



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

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

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**28 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*

### OUR HOSPITALITY: 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY C

In Australian culture, one of the most insulting things we can say to another is this: 'You're a loser!' It's just as bad as saying: 'You're a no-hoper!' We often hear this kind of insulting talk on talk-back radio. Such callers not only show how out of touch their simple solutions are for complex problems but also how rude and nasty they can be to fellow human beings.

Once upon a time on a Sunday morning, a family was rushing from their car to the church. They had been slightly delayed because torrential rain had caused flooding of the local streets and slow driving on the main road. The mum in the family was to be a Eucharistic minister and the dad was scheduled to proclaim the First Reading. As they hurried to the door from the parking lot, they passed a homeless man selling a bi-weekly paper, the proceeds of which went to help the homeless. When they saw him, the parents looked the other way and urged their children to hurry up. When their daughter dared to ask why they didn't buy the paper, the dad replied: 'That's just a rip-off. If those people would just get jobs, we wouldn't have to put up with them in front of our church. They don't belong here, so we shouldn't encourage them.' The dad who prided himself on being an excellent reader, felt very proud of his effort that day when people told him how well he read the words about the need for humility, gentleness, and kindness.

In another parish, the organizers stopped serving tea, coffee, and biscuits after Mass. Why? 'Because,' they growled, 'the homeless kept coming here for them.'

Such attitudes are the very opposite of those of our Leader, Jesus Christ. During his life on earth, his welcome, hospitality, kindness, understanding, com-

passion, and support, for people who were poor, powerless, broken, rejected, struggling, and suffering was so obvious that he was called 'the friend of outcasts'. His attitudes are summed up in his advice to his followers in the gospel today: 'When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means you are fortunate because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Fortunately, there are still people who take the teaching of Jesus seriously. A former Governor-General, Sir William Deane, a committed Catholic Christian, imitated the humanity of Jesus, in his warmth, care, and affection for all kinds of people. You may remember his trip to Switzerland to grieve with the parents of the young people lost in a fast river following an avalanche, and his handing out to their parents sprigs of wattle to place in the stream as mementos of their lost children. His whole attitude was summed up when for his last official function, he invited a group of homeless young people to have lunch with him.

What do people remember and treasure most of all about the late Diana, Princess of Wales? Was it not her decision to use her worldwide fame and glamour to help the homeless, the sick, the maimed, and the suffering? And so again and again we saw her cuddling babies with incurable diseases, taking off her gloves to shake hands with patients dying of Aids, greeting the mentally ill with a big bright smile, and running an energetic campaign that took her half-way around the world to rid the earth of land-mines.

A school girl tells how when she came back into class after lunch her pencil case was missing. She told the teacher. The teacher found out the child who stole it and gave her a dressing-down in front of the whole class. She was from a very poor family. The next day the mother of the first girl went out and bought a new pencil case for the child who had none.

In one suburb a rather wealthy woman lives in a big house on a hill. Not many people know about this, but at night she drives around in a van and gives out sandwiches and hot chocolate to people spending the night in doorways, tram and bus shelters, and on park benches. Another parish welcomes mentally retarded adults from a local facility to Sunday Mass. They make a bit of noise. Some parishioners are not happy about this, but the Parish Council says that the warm welcome tells them that God too welcomes them and loves them.

In our district, area, or suburb, is there someone we are aware of, who regularly gets left out? Could we consider inviting them home for our next barbecue, or having them along to our next picnic, or at least going out of our way to talk with them? Is there someone else who used to be with us at Mass on Sunday, but for whatever reason has dropped out? What about inviting that person to join us once again? Has a new family moved into our town, district, or area lately? What about going out of our way to meet them and help them settle in? Perhaps with a cake or a casserole!

Welcome, warmth, and hospitality! They were big things with Jesus. And consistently so! What about us, who have promised to follow him and live like him? Our Holy Communion, i.e., our sharing of the food God gives us, the food in which Jesus is really present, is not meant to stop at the altar, but to send us from our community to be Jesus Christ to others, bringing them the nourishment of his welcome, and the warmth and care of his hospitality, to anyone and everyone who needs them, and right there and then.

Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP  
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### About this event

Danny Abdallah lost his three children, in the Summer of 2020. Danny will speak of how he coped, the importance of his role as a father and husband, as well as the critical need to forgive. Come and be inspired!

Refreshments will be provided. Wives and mothers are welcome too! Unfortunately, children under 18 are not permitted. [To Register](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fatherhood-a-night-with-danny-abdallah-tickets-403921779917?>

### 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.



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 anytime 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**

### Mass Texts: 22nd 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.

### 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.



## 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.

## 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**



## 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 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 100% tax deductible.**

## DEMPSEY AWARDEE

The Dempsey medal is named in recognition of a Lay Catholic pioneer from Sydney's early European settlement. Lay men and women were honoured for service within their parish communities and beyond, schools or the archdiocese in a range of ministries.



Michael Price

“ It is with gratitude that we congratulate Mr Michael Price and Mr Tony Cipolla who truly deserve this honour for their fifty years of loving service and involvement in our St. Brigid's Parish. On honouring these two parishioners we also offer a HUGE Thank You to Tony's beautiful wife Giovanna (sadly now deceased) and Michael's

wonderful wife, Carol. Behind every good man is a great woman, -mind you, not that either Giovanna or Carol stayed in the background. Both Tony and Michael also recognise that they only represent the many other parishioners who have worked with them just as tirelessly and for just as many years.”

*Fr. Tom*



Tony Cipolla

## Can you help us find a carer for a 14-year-old twin boys Ben and Max?



They enjoy video games, but are also quite active and enjoy camping, skateboarding and other sports. While engaged at school, both benefit from supported learning.

**For more information, please call our team on 13 18 19 or visit [familyspirit.org](http://familyspirit.org)**

**Recently Deceased:** Jose Carlos Assuncao, Renato Colledo, Marie Rose Correia

**Death Anniversaries:** Salvatore Buda; Chiara Veltro; Racheda Semrany; Nunziata Genovese; Phero Pham Dai; Kathleen Therese Zamudio; Bill Barrett; John Parry; Irene Whitby; Chrispulo Latagan; Sr. Mary Antoinette Donellan; Maria Rosa Mandile; Antony Le Van Thach; Gerard Farrugia; Maria Vui Thi Bui; Guissippe Simone; James McCartney; Nell Lane; Joseph Shakour;

**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 Washl

**Other intentions:** Nancy Russo; Chiara Veltro; Dennis; Joe and Jose Farrah; Wendy Lamb

**Parish Collection 12/8/2022**

**First Collection \$ 1'580**

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 \$ 1,647**

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**

28th Sun 9:00am Sacrament of Confirmation  
Prep 4  
10:30am SB Primary School Family  
Mass  
30th Tue 7:00pm Parish Maintenance C'tee

**September**

2nd Fri 7:30pm Men's Club  
4th Sun W/E Father's Day  
Priests Retirement appeal  
10:00am Baptism Preparation  
5th Mon 6:30pm Bereavement Ministry  
11th Sun W/E Child Protection Week  
17th Thu 7:00pm Liturgy Committee  
18th Sun 2:00 pm Confirmation Day  
25th Sun W/E Catholic Mission Appeal  
27th Tue 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council

**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
	27/28 August	3/4 Sept	27/28 August	3/4 Sept	27-28August	3/4 Sept	
Sat 5:00pm	Liz Buchel Michael S.	Gabrielle B Paul Cloran	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Shelley H. Thu Hoang	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale	M. Dillon- Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	M. Dillon- Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. An- tonella G	Jim Yeo  Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Sue King Margaret H	Mary Leask Jim Yeo	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K. Mary Leask	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K	D. Maher Vihn N. Agustine E.	D. Maher Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	St. Brigid's Primary School	John Mc. Anthony N Catherine V.	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Young Adult	Adrienne H John S.	Tony Hayek Michael W. Jackie K. Arthur K.	Tony Hayek Pedro M.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K.  Jackie K.