



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 A

27th 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

Let's begin by congratulating Sasha Dennise Rances on receiving the Archbishop of Sydney Award Student Excellence for our Casimir Catholic College. The award is in recognition of leadership, example and faith by a student given within the school or college. It recognises the active involvement of the student in college programs, retreats, social justice programs, liturgies, fundraising and other such areas. The actual Award will be presented by the Archbishop this coming week.

Our Parish Pastoral Council has its meeting this coming week. What are our concerns and priorities? We are recovering and re-building after the Covid lockdown in so many areas and so many ways.

As a parish we are rebuilding with the arrival of Sr Rosana, Frs Kien, Giltus and Deacon Doan, and dealing with the departures of the Frs Erick, Dominic and Thomas Thanh & Sr Elena who held so much of the corporate memory. For myself, no longer having the responsibilities of being Provincial of our congregation, now gives me the time to devote fully to the parish.

Over the last few months, a number of our committees and programs have restarted. These include Masses and visitation to the aged care homes, visitation and communion to the sick and housebound, our Bereavement committee's outreach to those who have lost loved ones, the Welcome & Hospitality reaching out to newcomers.

The Youth ministry starting up again in earnest, our Young Beacons for younger youth, new altar servers and their training. And when we think of our pastoral care for youth and young people, we remember that five days a week, our two schools are providing religious education, pastoral care, and at times crisis intervention for the safety and faith of over a thousand

children.

Sunday morning parishioners would have seen the cake and biscuit stalls, and then hot food stalls - all volunteers helping to build community. Our coming whole Parish luncheon combines fund raising and community building. Our seniors group is powering along. Our different national groups have also been able to restart their special celebrations and processions - St Lupo, St Antonio of Padua, Our Lady of the Snows, Our Lady of Lavang. Our Men's Group, Passionist Family Groups, Vinnies are all moving along. Our Vietnamese also have a Dominican Sodality and a Divine Mercy prayer group. We also have the Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer group and Novena Mass on Wednesday nights.

Our parish sacramental programs have prepared almost 200 children for their sacraments. Our Baptism team have prepared parents and we have baptised 72 children. The RCIA team to instruct adults wanting to become catholic begins again in October. This year we have celebrated the weddings of 22 couples, and at funerals we have celebrated the lives of 36 of our parishioners. Our choirs and musicians, Tongan, 10.30, 6.00pm and three Vietnamese choirs have looked after our liturgies - and organ recitals, Marian Concert and more. But each choir needs more singers. And of course there is the ongoing maintenance and up keep of the church, hall and grounds. Last but not least Judy Raby's piety stall is a have-to-visit. All the above are a priority, each in their own different way. Our Parish Team, parish Council and its subcommittees maintain a watchful eye over all the above. Other areas we would like to see strengthened: our Social Justice outreach, ways of addressing domestic violence, drug abuse, supporting single parents and other social issues.

There is an increasing numbers of younger couples, young marrieds, young parents are coming each week. I'd love to know how we can assist and engage them.

And at the heart of all of this is Christ Jesus our Lord, who promised to be in our midst whenever we gather in his name.

We are truly blessed at St Brigid's.

Fr. Tom McDonough CP

**St. Brigid's Young
Beacons**
Parents and Families



**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!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Program Session 2
20th August at 9am
Shrubland Hall



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 - maryycloran@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.



PRIESTS' RETIREMENT HOUSEWORK

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

Tickets: \$60 pp includes 3 course meal + beverages

Raffle will be available at every weekend masses and on the day

Fundraising

With great prizes

Please contact Tony Cipolla,

Sr Elenita Flores, CP or the parish office for tickets

Event

Limited space - get in fast



Sound of Freedom Movie now showing in Cinemas.

A movie recommended for adults bringing to light the issue of worldwide child trafficking . We didn't have enough time to organise a Parish private screening at a local Cinema, but there are many around for you to attend and watch this movie.

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 .

Single Graveyard Plot for Sale

Rookwood Cemetery – Catholic section
For enquiries contact 0403 037 042

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, Manual 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: SEPTEMBER

Sr Mary Donellan, Maria Mandile, Antony Thach, Gerard Farrugia, Maria Bui, Guiseppi Simone, James Macartney, Nell Lane, Joseph Shakour, Joseph Obeid, Joachim Ta, Joseph Hoang, Eva Amaral, Charles Hockey, Raymond Clovan, Giovanna Cipolla, Charles Formosa, Audrey Pember, Delia Edwards, Maria Tan, Erminia Stramandinoli, Kieren Basic, Kenneth Suter, John Nguyen, Monica Yen, Eileen Blackall, Heng El-Daher, William Warrella, Badaui Semrany, Kelvin Sullivan, Peggy Barrett, Leslie Hogan, Anna Matthews, Gregory Hill, Jeremiah Mahony, Carmela Debone, Marie Harkness, Maria Thi Vo, Catherine O'Connor, Maria Tin, Helen Roach, Gillian Sofatzis, Letizia Tesoriero, Douglas Ferguson, Pavlovic Jacob, Jose Da Costa, Kathleen & John Parry, David Schembri, Lola Trethowan, Joseph Pham, Catherine O'Sullivan, Victoria Climax, Ann Phipps, Irene James, Donald Buck, Mate Tuimaseve, Luthgarda Cortezano, Kathleen Brown, Fr Jim Elmore CP

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 Khoury, 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, John (Jack) Danzey

Mass Texts: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1s 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Response: Ps 137:1-3,6,8

Lord, your love is eternal, do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church: the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia ! (Mt 16:18)

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

Parish Calendar 2023

AUGUST

29th Tue 7.00pm PPC meeting

SEPTEMBER

1st Fri 9.00am Anointing of Sick

3rd Sun 9.00am Father's Day

9.00am Confirmation Preparation session #4

8th Fri 9.00am Confirmation reflection day

13th Wed 5.30pm Our Lady of Sorrow

15th Fri 9.30am Casimir Graduation Mass

17th Sun 1.30pm Parish Fundraiser Lunch Senior Group

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

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

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
	26/27 Aug	2/ 3 Sept	26/27 Aug	2/ 3 Sept	26/27 Aug	2 / 3 Sept	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Liz B Reader : Jim Y	Com: Margaret H Reader: Jan R	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelly H Ofa T Gabrielle B	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: John S Reader: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G Reader: Margaret T	Dennis M Geoffrey L F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Peter J 1st Reader: Children Mass 2nd Reader: Italian	Com: Bernadeth S 1st Reader: Parish 2nd Reader: Italian	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Reader: Kevin B	Com: Charlie Reader: Pedro M	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	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 or 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest