



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

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

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**11 September 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*

### **THE GOD OF THE LOST:**

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32*

*All through his days on earth, Jesus shows pastoral care for all sorts of people. But he has a special affection for poor people. He has special loving care even for extortionists and prostitutes. His opponents sneer: 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them' (Lk 15:2).*

*The warmth and generosity of his human caring and welcome are signs of the warmth and generosity of God's warmth and welcome. Especially by sharing meals with them, Jesus is saying that in the eyes of God they are not 'rejects', 'outcasts', 'losers', and 'no-hopers'. On the contrary, God wants to put them back together again. So, in and through Jesus, those labelled the 'lost' (Luke 15), come to meet the God of the lost. It is for their sake and in their defence, that Jesus speaks his famous parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.*

*The story of the lost son has been called the greatest short story ever told. It is not really the parable of a prodigal, i.e., of a spendthrift, as it is usually called, but the parable of an incredibly generous father of two sons (see v.11), who in different ways have both lost their way in life.*

*For Jesus, any persons who have strayed from God are not truly themselves. Amid his failures and mistakes the lost son comes to understand that he will be happy again only in the company and home of his father. Meanwhile, his father is waiting for him to return, and as soon as he catches a glimpse of him he runs along the road to meet him and hug him (v.20).*

*When they reach the house, the father cuts short the son's prepared speech. There is no reprimand, not even a small dose of 'I told you so ...' There is no pay-back, no penance, no punishment, and no*

*recriminations. Instead, the father is so glad to have his son back with him again that he gives him the robe of honour, the ring of authority, and the sandals of a son. He just doesn't take the boy back. He welcomes him home with affection. All is forgiven.*

*The Pharisees, to whom Jesus was telling this story, would have been shocked to the core at the way Jesus was keeping company with people who were not only outsiders but sinners, contact with whom would bring defilement. In a sadistic way, they were looking forward to the destruction of those whom they so easily and so self-righteously labelled 'sinners'*

*The parable tells us a great deal about Jesus himself. His own way of acting is the starting point of the story. He is explaining why he 'welcomes sinners and eats with them' (v.2). They are the lost ones, the ones he is bringing home to God.*

*At the sound of music and dancing the eldest son comes in from the fields. His father goes out to him and pleads with him to come to the party (v.38). This eldest son believes he has done everything 'right', and has spent his whole life slaving away on the family farm. His attitude to his wayward brother is one of utter contempt. He even refers to the prodigal as 'your son', not 'my brother'. His anger that his wayward brother has been fully welcomed back into the family with a big party is understandable but unacceptable. For one thing, as the eldest son, he was due to inherit double the amount of property his father gave the youngest.*

*In the details of his story, Jesus is saying that our God is not a mean book-keeping God at all, but a warm, gracious, and generous Father who never stops loving simply because he never stops wanting to save. Jesus is reminding us that while justice is good, it is good only up to a point. One step further and it becomes cold and even out of control. Do those people among us, if there are any, who are hell-bent on strict justice for offenders want*

*them to change their ways? Don't they somehow feel that offenders are getting away with their offences and escaping their just desserts? Perhaps what they really want for those who have done wrong is to suffer all possible consequences of their wrong-doing, and forever.*

*As soon as we hear the words, 'A father had two sons', we begin to be moved by this image of God as a tender, loving, and forgiving father, wanting nothing but the best for us. God's care and concern for every single one of us are so great and so personal that God cannot bear the thought of losing even one of us. No matter how often we may turn our backs on God and go away to do our own thing, God, like the father in the story, waits patiently for us to come to our senses and return home. The moment that we begin to wake up to ourselves and admit that our selfishness has brought us only frustration, misery, and guilt, like the father in the story, God starts searching for us. The moment God catches sight of us, he comes running to embrace us and take us back. There he treats us not as our mistakes and sins deserve, but with tenderness and compassion. In the Eucharist, he even throws a party and lavishes 'welcome home' gifts upon us – Christ himself in his body and blood.*

*We might wonder what happened to the two sons in the end. The parable does not say. What it does tell us is where can find God. God is to be found in every place and in every situation where we sense God saying: 'Come back to me with all your heart'. One special place for finding our God of mercy and compassion is at our Sunday Eucharist. The Eucharistic meal is not a nice gathering of the pure, the respectable, the saved, and the honest. It is rather a sacrificial meal of reconciliation, repentance, and forgiveness for imperfect and struggling Christians like you and me. By celebrating the presence of Jesus, the 'friend of sinners', by hearing his word and receiving him in Holy Communion, we are cleansed, purified, forgiven, and strengthened. So, our communion with him is not a reward for being good. It is a means of becoming good because it is a sign and source of mercy and healing from God.*

*In providing this reading today, our Church invites us to look again at how we think of God. Is God for us the loving and merciful father waiting for us to come home that Jesus told us about? Or do we think of God as some kind of eye in the sky, or some kind of heavenly accountant, ready to pounce on us for even our slightest and smallest mistakes? God is easier in judging than we are, and is ready and willing to forgive the faults, mistakes, and sins of others, even when we are not. No wonder, then, that St Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, as an old man looking back on his life, said this: 'If I had my life over again, I would go through this world, preaching nothing but the mercy of God!'*  
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## St. Brigid's Outreach

AOK – Acts of Kindness  
Community Outreach

You are invited to join us in serving people in need at Woollloomooloo.

**When:** 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.  
Leaving around 5:00pm from Shrublands Hall.  
Serving the homeless starts at 6:00pm and finishes around 7:15pm, return to Shrublands hall at approximately 7:30pm.  
Transport provided to and from Shrublands hall.

