



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 B

15th 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

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Sr Rosana

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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,

RCIA 2024-25

The RCIA program for the 2024-25 year will begin on the 18 in the parish, with a welcoming introductory session. There are about 12 individuals who have expressed interest in exploring the Catholic faith - seeking baptism, Holy Communion and confirmation. A dedicated team of committed parishioners will be leading the program. They will guide participants through the various stages of RCIA, offering instruction and spiritual support. Let us remember these individuals and their journey in our prayers, asking God to bless and guide them as they seek deeper understanding and faith.

Season of Creation



The Season of Creation invites us to pray, reflect, and act in care for God's creation, highlighting themes of ecological justice and stewardship of the Earth. In honour of this season, Casimir College students have beautifully set up a sacred space in the church by St. Maria Goretti Chapel, inviting us to spend time in prayer and reflection on the gift of creation.

Let us take a moment to visit this sacred space and reflect on our role in caring for the environment. I thank Casimir College for their creative and inspiring work, helping us deepen our connection with creation during this special season.



Youth and Young Adult: Celebration of Cultures

On the 22nd of September, after the 6pm Mass, the Youth and Young Adults will gather at the parish hall for the Celebration of Cultures. This will be a joyful evening where we celebrate the richness of our diverse cultures through food, fun, and fellowship!

Here's what's planned for the evening:

Potluck Dinner: *Bring a dish from your culture or a favourite recipe to share with others. It's a great way to explore different cuisines and traditions.*

Games and Activities: *Enjoy a variety of games and activities that will bring us together in friendly competition and laughter.*

*This is a perfect opportunity to meet new friends, learn about different cultures, and have a great time together. Invite your friends, and let's make this an unforgettable celebration!
We can't wait to see you there!*

CRISP Update!

Our CRISP refugee sponsorship group had their second information session on Monday 9th September. We were well supported by Jenny Collins-White from Catholic Mission, who is also coordinator for the CRISP group at Ashfield parish. Their group has been going for 4 years now! A key insight from the meeting was a better understanding of the difference between the 'formal' and 'community' aspects of being involved. There is room for every level of involvement!

Next steps: (a) Another information session (TBA). Please join us! (b) share if you would like to be part of the 'formal' or 'community' group aspects of the sponsorship program.

Thought for the week

I once heard someone describe me as a "priestly priest," and it made me wonder what that truly meant. At its core, I suppose, it implies that he embodied someone's ideal image of a priest—a rather ambiguous compliment, really. Once, I shared with a priest friend of mine that I was given a standing ovation after delivering a sermon and basked in the praise for days afterwards. But my friend remarked, "You shouldn't be so pleased. Remember, when Jesus preached, they crucified Him; when you preached, they gave you a standing ovation!" A sobering perspective, "by the by good friends are brutal at times".

Jesus, in so many ways, defied the expectations people had for Him. He was, quite paradoxically, an "unmessianic Messiah." In the minds of the people, the Messiah was supposed to be a mighty military and political leader who would, in the name of God, defeat Israel's enemies. When Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus sternly rebuked him, warning him not to share that idea. Immediately, Jesus began to speak not of conquest but of suffering. As we hear in today's Gospel, "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering... and be put to death." This notion of suffering and death was far removed from the victorious image of the Messiah people had envisioned.

As Christians, we talk of Christ's "victory over sin and death." But His victory came not through force or violence but through His own death. St. Augustine captured this beautifully, describing Christ as "victor and victim; and victor because He was the victim." This powerful paradox challenges all our conventional ideas about victory and defeat. In fact, the Cross of Christ completely upends our worldly values: success and failure, strength and weakness, glory and shame, wealth and poverty, belonging and rejection—even life and death.

The greatest followers of Christ understood this deeply. St. Paul declared, "I will not boast, except of my weaknesses" (2 Cor 12:5) and "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). It is only through the grace of God that this radical reversal can take hold in our lives, and we are truly blessed if we experience it, even for just a fleeting moment.

