



# St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

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## Parish Team:

Fr Giltus Mathias CP	Fr Joseph Sy Ho Doan 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 B

8th 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

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#### CCD in State Schools:

Sr Elenita

#### Children's Sacraments:

Sr Elenita

#### Ecumenical & Interfaith:

Jim Yeo

#### Family Group:

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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,*

### Thank you.

*Father's Day last week was celebrated with lots of enthusiasm and love, honouring fathers and father figures and recognising their vital role in the family and society. At all the weekend Masses, a special blessing was given to fathers, asking for God's guidance, strength, and protection in their lives as they nurture and lead their families. Fathers were given a tiny token of appreciation to express gratitude for their love, support, and dedication, followed by coffee and refreshments after the 10.30m Mass. I want to thank everyone who helped organise the weekend celebrations, especially the Passionist Family groups for setting up the coffee, tea and refreshments; Joseph Đãng Thanh Sơn and his family for providing the sweets and the savouries; and the young beacon for preparing the token of appreciation, and of course to St Brigid's Primary school children and staff for the beautiful video as a tribute to the fathers. Each one of your contribution was crucial in creating a joyous and memorable celebration for everyone.*



### Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Miss Adele Abraham, who is appointed as full-time acting REC at St. Brigid Primary School. Sharing a note from Mrs Antonella Mazzucco, the school principal, "I warmly congratulate Miss Abraham on this significant appointment and welcome her back as a very much valued asset to our school leadership team. This year, Miss Abraham has worked diligently in her role and is to be applauded on a job very well done. I look forward to all she will bring to the role once again in 2025." We the parish community extend our best wishes and prayers.*



### Community Refugee Sponsorship - Update!

*St Brigid's community responded well to an invitation from the Catholic Mission to consider supporting refugees for their first 12 months here. On Wednesday, August 28th, 15 of us gathered for an information session. There was strong interest in supporting and discerning this prospect! Thus, another information session, facilitated by Catholic Mission, is planned for next*

Monday, 9th September, at 7pm at the Parish Centre to continue the discernment and consider the next steps. If you already have expressed interest, OR you want to find out more, please join us! Just come along OR contact Joseph Furolo (joseph.furolo@outlook.com). We can also arrange a Zoom option if you prefer.

### Passionist General Chapter

The Passionist General Chapter, a significant event held every six years, will commence with pre-chapter in October with the pre-chapter from 4th to 6th and the actual chapter from the 7th to the 26th. It serves as a time of reflection, decision-making, and planning for the future. Representatives, often elected or appointed, gather from various countries to participate in these important gatherings, bringing diverse perspectives from their respective regions.

The Chapter typically lasts about a month and includes discussions on the spiritual and organisational life of the congregation. The theme for this chapter is **"Here I Am, Send Me" The Passion of Christ: Our Source of Life and Mission**. One key task is to elect new leaders who will guide the congregation for the next six years. Fr. Joachim Rego CP, one of our own, will complete his two terms as the congregation leader. The chapter provides an opportunity for renewal and collaboration and ensures that the congregation's mission remains strong and relevant in today's world. As part of the preparation, we are encouraged to remember the chapter and its delegates in the upcoming days. More information can be found on the website: <https://www.passiochristi.org/capitolo-generale-2024/>

Please remember the Passionists in your prayers, and below is one of the prayers for the General Chapter.

Father in heaven, you chose St. Paul of the Cross to gather companions in your name. Now, during our General Chapter, may we be one with your Crucified Son. Lord Jesús, you have etched in our hearts the memory of your sorrowful passion; keep us always attentive to the suffering men and women found everywhere in the world. Holy Spirit, you transform us into valiant apostles of the Resurrection, give us an ardent missionary zeal so that we may bring the Word of the Cross to the world. Our Sorrowful Mother, you remained at the foot of the cross to the end; support us when we tire in the work of discernment so that we may learn to seek only the will of the Father. Amen.

### Thought for the week

In the Gospels, deafness is portrayed not only as a physical condition but also as a symbol of spiritual deafness - an inability to hear God's voice. In his "Confessions", St. Augustine expresses this beautifully when he says to God: "You called out to me; you cried aloud and shattered my deafness. You radiated light, driving away my blindness. You filled the air with your fragrance, and I breathed deeply, now longing for you. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

Notice how Augustine invokes all five senses - hearing, sight, smell, taste, and touch - suggesting that every part of our being yearns for God. When we truly seek God, we come alive in all our senses. Yet, many remain only half-awake - dull, distracted, and bored. We are called to be fully alive. The miracle of restoring the man's hearing in the Gospel also symbolises awakening him fully to God's presence. How awake are we to God's presence?



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

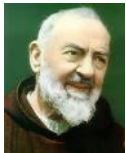
Our RCIA program will begin soon for those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office or email [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)

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

Please note your best contact details on the flyer provided at the back of the church and one of our staff members will contact you and share the many ways you can be more involved in our many ministries.  
*We want to get to know you*

### The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- SHROUD OF TURIN: Leading Australian researcher says science has proved authenticity
- Spiritual warfare is about the basics: Archbishop Porteous
- New doco recalls JPII's visit to Sydney
- Disciple Diaries: Stunt Truckie now God's prime mover
- Monica Doumit: 'Born Alive' bills show anti-life's ghoulis logic
- George Weigel: 25 years since A Witness to Hope



### 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.



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>

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

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



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

### Mention My Name - Special Prayer Service

You are invited to join us for a special Remembrance Service for family, friends and communities, grieving the death of someone close, to suicide or misadventure.

Presided by Most Reverend Terry Brady -  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Sydney.

Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7pm,  
at St Mary's Cathedral

For further information, please contact the Grief Care Team on 02 9646 6908 or email [team@griefcare.com.au](mailto:team@griefcare.com.au)

Do you have a spare laptop??

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

### Please pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Violet Toma, Tony Mansour, Youssef Tabar, Maria Portada, Paul Massi

**Death Anniversaries:** Giovanna Cipolla, Allan Hanscombe, Mary Gladys Hanscombe, John & Clare Finucane, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Charles Formosa, Audrey Pember, Delia Edwards, Maria Joo Lan Tan,

**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: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Is 35:4-7  
Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Response: Ps 145:7-10  
Praise the Lord, my soul!



Second Reading: James 2:1-5  
Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37  
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

**SEPTEMBER**

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
22nd	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
		7.00pm	Youth Group
25th	Wed	7.00pm	Confirmation - Parent Information Evening

**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
	7/8 Sep	14/15 Sep	7/8 Sep	14/15 Sep	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Elizabeth B 1st: Thu H 2nd: Michael P	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Laura N 2nd: Paul C	Carole P Michael P Thu H Leila W	Elizabeth B Michael P Kelelia A Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Margaret T 1st: Joseph F 2nd: Joanna V	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	F. Seufale Margaret K John S	Mary L Stephen O Dennis M	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Joanne M 1st: Dana T 2nd: Italian	Com: Frank C 1st: Bernadette S 2nd: Italian	Bernadette Y Giuseppe S Tony C Jenny O	John M Aiden K Tony H Angie C	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Kevin B Rex H Charlie E	Arthur K Karen W Robert W	Arthur K Alexis H Lenore D	Kevin B 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.