Spaces are limited to 4 people per session.

**RSVP:** [outreach@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:outreach@stbrigid.org.au)



## Passionist Family Groups

**Passionist Family Groups will be holding a combined event on Saturday 17 September at 6:00pm in Shrublands Hall.**

If you are interested in joining our Passionist Family Groups, and would like to attend our evening, please contact the Parish Office.

The evening will be catered & there will be a small charge

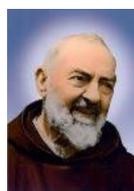
We will pass your details on to the Passionist Family Group coordinators for St Brigid's, and either Adrienne or Jonathan will be in contact.

## Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?

On **10 October 2022** (10-11:30am AEDT) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host the Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled **"Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?"** Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation.  
For more information and to register, please go to [www.acu.edu.au/News\\_CentreforLiturgy](http://www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy).

## Feast of St Padre Pio

You are invited to celebrate with Glenmore Park Parish, the Patron saint, St Padre Pio.



22 Sept - 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass  
23 Sept - 7.00pm Novena followed by Mass  
24 Sept - 5.30pm Novena followed by Mass  
25 Sept - 10.00am Solemn Procession with Relic followed by the Solemn Feast Mass

For more information please call 4789 2232

## Donation for Passionist Mission in Vietnam

Our details are:

Account Name: **Trustees of the Passionist Fathers**

BSB: **062784**

Account: **100002347**



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### **PAKISTAN FLOOD CRISIS**

Devastating floods in Pakistan have claimed the lives of more than 1,100 people and affected 33 million people across the country.

### [Mass Texts: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

**First Reading:** Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

Moses intercedes for Israel and diverts the wrath of God.

**Response:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Second Reading:** 1 Tm 1:12-17

The mercy Paul has received is a sign for all.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 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:** Lk 15:1-32

Parable of the prodigal son.

### [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.

**Recently Deceased:** Aaron Siasoi Apikotoa, Cesare Di Nicola, Emilia Scali

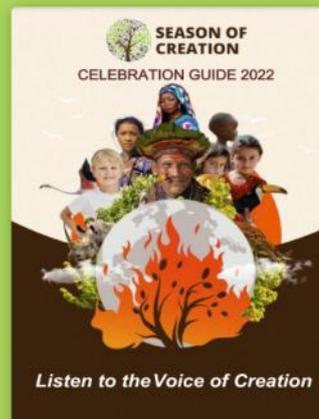
**Death Anniversaries:** Hend El-Daher; William Warrello; Badawi Semrany; Kelvin Sullivan; Peggy Barrett; Leslie Victor Hogan; Anna May Matthews; Gregory Thomas Hill; Jeremiah Mahony; Carmela De Bono, Marie Hakkness; Maria Bep Thi Vo; Catherine Cecilia O'Connor; Maria Nguyen Thi Tin; Helen Roach Gillian Sofatzis

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Mely Siasat; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Joseph Chaina; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas; James Misingongo; Mary Angela Thomas; Marie Thompson; Falakiko Sevelo Kama; George Clavigo; Fr. Jim Elmore, CP, Sr. Anna Kopyt; Sr. Agnese Copyt; Patricia Walsh; Marie Thompson

**Other intentions:** David Brooks ,Dennis,Wendy Lamb , Joe & Josie Farrah, Joseph

## Season of Creation 2022

Listen to the Voice of Creation



[Register to event](#)

### **Child Protection Week**

**5 - 11 September 2022**

*Celebrating Diversity and Differences with all our Children*



**Congratulations to CELINA ELIAS who won the Celebrating Differences Colouring Competition.**

Thank you to the following participants from our Parish:

- CHARLENE ELIAS
- ANTONELLA GERETTO
- SOPHIA NOLAN
- JOSHUA KARAMUSCHOS
- AUGUSTINE EID

### [Resources](#)

The new resource Celebrating Differences Activity Book for Children will be available for download from the Safeguarding [website](#).

**Printed activity book is also available at the back of the Church**



**Parish Collection 28/8/2022**

**First Collection \$1520.00**

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 \$1502.45**

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**

**SEPTEMBER**

11th	Sun	W/E	Child Protection Week Passionist Aged Care Fund Appeal
15th	Thu	7:00pm	Liturgy Committee
16th	Fri	7:00pm	Men's Club
17th	Sat	6:00pm	Passionist Family Group
18th	Sun	2:00 pm	Confirmation Day
25th	Sun	W/E	Catholic Mission Appeal
			108th World Day of Migrant and Refugees
27th	Tue	7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council

**OCTOBER**

3rd	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Ministry
4th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach Main Group
7th	Fri	7.30pm	Men's Club
11th	Tue	7.00pm	Liturgy Committee
16th	Sun	W/E	St Paul of the Cross

**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); 4.00pm (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
	10/11 Sept	17/18	10/11 Sept	17/18	10/11 Sept	17/18	
Sat 5:00pm	Leila Walsh Jim Yeo	Michael P Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Thu Hoang Ofa Tupola	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon- Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	M. Dillon- Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	Jim Yeo  Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Joseph F. Margaret T	Sue King Mary Leask	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen	D. Maher Vihn N. Agustine E.	D. Maher Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Julian Perin Diana Perin Bernadette Y.	Dana T. Tanya H. Angie C.	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Arthur K. Michael M.	Adrienne H. John Skinner	Tony Hayek Pedro M. Jackie K. Adrienne H.	Tony Hayek Jackie K. Michael M. Arthur K.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K