In contrast, the Western Church's hierarchy found itself adapting quite comfortably to the imperial world of power, palaces, and purple robes—this, perhaps, was the original secularisation of the Church. A cardinal in full regalia often appears more secularised than a simple priest dressed in worn-out denim. But, ultimately, secularisation is a matter of the heart. What truly matters is that every disciple strives to "have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor 2:16), embracing His humility, sacrifice, and love.

Fr. Giltus CP



RCIA PROGRAM

Starting Wednesday 18th September in the Parish Center.

Please contact the parish office or email rosana@stbrigid.org.au

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Parent Information Night will be held on 25th September at 7pm.

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

The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- [International Eucharistic Congress] - Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Rings out in Quito
- Aleena's band of Tyburn godmothers
- Tomi Uskok's kicking spiritual goals
- Pope Francis' Soth-East Asian tour
- Simcha Fisher: American pro-lifers are finally free
- Olivia Dunn: How caring for animals brings me closer to God

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 or call Ray on 8060 5676.

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.

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

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.



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

Young Adults event: 18+ years only
Fidelis, is on **Wednesday 25th September**
from 6:30-9:30pm at
Canterbury Leagues Club (26 Bridge Rd, Belmore)

The event is in collaboration with Father Ben Saliba's podcast "Against the Grain" with guest speaker Dr Greg Battaro, Catholic Psychologist from the U.S.

The live podcast will be on the topic of Mental Health & the Catholic Faith: Addiction, Gender, Mindfulness & More! With opportunity for the audience to engage in a Q&A.

Registration is required for this event: \$15 tickets
trybooking.com/CVAFZ

6.30pm - 7.45pm - Social, Food & Drinks
7.45pm - 8.50pm - Live Podcast Interview
8.50pm - 9.30pm - Q&A from the floor

Recently Deceased: Youssef Tabar, Maria Portada, Paul Massi, Van Hien Pham, Gloria Susana Rojas-Aguilar, David Richards.

Death Anniversaries: Richard Tuitu'u, Erminia Stramandinoli, Kieran Basic, Kenneth Suter, John Baptist, Cong Van Nguyen, Monica Nguyen Thi Yen, Eileen Blackall, Hend El-Daher, William Warrella, Badaui (Peter) Semrany, Kelvin Sullivan, Peggy Barrett, Carmela De Bono, Leslie Victor Hogan, Anna May Matthews, Gregory Thomas Hill, Jeremiah Mahony, Marie Hakkness, Archibald "Archi" Moss, Maria Bep Thi Vo, Catherine Cecilia O'Connor,

Carrying Severe Illness: Yvonne Kearsy, 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, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances

Other intentions: Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Pat & Paul Richards, Mary Gladys & Jim Hanscombe



Mass Texts: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 50:5-9
I gave my body to those who struck me.

Response: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9
I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18
Faith without good work is dead.



Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 8:27-35
You are the Christ.....the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

SEPTEMBER

15th Sun	Senior's Group
17th Tue 6.00pm	Sacramental Team Meeting
18th Wed 7.00pm	RCIA Meeting
19th Thur 10.30am	Casimir Yr 12 Graduation
21st Sat 10.00am	Cultural Committee Meeting
22nd Sun 12.00pm	Baptisms
7.00pm	Youth Group - Games night
23rd Mon 7.00pm	Liturgy Meeting
25th Wed 7.00pm	Confirmation - Parent Information Evening

OCTOBER

4th Fri 6.45am	Anointing Mass
9.00am	Anointing Mass
7th Mon 9.00am	King's Birthday Public

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
	14/15 Sep	21/22 Sep	14/15 Sep	21/22 Sep	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Laura N 2nd: Paul C	Com: Kelelia A 1st: Leila W 2nd: Michael H	Elizabeth B Michael P Kelelia A Vinh N	Paul C Margaret H Paul C Ofa T	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Mary L Stephen O Dennis M	Margaret T Joseph F Joanna V	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: Mely S 2nd: Italian	John M Aiden K Tony H Angie C	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Bernadette S	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Arthur K Karen W Robert W	Arthur K Charlie E Rex H	Kevin B Alexis H Lenore D	Charlie E Charlene E Arthur K	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 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.

