



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
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### Parish Team:

Fr Tom McDonough CP	Fr Giltus Mathias CP
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### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

10th September 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,

The Season of Creation Spring has sprung upon us - where has this year gone?



Let Justice and Peace Flow  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

And with Spring comes the ecumenical Season of Creation - a month of prayer, activities, projects, a month of just plain being grateful for the beautiful world we have been given, for the earth, our 'common home' as Pope Francis calls it.

Our Parish Facebook page will feature a daily prayer, interview, reflection from now until the Season of Creation concludes on the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This season of creation asks us to reflect on how well we have nurtured our 'common home', and to reflect on the extraordinary damage done to all living things by our rapacious misuse, pollution and consumption of the limited resources of our planet Earth.

So perhaps Plant a Bulb, or Buy a Plant to nurture and be a reminder that the Earth and its fullness is the Lord's, as the Psalmist says and we have been asked to rejoice and care for it.



Safeguarding Week - for Children and Vulnerable Adults.

We are committed to the  
NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

We conclude this weekend the National Safeguarding Week.

Our parish, our Passionist Congregation is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge our own failures and those of the whole church to keep

children safe, and for the failures in honesty and transparency that have led to such immeasurable damage in the lives of so many, too many.

In our gospel today, Jesus talks about what we must do if a brother or sister in the church fails and sins. Whatever individuals may have done, especially priests, religious and bishops, the whole Church is seen to have failed.

It is five years since the Royal Commission, and in fact so much has been done to develop strong practices. The Church developed National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which all catholic individuals, agencies, dioceses, schools, health care, social services and religious congregations must implement. All those bodies now get independently audited every three years for compliance. We in the Church are trying to develop a new culture for safeguarding children, and ensuring transparency and accountability. This week reminds us to be vigilant and watchful.

One of the requirements of our National Standards is that everyone who has a public ministry in the church must undergo some regular formation and training. We must have a Working with Children Clearance from the NSW Government Office of the Children's Guardian. These checks are reasonably easy to get, and the formation programs not too time consuming and are done on line, or provided by the parish.

However, in all parishes, many people are more reluctant now to volunteer to be readers, or communion ministers, catechists or ushers, acolytes and other jobs, which require these checks or short online courses. We think as a reader, or as an usher, or communion minister

*'I am not a risk'. However, in these roles, children can see the reader, or minister as a 'safe' church person when approached by one outside of their ministry itself.*

*Our parish needs parishioners for all these roles. So, please, don't be reluctant to put your hand up when asked to volunteer. The requirements for safeguarding are small in comparison to our need to be a safe church and to avoid the mistakes of the past.*

Kind regards  
Tom cp



### PHONE SCAM

It has been brought to our attention that an SMS message has been received by parishioners supposedly from Fr Tom asking for donations for a cancer victim.

**Please note this is a scam.** Fr Tom would never directly SMS parishioners with this request.

### JOIN THE ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY

If you are 11 years old and have received the First Holy Communion please contact Sr Rosana on [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto: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.

### Are you New to St Brigid's

Please note your best contact details on the clipboard at the back of the church 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 BRIGID YOUTH MASS - SUNDAY 6PM

To all our young parishioners, (ages 9–35) we encourage you to be part of our Youth Mass on Sunday nights.

For all enquiries, please contact Jenny at [youthministry@passionists.com](mailto:youthministry@passionists.com)

### ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER AT ST BRIGID'S

Over the next few weeks, starting this weekend, we are intending to refresh our records of all volunteers in the parish and update our weekend rosters for servers, readers, and communion ministers.

There will be forms at the church entrance to provide your details. Even if you have previously provided these, please confirm the details, and indicate your availability, so that we may more easily prepare duty rosters for the weekend masses. (These forms will be removed after each mass so that personal information will not be displayed.)

We also remind you, that anyone over the age of 18, who volunteers in the parish, **must** hold a current Working with Children Check and have completed the necessary safeguarding training. Those who participate in the following areas are required to comply with the Safeguarding Requirements of the Archdiocese.

- Parish Secretaries
- Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Children's liturgy Coordinators
- Children's Choir Ministry Leaders
- Acolytes and Senior Servers
- Ministers of the Word/Readers/ Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Parish Collectors

Any enquiries please contact the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer - [jim.yeo@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:jim.yeo@stbrigid.org.au)

### 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 at [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)

*Preparation sessions will commence in October.*  
We look forward to this journey with our Candidates.



