



# St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia*  
**One Family, Alive in Christ**

*Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887*  
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*We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people*

## 22nd Sunday –Year A 29/30 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 from the Parish Office.

**NEW Sets of Envelopes** for 2020-2021 are available at the main doors of the Church.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

### **THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS: 22ND SUNDAY A**

Sunday after Sunday finds disciples of Jesus reading or listening to the Word of God. Nearly always the message from God that we hear gives us some comfort, consolation, hope, reassurance, and even joy. But sometimes God challenges us with words of tough love, and we hear something quite demanding. Without his 'amazing grace', we may find that particular Word from God, a bridge too far to cross. That's the kind of message we are getting from Jesus today.

He invites his friends and followers, and therefore you and me: 'If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves, and take up your cross and follow me' (Mt 16:24). The word 'cross' Jesus is talking about has been softened. For Jesus it doesn't mean, at least not in the first place, your arthritis e.g., your indigestion, that difficult relationship. We don't choose those pains; they choose us. In the NT the 'cross' means that suffering that comes into our lives because of the choices we make for the kingdom, i.e. the choices we make for the coming of the reign and rule of God over everyone and everything. This to say that the 'cross' means the deliberate but difficult choices we make for integrity and truth, justice and love, peace and joy – the values prescribed by God for the coming of the kingdom of God on earth, and therefore for human well-being.

An illustration! Nelson Mandela, the Father of modern South Africa, spent twenty-seven years in prison. But before that, he was on the run for a couple of years. This is what he has written of those earlier years:

It wasn't easy for me to separate myself from my wife and children, to say goodbye to the good old days when, at the end of a strenuous day at the office, I could look forward to joining my family at the dinner-table, and instead to take up the life of a man hunted continuously by the police, separated from those who are closest to me, facing continuously the hazards of detection and of arrest. This was a life infinitely more difficult than serving a prison sentence.

(from his Long Walk to Freedom)

His motivation to make such great sacrifices was his love for his country and its potential.

The 'cross' he carried was his love for his people, and his desire to see them flourish.

There's a religion of devotion and there's a religion of commitment. A religion of devotion tends to be a religion of comfort. It's often centred on self, on what I get out of it rather than one centred on others, on what I do for them. A religion of commitment is a religion of challenge and risk, expressed in unselfish and generous service of others and their needs. There can be no doubt that it's a religion of commitment and dedication that Jesus is asking of you and me.

This does not mean, though, that suffering is something Christians should actively seek for its own sake. Jesus himself did not seek to suffer. Gethsemane makes that clear. But suffering is the price we pay, as Jesus did again and again, for acting justly, loving tenderly, and walking humbly with our God. He and we, then, are not lovers of pain (masochists), but bearers of pain, borne in solidarity with Jesus, and for the benefit of others.

It helps to remember that following Jesus doesn't have to be in great leaps and bounds but in small steps. But what does it mean in practice to follow him? It means being faithful to one's way of life. It means showing concern for others in every way - the caring gesture, the kind word, speaking truth to power. These all count, when love turns the cross from a stumbling block, an obstacle, into a stepping-stone, and even sometimes, into an experience of fulfilment and joy.

The road to Jerusalem brought Jesus to Calvary. But it did not end there. It led to Easter. Along our Way of the Cross, Jesus supports us to the very end, and shares his Easter victory with us.

There's a saying: 'No cross, no crown!' For you and me personally, how comforting and reassuring is that? Do you and I really believe it and live it? Do we?

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(with some inspiration from writings of Fr Flor McCarthy SDB)

## **CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2020**

**THIS weekend, 29/30 AUGUST, at All Masses, we are 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.**

### **Baptism Dates—2020**

**20 and 27 September; 25 October; 15 and 22 November; 20 December 2020 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 Regulations, the MAXIMUM number of guests per family will be 20, including 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, addresses, 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 accordance with COVID 19 Regulations and until further notice a MAXIMUM of 100 people is permitted at any service in St Brigid's Church .

### **Healing Mass**

Friday 4 September 2020—Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 8pm at St Joseph's Enfield. Celebrant: Fr Joshua Miechels. Enquiries: Rose on 9642 2359.

### **"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](http://marymackilloptoday.org.au)**

## **CONFIRMATION 2020**

Please keep in your prayers our Confirmation Candidates as they complete their preparation this week to receive the Sacrament from Bishop Brady **NEXT Sunday, 6 September:**

**Alana Polesel      Allister McDonald  
Amelia Da Costa    Audrey Marczan  
Boateng Owusu    Chloe Certoma-Speer  
Ciaran Kelly      Daniel Bessa  
Hailey Teixeira    Holly Jane McCabe  
Jarred Jerone Alcausin    Joshua Dyster  
Joshua Poonan    Leon Alexander Favis  
Lola Marie McCabe    Lucas Polesel  
Lucian Tesoriero    Mia Gloria Randazzo  
Robert Thompson    Sofia Amelia Bacon  
Tyler Dylan Potts    William John Britton.**

### **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 **WEEKLY envelope** OR via : a **MONTHLY Credit Card deduction**

**This will enable you to claim a tax deductible receipt for a portion of these contributions at the end of each financial year.**

### **From the Archdiocese of Sydney:**

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 Safeguarding enquiries @sydneycatholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want 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.

## Information Directory

**St Brigid's Primary School**  
9558 6926

**Casimir Catholic College**  
9558 2888

### Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments: Sr. Elena  
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

- ♦ Lionel Elmore (brother of Fr Jim)
- ♦ Malcolm Keys (brother of Fr Lex)
- ♦ Alexia (older sister of Dc Tony Simbel CP)
- ♦ Bob Bain
- ♦ Calogero Ciravolo
- ♦ Joaquin Ventura
- ♦ Natalien Samsona
- ♦ Victims from Beirut blast
- ♦ Anthony Testa

#### 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

Maria Bui Thi Dang; Bill Barrett;  
Phero Pham Cong Dai; Irene Whitby  
Katheleen Zamudio; Nell Lane;  
Crispulo Latagan; Sr Mary Donellan  
RSM; Maria Rosa Mandile; Antony  
Le Van Thach; Gerard Farrugia;  
Vui Thi Bui; Giuseppe Simone;  
Joseph Shakour; Joseph Obeid;  
Carlos Caringal.

**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.**