



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

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

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**25th 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*

### INDIFFERENCE AND NEGLECT

Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

What did Jesus do when he was on earth? This question is often asked. The usual answer is that he preached, that he taught, and that he healed. What is often overlooked is that, more than anything else, Jesus mixed with people. He listened to them, talked with them, and shared their lives. Often, he ate and drank with them. Meals were one of the main ways Jesus loved and served people. They still are, for Sunday by Sunday he continues to meet us in our sacred meal of bread and wine.

We live in a time of 'fast foods', an age of 'take-away'. Too often meals are reduced to a kind of 'bun on the run' taken in front of the TV, a kind of 'gobble and go'. We may therefore forget the truth that there is more to a meal in the best sense of the word than mere feeding. Ideally, a meal is meant to be something sacred, a sharing not only of food but also of lives, a sharing that includes welcome, hospitality, and conversation. Ideally, a meal is a sacrament, i.e., a sign and means of God's love, a love shared among people who welcome and treat one another as brothers and sisters, and not simply as fellow human beings.

The story which Jesus told about an unnamed rich man feasting lavishly every day, and about a poor, hungry, broken-down beggar called Lazarus, who lay at the rich man's door, is a sharp criticism. It's a sharp criticism of those attitudes and behaviour which not only destroy the meaning of a meal but also deeply offend God. For our God is a God who intends that we should share with those in need all the good things that God has shared with us.

At the time of Jesus, Jewish people were taught that any land and any other possessions were not completely theirs, to do with as they pleased. They were meant to regard them as on loan from God and to pay God rent for them, so to speak, by sharing their wealth with the poor and needy persons around them. Unless we realize

this, we might be tempted to go easier on the rich man than did Jesus. We might be inclined to see him as just another victim of conspicuous consumption or as a kind of harmless playboy getting his kicks from a good table.

So, we must engage in a bit of 'unpacking' the evil that Jesus saw in the rich man and the good that he saw in the poor one. The attitude of the rich man is that of the Miller of the Dee: 'I care for no one, and no one cares for me.' Although he kids himself that his wealth is a sign that he is pleasing to God, his real god is pleasure. When it comes to food especially, he lives for one thing only - to dress up in the finest clothes and to dine daily on the best dishes, the choicest cocktails, and the finest wines, that money can buy. For money and pleasure are his gods, his be-all and end-all.

The flip side of his selfishness and self-indulgence is his behaviour towards Lazarus. It's not that he is actively brutal and cruel to the poor man. It's not that he kicks the poor man away from his door. The problem is his complete indifference to and complete neglect of, Lazarus. So engrossed is the rich man in his world of self-indulgence, that he does not even notice Lazarus, broken down on his doorstep. He does not notice that Lazarus is hungry for even a few scraps of the bread that his rich guests use to mop up their plates. In short, the rich man ignores the poor man at his door.

Lazarus, on the other hand, accepts the bitterness and pain of his situation, without one word of complaint against God, and without one word of resentment and hate for the rich man. He does not let his sufferings drive him away from God, nor dim his hope that in some real way things are going to get better.

There is a wise saying: 'As one lives, so one dies; and as one dies, so one stays.' It's not that God sends anyone to hell. It's just that those who live loveless lives find themselves at the end without love and without God as the source of love. That's what hell is - a selfish and loveless existence.

So it is with the rich man. He who has lived independently and never needed to ask anyone for anything now experiences such misery that he has to beg for help if only a drop of water for his parched throat. And he has to beg it from Lazarus, the beggar man whom he ignored.

On the other hand, Lazarus is now enjoying the company of true and faithful believers. He is enjoying the happiness promised by Jesus to the poor and needy who never lose their trust in God: 'Happy are you poor; the kingdom of God is yours' (Lk 6:10)

Where does this powerful story leave you and me? For a start, it's a story that goes to the heart of one of our deepest longings, the longing to belong. The writer, Henri Nouwen, often spoke of the value of hospitality, which he defined as making enough space for the stranger in our midst to come into our lives and become our friend. So, the story Jesus told raises the question: 'To whom do we belong?' Are the only people in our lives that matter to us, our friends, our family, and our other relatives? Or does our sense of hospitality take us further?

The story Jesus told raises a somewhat connected question: 'Who is my neighbour?' Are we honestly convinced of the truth that at any time my neighbour is the person who needs me now, the person at my door, the person who needs me right there and then? Is my neighbour, in fact, the Lazarus I would rather not notice, the Lazarus I would even like to shoo out of my life because I find her or him a wasted space, a pain, a nuisance, a burden? Does our neighbour include those desperate asylum seekers now knocking on the door of our rich nation for deliverance from the oppression, persecution, and death threats they are fleeing?

This powerful story of the rich man and Lazarus raises yet another question, this one to us as a group, as a 'church': 'What kind of church community are we? Do we especially welcome among us those who are in any way poor, crippled, blind, or lame? Are we good news to them? Do we give them meaning, hope, and a sense of belonging? At our shared table of the Lord, do we help them feel wanted, loved, cared for, supported, and healed? Or do we perhaps just come and go, and simply ignore who, what, and where they are? Do you and I do this? Really and truly, do we?'