**Safeguarding Sunday 2023.** 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 build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)



**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. A real eye opener!!!

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union, and Garratt Publishing present

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**  
**ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH**

The next Synod session this October will be crucial as it will set the tone and lay the groundwork for the second Synod in October 2024.

**EVENT DETAILS**

When: Thursday 14 September 2023 @ 7.00pm  
 Where: Via Zoom Cost: FREE  
 Registration: Call 1300 650 878

**Catholic Men's Conference - BE NOT AFRAID**  
 is a one-day conference for men (18 yrs. plus)  
 at St Mary's Cathedral Hall from 8 am to 4.30 pm.

The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, guest speakers, a Q&A Panel, adoration, confession, mass in St Mary's Cathedral, lunch and fellowship.

Keynote Speakers: Fr Daniele Russo on 'Reclaiming the Lord's Day' and Fr Greg Morgan on the call to 'Be Not Afraid'  
Special Guest: Danny Abdallah on the 'Power of Forgiveness'  
 Celebrant and Homilist: Fr Lewi Barakat

**Date: Saturday, 16 September 2023**

Time: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral Hall,  
 St Mary's Road, Sydney NSW 2000

Cost: Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45.

Not to be missed. Limited tickets and Register NOW at <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKFQ>

**Padre Pio of Pietrelcina**  
**FEAST DAY**

*Triduum - Thursday 21 September 7.00pm*

Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

*Friday 22nd September 7.00pm*

Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

*Saturday 23rd September 7.00pm*

Novena to St Padre Pio and Vigil Mass



**Sunday 24th September 10.00am**

Procession followed by Feast Day Mass  
 Veneration & Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio

St Padre Pio Parish - 34 William Howell Drive -  
 Glenmore Park - P: 4789 2232

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Brian Gleeson CP

**Death Anniversaries: SEPTEMBER**

Sr Mary Donellan, Maria Mandile, Antony Thach, Gerard Farrugia, Maria Bui, Guiseppi Simone, Charles Hockey, James Macartney, Nell Lane, Joseph Shakour, Joseph Obeid, Joachim Ta, Joseph Hoang, Eva Amaral, Maria Tan, Gregory Hill, Raymond Clovan, Giovanna Cipolla, Charles Formosa, Audrey Pember, Delia Edwardes, Helen Roach, Erminia Stramandinoli, Kieren Basic, Kenneth Suter, John Nguyen, Monica Yen, Eileen Blackall, Hend El-Daher, William Warrella, Badaui Semrany, Kelvin Sullivan, Peggy Barrett, Leslie Hogan, Pavlovic Jacob, Anna Matthews, David Schembri, Jeremiah Mahony, Carmela Debone, Marie Harkness, Maria Thi Vo, Catherine O'Connor, Maria Tin, Gillian Sofatzis, Letizia Tesoriero, Douglas Ferguson, Jose Da Costa, Kathleen & John Parry, 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, Steven Para, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Georgette Khoury, Huyen Nguyen, George Bugeja, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Arch Moss, Mely Siasat, Maria Caccamo, Carmel King, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Cruz Chacana (baby boy),

**Other intentions:** Wendy Lamb, Joe & Josephine Farah



**Mass Texts: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Ezek 33:7-9**

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

**Response: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10**

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mt 18:15-20**

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back



**PARISH CALENDAR 2023**

**SEPTEMBER**

8th	Fri	9.00am	Confirmation Reflection day
10th	Sun	12.00	Sacrament of Baptism
13th	Wed	5.30pm	Our Lady of Sorrow
15th	Fri	9.30am	Casimir Graduation Mass
17th	Sun	1.30pm	Parish Fundraiser Lunch Senior Group Sacrament of Baptism
20th	Wed	5.30pm	Our Lady of Sorrow
24th	Sun	2.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation
26th	Tue	7.00pm	PPC meeting
27th	Wed	5.30pm	Our Lady of Sorrow
29th	Fri	7.00pm	Men's Club

*May the passion of Jesus live forever in our hearts*

**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  
 Reconciliation: 4.30pm. **Mass: 5.00pm** (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese)  
**Sunday:** **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
	9/10 Sept	16/17 Sept	9/10 Sept	16/17 Sept	8/9 Sept	9/10 Sept	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Michael H Reader: Laura N	Com: Gabriel B Reader: Michael P	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole P Michael P Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L Reader: John S	Com: Joseph F Reader: Geoffrey L	Dennis M Vinh N Geoffrey L 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: Angie C 1st: Children 2nd: Italian	Com: Mely S 1st: Children 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Reader: Kevin B	Com: Charlie Reader: Arthur K	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K Kristen R	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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest