



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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### Parish Team:

Fr Giltus Mathias CP	Fr Joseph Sy Ho Doan CP
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Elena (Len) Di Perna	Jenny Ryan-Cook

### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st September, 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

#### Bereavement Ministry:

Sr Elenita & Michael  
Schiano

#### CCD in State Schools:

Sr Elenita

#### Children's Sacraments:

Sr Elenita

#### Ecumenical & Interfaith:

Jim Yeo

#### Family Group:

Adrienne & Jonathan  
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#### Justice & Peace Network:

Peter Jennings

#### Liturgy C'tee:

Sr Rosana

#### Maintenance C'tee:

Michael Daher & Pongia  
Fenukitau

#### Men's Club:

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner  
& Mick Ward

#### Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

#### Music Director:

Frank Mafi

#### Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group:

John Freeman & Richard  
Gonsalves

#### Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook &  
Lina Elias



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

### Happy Father's Day

*Father's Day is a time to celebrate and honour the fathers and father figures who play a pivotal role in our lives. They are often the pillars of strength, offering guidance, support, and love. Fathers teach us important life lessons, instill values, and shape our character through their actions and words. Their influence is felt in the big moments and the small, everyday acts of kindness and care. On this day, we take a moment to express our gratitude for the sacrifices they make, the wisdom they share, and the unwavering support they provide. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the unique bond we share with our fathers, whether they are with us or remembered in our hearts. It's a day to celebrate their contributions, express our love, and acknowledge the profound impact they have on our lives. Happy Father's day.*



### Season of Creation 2024

*The Season of Creation is an annual celebration held from September 1st to October 4th, inviting Christians worldwide to pray and act for the protection of the environment. This ecumenical initiative emphasises our shared responsibility as stewards of God's creation, encouraging communities to reflect on the beauty of the natural world and the urgent need to address environmental challenges.*

*The Season of Creation begins on September 1st with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, established by the Orthodox Church and later embraced by the Catholic Church and other Christian communities. It concludes on October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, who is renowned for his deep love for all creatures and the environment. The theme for each year, "to hope and act with creation", guides these activities, focusing on specific aspects of creation care, such as biodiversity, climate action, or sustainable living.*

*The Season of Creation is a time for spiritual renewal and a call to live out our faith by caring for the earth, advocating for the vulnerable, and working towards a more just and sustainable world. During this season at St. Brigid, given its Father's Day weekend, starting the 2nd of September, we will have a sacred space set up in the church. Year 7 students from Casimir made some colourful*



posters to represent the Season of Creation. Please take some time to reflect on their colours and images during your time of prayer and reflection."

### **Child Protection Week 2024: Togetherness, Celebrating Inclusivity and Diversity.**

*This week, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Child Protection Week, culminating in Safeguarding Sunday on September 8th. This day is dedicated to praying for victims of abuse, their families, and supporters, while also acknowledging and apologizing for the harm caused by individuals within the Church.*

*Rebuilding trust requires ongoing commitment to cultural change, ensuring the Church becomes a place that fosters safe communities for all. The theme "Togetherness: Promoting Inclusivity and Diversity" underscores the importance of creating environments where every child feels safe, valued, and included, regardless of their background or abilities.*

*This week calls for a collective effort from families, communities, and organizations to protect and support children, ensuring they have access to opportunities and a voice in shaping their future. Inclusivity involves recognizing and celebrating diversity, creating spaces where all children can thrive without fear of discrimination. During Child Protection Week, we are reminded that safeguarding children means not only preventing harm but also building environments where every child can flourish.*

#### **Thought for the week**

*History is not simply the past; it is the present's perspective on the past. The Liturgy frequently presents the Pharisees to us, urging us to recognize ourselves in their actions. Like them, we often find it easier to focus on external, visible deeds - such as the number of prayers we say or the money we donate - than on the inner attitudes of the heart. While these external acts are important, they derive their true meaning from our inner spirit.*

*When religion becomes merely a set of external practices, we risk losing its essence, turning it into something that can be possessed rather than lived. As the philosopher Hegel observed, "The Holy as a mere thing has the character of externality; thus it is capable of being taken possession of by another to my exclusion; it may come into an alien hand, since the process of appropriating it is not one that takes place in the Spirit.... The highest of human blessings is thus thought to be in the hands of others." This was not only a problem for the Pharisees but is also a challenge for modern Christians.*

*The Pharisees lacked inner depth, focusing on rules rather than the heart. Jesus emphasized that what truly matters is not external rituals but the transformation that occurs within. Religion is not about external things; it's about how you respond to the world, others, and God. The Gospel's power lies in its ability to transform negativity into blessings and suffering into prayer.*

*Faith is meant to be both deeply spiritual and practical, not just a set of visible practices. The Pharisees fell into this trap, and it remains a constant temptation for us today.*

*Fr. Giltus CP*



### **Sacrament of Confirmation 2024**

Please register ASAP. This Sacrament will be celebrated on 17th November at St Mary Cathedral.