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## PARISH NEWS

### CATHOLIC MISSION

*This weekend we welcome guest speaker Jane Sulis from Catholic Mission to speak about the appeal we are holding this weekend. Catholic Mission works with communities around the world to bring fullness of life to all people through a range of crucial projects.  
Please support this cause*

### CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR VIETNAMESE MASS

*Please note from the 2nd October the Vietnamese Mass will begin at 4.00pm.*

## Introducing Sr Rosana, CP

One day I was in the kindergarten classroom and had a glance on one of the pages of a book on the shelf which contain "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing". I was captivated not only by the image nicely illustrated but the message it brings about on the reader." It highlights the proverb that tells "appearances often are deceiving".

I am fascinated to see faces of people I know in person but appears differently in various media platforms. Occasionally, I wonder how this different apps significantly modify our images that is contrary to what is real. Perhaps you might wonder who is this writing untimely in your newsletter. In some instances, writings or images do not reflect the person writing. However, I write now so you may know me through this script.

This is a member of the Passionist family, particularly from the Congregation of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross. The courageous Passionist Sisters embarked a travel to discover new possibility of foundation in the Philippines. I was one of the many women who responded to this noble invitation to become a religious.

I thought entering in the convent stops my life of learning, as I believe life of prayer is essential to a religious. On the contrary, studies, prayer and mission is part and parcel of religious life. After few years of formation, I was sent to an enormous parish administered by the Passionist Fathers.

My stock knowledge of faith, doctrine, theology and organizing skills was truly tested. Consequently, I was sent to Rome, Italy for further theological studies.

Towards the end of my seven years of theological formation, I was not sent back to the Parish where I find myself thirsting to know more and share my catholic faith. But I believe God has a reason, which at times it is hard to understand. Different missionary assignments come one after the other, teaching with the university students, staying with the orphans, conscientiously managing a school and thoroughly handling school records are God's manifold invitation to let me run through the famous passage of the Gospel of Mark: "Not my will but Yours be done" (Mk. 14:36).

This is Sr. Rosana Estoque, CP.  
Thanks for giving a glance of my appearance.

*Please keep Sr Rosana in your prayers as we welcome her to St Brigid's Parish this weekend.*



**Donation for Passionist Mission in Vietnam**

If you can donate and help support our mission please do so by donating to the following:

**Trustees of the Passionist Fathers**  
**BSB: 062784 Account: 100002347**

**Mass Texts: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Am 6:1, 4-7

You now give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

**Response:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading:** 1 Tim 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

**Recently Deceased:** Jean Margaret Reilly

**Death Anniversaries:** Mate Tuimaseve, Luthgarda Cortezano, Kathleen Brown, Marie Monaghan, Sister Mary Canisus Lussick RSM, Victoriano Sapong, Allan Hanscombe

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Mely Siasat; Josephine Corrine (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 Kopyt; Teresa Mazzeo; Patricia Walsh; Marie Thompson, George Bugeja, Jim Elmore, Buena Ong.

**Other intentions:** Rende Family



AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS

LIFEBLOOD

Marrickville is getting a new neighbour for life. Our friends at Australian Red Cross Lifeblood are opening the new Marrickville Blood Donor Centre from 27th October, 7 days a week, at Level 1, 76a Edinburgh Road, across from Marrickville Metro.

At St Brigid's we know Inner West locals are a generous bunch – now's the time to show it!

Visit [lifeblood.com.au/Marrickville](http://lifeblood.com.au/Marrickville) or search 'give blood' to book a donation today.

**Other ways to help:**

You can help such as creating a [Lifeblood Team](#), or sharing news with your friends,

Visit [www.lifeblood.com.au/blood/donate-as-a-group](http://www.lifeblood.com.au/blood/donate-as-a-group) to register as a team

**Together, we're Australia's Lifeblood. | 13 14 95 |**

**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).

**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.



**Parish Collection 11/9/2022**

**First Collection \$1,565.00**

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests & 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 priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired

**Second Collection \$2,402.00**

**Monthly Credit Card giving \$4720.00**

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.

**Expenses this week: \$ 3,448.50**



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**SCAN ME**

*Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish*

**Parish Calendar 2022**



**SEPTEMBER**

- 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 Parish celebration
- 16th Sun 2.00pm Senior's Group
- 19th Wed 9.00am St Paul of the Cross
- 25th Tue 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council

**NOVEMBER**

- 1st Tue 6.45pm All Saint's Day

**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); 4.30pm (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
	24/25 Sept	01/02 Oct	24/25 Sept	01/02 Oct	24/25 Sept	01/02 Oct	
Saturday 5:00pm	Liz Buchel Michael S.	Gabrielle B Paul Cloran	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Ofa Tupola Michael P. Carole Price	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Liz Buchel Leila Walsh	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N. Luca G. Antonella G	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Margaret H. Joseph Furolo	Jan Rego Mary Leask	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K Thu Hoang	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K	D. Maher Vihn N. Agustine E.	D. Maher Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	John Mc. Anthony N Catherine V.	Angie C. Tanya H. Bernadette Y	Albert N. Anthony N Bernadette Y. Tony Cipolla 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	Young Adults	Adrienne H. John Skinner	Tony Hayek Jackie K. Arthur K. Michael W.	Tony Hayek Jackie K. Pedro	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K