$30/\$20  
Attend in person or watch later online  
Tickets [www.trybooking.com/CTSED](http://www.trybooking.com/CTSED)



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### The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS

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- Five generations, one pew
- Eileen O'Connor's sainthood cause sent to Rome
- Aussies in Timor-Leste excited for Pope Francis
- Parents urged to contribute to NSW pornography inquiry
- 2024 Social Justice Statement: Truth is a matter of life and death
- SCS Collegian Issue Two

## Mass Texts: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18  
We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Response: Ps 33:2-3, 16-23  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32  
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69  
Lord, whom shall we go to?  
You have the words of everlasting life.



## PARISH CALENDAR 2024

### AUGUST

25th Sun 2.00pm Concert in Church  
7.00pm Youth Group  
27th Tues 7.00pm PPC Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

1st Sun Father's Day  
Retired Priest Collection  
8th Sun Safeguarding Sunday  
7.00pm Youth Group  
15th Sun 2.00pm Senior's Group  
19th Thur 10.00am Casimir Graduation Mass

## Liturgical Timetable

**MONDAY - FRIDAY:** Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary.  
Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and 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) | 6.00pm.

### 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 Mass.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is offered after 9.00am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

### DAILY MORNING MASSES

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6:45	Vinh N	Jim Y
9:00	Mary T	Liz
Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet
9:00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6:45	Albert N	Paul C
9:00	Liz	Buddy
Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P
9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna
Fri 6:45	Vinh N	Patricia
9:00	Tony C	Leila W
Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy

### WEEKLY ROSTER

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
	24/25 Aug	31 Aug/1 Sep	24/25 Aug	31 Aug/1 Sep	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Change 1st: Jim Y 2nd: Ofa T	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Laura N 2nd: Paul C	Carole P Michael P Thu H Elizabeth B	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Margaret T 1st: Joseph F 2nd: Joanna V	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	Margaret T Joseph F Joanna V	Mary L Stephen O Dennis M	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Robert G 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Com: Frank C 1st: Bernadette S 2nd: Italian	Angie C Bernadette Y Giuseppe S Tony C	John M Aiden K Tony H Angie C	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Kevin B Rex H Charlie E	Lenore D Charlene E Arthur K	Arthur K Alexis H Lenore D	Kevin B Rex H Lina E	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K

### 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 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.