**Parent Information Night** will be held on 25th September at 7pm. Attendance is a must.

Preparation sessions start Sunday 13th October

### **Senior's Group**

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

*All welcome*

### **RCIA PROGRAM**

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Our RCIA program will begin soon for those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office or email [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)

### **Are you New to St Brigid's.**

Please note your best contact details on the notice provided so one of our staff members can contact you and share the many ways you can be more involved in our many ministries.

*We want to get to know you  
& want you to get to know us.*

St Joseph's Enfield  
**HEALING MASS**

Friday 6th September  
Celebrant: Fr Michael Gimena MI

Rosary: 7pm, Mass 8pm,  
Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Exposition: After Mass,  
Prayer and Praise: 7.30pm

126 Liverpool Road, Enfield.  
Parking at rear of church

Enquiries to Rose: 8068 3845 or  
rosetwymansydeny@gmail.com

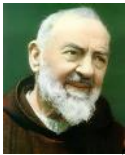


The Parish of St Brigid's and the Diocese of Sydney are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



**ST PADRE PIO PARISH**

**Feast Day - 22 September 2024**

Triduum

Thursday 19th September 7.00pm  
Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

Friday 20 September 7.00pm  
Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

Saturday 21 September 5.30pm  
Novena to St Padre Pio and Vigil Mass

Sunday 22 September 10.00am Procession followed  
by the Feast Day Mass  
Veneration and Blessings by the  
Relic of St Padre Pio  
Contact 4789 2232 for further details  
34 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park

**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.

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

All parishioners of the Archdiocese are warmly invited to attend the Multicultural Mass at 2pm,  
Sunday 29th September 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral,  
St Mary's Road, Sydney

For more information please email Kylie  
at [immigration@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:immigration@sydneycatholic.org)

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral

Date: 29 September 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS**

**Only \$2.00**

- The Gift of Fatherhood
- Support our Spiritual Fathers
- Monica Doumit on Tickle v Giggle
- 'Gender diverse' need love, acceptance, says bishop
- Catholic world stunned by new Shroud evidence
- New Genesian theatre needs your support

Do you have a spare laptop??

We have a young high school student that needs a laptop for highschool. If you can help please contact the parish office or speak with Fr Giltus.

**Please pray for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth McGee, Anna Stopic, Violet Toma, Tony Mansour, Youssef Tabar,

**Death Anniversaries:** Sr Mary Antoinette Donellan RSM, Maria Rosa Mandile, Antony Le Van Thach, Gerard Farrugia, Maria Vui Thi Bui, Guissippe Simone, James Macartney, Nell Lane, Joseph Shakour, Paolo Travia, Joseph Obeid, Carlos Caringal, Joachim Ngoc Thanh Ta, Joseph Q. Thang Hoang, Eva Fernanda Amaral, Charles Hockey, Claude Opack, Raymond Joseph Cloran, Giovanna Cipolla

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

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



## Mass Texts: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8  
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Response: Ps 14:2-5  
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27  
Be doers of the word.

Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.



## PARISH CALENDAR 2024

### SEPTEMBER

1st	Sun		Father's Day Retired Priest Collection Baptism Preparation Session
6th	Fri	6.45 & 9am	Anointing of Sick
8th	Sun		Safeguarding Sunday
		7.00pm	Youth Group
13th	Fri	9.00am	Mass with Yr 5 + Kindy
15th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
		2.00pm	Senior's Group
19th	Thur	10.00am	Casimir Graduation Mass
20th	Fri	9.00am	Mass with Yr 2
		5.00pm	CBHS 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
	31 Aug/1 Sep	7/8 Sep	31 Aug/1 Sep	7/8 Sep	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Laura N 2nd: Paul C	Com: Elizabeth B 1st: Thu H 2nd: Michael P	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Carole P Michael P Thu H Leila W	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Margaret T 1st: Joseph F 2nd: Joanna V	Mary L Stephen O Dennis M	F. Seufale Margaret K John S	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Frank C 1st: Bernadette S 2nd: Italian	Com: Joanne M 1st: Dana T 2nd: Italian	John M Aiden K Tony H Angie C	Bernadette Y Giuseppe S Tony C Jenny O	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Lenore D Charlene E Arthur K	Kevin B Rex H Charlie E	Kevin B Rex H Lina E	Arthur K Alexis H Lenore D	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.

