



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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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.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd 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

Schiano

#### CCD in State Schools:

Sr Elenita

#### Children's Sacraments:

Sr Elenita

#### Ecumenical & Interfaith:

Jim Yeo

#### Family Group:

Adrienne & Jonathan

Harverson

#### 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,*

### Casimir Class 2024

*The Year 12 graduation day, on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> was an unforgettable celebration filled with joy, reflection, and heartfelt emotions. With 164 students graduating, the day began with a beautiful Mass at our church that set a tone of gratitude and reverence. Parents, teachers, and students gathered together, their faces filled with pride and love, as they listened to the readings, prayers, and hymns. The Mass brought everyone together, reminding them of the shared journey they had walked. After the Mass, there were several moving speeches. Principal and school leaders expressed their pride in the students, highlighting their achievements, growth, and resilience over the years. The words, filled with gratitude and memories, touched everyone deeply. There were moments of laughter, but also a few tears as they shared stories about friendships, challenges, and the excitement of moving forward.*



*The celebration continued with a dinner in the evening where everyone sat together as a community one last time. The atmosphere was warm and joyful, as the evening progressed, the school recognised outstanding achievements with special awards. Students who excelled academically, in sports, and in service to the school were honoured. Throughout the evening, there was a powerful sense of connection. Students, teachers, and parents alike were emotional, knowing this was a day of both ending and new beginnings. Tears were shed, hugs were shared, and many kind words were exchanged as the students prepared to step into the next chapter of their lives.*



*Farewell class of 2024 and best wishes for your exams and future.*

## Leadership Team 2025

The Casimir new student leadership team 2025 was elected and installed on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a meaningful and memorable event, filled with a sense of anticipation and hope for the future. The ceremony began with a solemn prayer service, where everyone asked for guidance and blessings on the new leaders. The new leadership team chose the theme “servant-leadership” as their motto, after the very heart of Jesus’s act of washing his disciples’ feet.



This was followed by speeches from the school principal and outgoing leaders, reflecting on the importance of leadership and offering advice to the incoming team. The highlight of the ceremony was the handover of leadership roles, where the outgoing leaders passed on their responsibilities to the new team. Each new leader was presented with their badge, marking the start of their term. Good luck to the new leadership team, as we eagerly await the positive changes they will bring.

## RCIA Opening Night

The parish RCIA 2024-25 season commenced on Wednesday evening. It was a special and heartfelt occasion, filled with a sense of unity and support for the new candidates embarking on their journey toward becoming full members of the Church. It was moving to hear their individual stories—each one unique and filled with moments of grace, growth, and searching. As they begin this important journey of faith, we hold them deeply in our prayers, asking for strength, guidance, and blessings as they walk this path together, discovering more about God and the Church before they join us around the table of the Lord on Easter night 2025. We are all part of this journey, and our support, united in prayer, will be their strength.

## Thought for the week (Mark 9:30-37)

St Augustine wrote: “Observe a tree, how it first reaches downwards so that it may then shoot upwards. It sinks its roots deep into the ground so that its top may reach towards the skies. Is it not from humility that it endeavours to grow? But without humility it will not reach higher. You want to grow up into the air without roots. That is not growth, but collapse.” The disciples of Jesus had not yet come to this understanding. They still engaged in disputes over status, a flaw that has affected the clergy ever since.

The passage says “they” were discussing, and we can likely infer that James and John were at the center of it, as in the next chapter, they are asking for the highest positions in his Kingdom (10:35). It is the ego, the false self, that seeks promotion; the true self, the one that comes moment by moment from God's hand, neither needs nor desires it. As St. John Chrysostom (347–407) said, “If you find yourself in love with precedence and high honour, pursue the humblest things, pursue being the least regarded of all, pursue being the lowliest of all, pursue being the smallest of all, pursue placing yourselves behind others.”

Religion often brings out the worst in people: hypocrisy, fanaticism, and cruelty. While seeking advancement may not be as grave a fault as these, it follows close behind. On this occasion, Jesus wanted to be alone with his disciples, in peace and quiet, to teach them something new: about humility and suffering. This is the hardest lesson of all, and one no one wants to learn, even though suffering touches every human life. Jesus himself would experience suffering to its fullest. As St. Augustine wrote, “God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.” In light of this, the disciples’ quarrels over position seemed shallow indeed. “What were you arguing about?” Jesus asked. “They said nothing...” out of shame. They quieted their argument for the moment, but it would resurface later. In their stubbornness, they unknowingly teach us a lesson—just as a slow learner can sometimes help the whole class by slowing down the teacher.

Fr. Giltus CP



### RCIA PROGRAM

Starting Wednesday 18th September in the Parish Center.

Please contact the parish office or email [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto: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

- Sydney wins bid to host 2028 International Eucharistic Congress p1-5
- Pope Francis in Timor-Leste p10-12
- Monica Doumit on the Misinformation Bill p25
- Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay in PNG p21
- The childcare where parents learn to play too p7
- Players to watch this NRL finals season p32

### St Joseph Enfield Prayer Group Reflection Day

*How do I build my relationship with God?*  
Saturday 28th September 9.45am - 3.00pm

Speaker: Fr Larry Tolentino

Cost: \$15.00

Please bring something to share for lunch and your bible  
Coffee & Tea provided

Contact Rose on 0412 115 961 or  
email [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

126 Liverpool Road, Enfield  
Parking in Baker St.



### 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)

### 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.

### Springtime Creative Retreat

Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God.

**DATE:** 11 - 13 October 2024

**VENUE:** Carmel House,  
345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

To book visit <http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN> (by 27 September)

For more information, contact Judy at [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)



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](http://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:** Maria Portada, Paul Massi, Van Hien Pham, Gloria Susana Rojas-Aguilar, David Richards. Isaura Camara

**Death Anniversaries:** Maria Nguyen Thi Tin, Helen Roach, Gillian Sofatzis, Letizia Tesoriero, Douglas Leonard Ferguson, Jacob Pavlovic, Jose Luis Da Costa, Kathleen Parry, Lola Trethowan, David Schembri, Joseph Trong Quoc Pham, Maria Veh Thi Nguyen, Catherine O'Sullivan, Victoria Climax.

**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, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances, Marie Thompson

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



**Mass Texts: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20  
Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Response: Ps 53:3-6, 8  
The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3  
Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.



Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37  
The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity....All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

**SEPTEMBER**

22nd Sun 12.00pm Baptisms  
7.00pm Youth Group  
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  
Holiday  
11th Fri 7.00pm Concert  
19th Sun 2.00pm Senior's Group  
22nd Tues 7.00pm PPC Meeting

**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
	21/22 Sep	28/29 Sep	21/22 Sep	28/29 Sep	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Kelelia A 1st: Leila W 2nd: Michael H	Com: Margaret H 1st: Jim Y 2nd: Ofa T	Paul C Margaret H Paul C Ofa T	Carole P Gabrielle B Thu H Elizabeth B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Com: Margaret T 1st: Joseph F 2nd: Joanna V	Margaret T Joseph F Joanna V	Geoffrey L Mary L Stephen O	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Joanne M 1st: Mely S 2nd: Italian	Com: Peter J 1st: John M 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Bernadette S	Joanne M Susan K Aiden K Angie C	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Arthur K Charlie E Rex H	Charlie E Rex H Charlene E	Charlie E Charlene E Arthur K	Alexis H Lenore D Kevin B	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.

