



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR C**

**1st October 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*

### NO PAY-BACK

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

You and I are living in worrying times. As a firm and staunch ally of the USA in its declared war on terrorism, we too are vulnerable to attacks, not only with the usual weapons of war but also with germ and chemical warfare. Some of the words of the prophet Habakkuk in our First Reading today speak strongly to our shared situation. Feeling helpless in the face of danger, the prophet's prayer to God is one of frustration, that God has not stepped in to stop all his people's anxiety and fear. He groans and laments: 'How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry "Oppression!" in your ear and you will not save? ... Outrage and violence, this is all I see...'

In reply, God gives the prophet only one simple message. It is much the same message that Jesus gives us today in his parable of the master and the servants. 'No matter what happens, don't lose hope. Keep on doing the just and right thing. Keep on being faithful to God in what you do for others.' Just like those heroic firefighters and police persons in New York on that terrible day known to the world now as '9/11'! They deliberately went into those burning buildings to rescue people trapped there, and for their bravery, some of them paid the ultimate price, the loss of their precious lives.

We are living with a terrible dilemma: - How to stop and how to prevent the lethal attacks from cells of terrorists operating in many countries, possibly even in our own? But is going to war the answer? And if it is, are there any limits to waging war? Under what conditions might the declared war on terrorism be completely just? Do those conditions exist in the current situation? Or is more to be gained by a deliberate policy of non-violence, the policy for the independence of India from British rule that was successfully led by Mahatma Gandhi? The policy too for equal civil rights led by black people in the USA? After the first Gulf War, Pope John Paul II said about that war: '[it] leaves behind a trail of resentment and

hatred that makes it all the more difficult to find a solution to the very problems that provoked the war. I'm reminded of the words of Jesus that sooner or later those who use the sword will be destroyed by the sword' (Mt 12:52).

The first Christians were forbidden to take part in war. One reason was that killing, even killing an aggressor, violated the command of Jesus to love enemies. It also violated the NT's teaching to overcome evil with good. After the year 381 when the emperor Theodosius made Christianity the state religion, things began to change. Christians ceased to be pacifists. In the early 400s, St Augustine taught that violence could be an act of Christian love if it was necessary to protect one's neighbour from unjust harm, especially the weak and the innocent. In the 1100's St Thomas Aquinas built on the teaching of Augustine and contributed to what is known today as 'the just war theory'.

Gonzaga High School, Washington DC, is an all-boys Jesuit institution. Many of the boys pass the Pentagon to and from school. On the day after the attack on the military headquarters in 2001, Carol Corgan was teaching social justice to the senior boys. Emotions were raw as they struggled with feelings of anger and grief. Nearly every one of them spoke openly of getting revenge. Carol knew that she had to change gears with her lesson that day. She decided to share with them Catholic teaching on when a war is just.

She patiently explained the seven conditions for going to war: 1. There must be a just cause. 2. The lawful competent authority must wage the war. 3. It must be for a good purpose. 4. It must be a last resort. 5. It must probably be successful. 6. There must be a proportion, a balance, between the evil that is inflicted and the good one hopes to achieve. 7. Persons who are not fighting in the war, i.e., civilians, must not be directly targeted.

Raised on 'Blow 'em up movies', some of the boys listening to their teacher did not like the limits set by the

just war theory. Many were particularly surprised that a just war would not permit the killing of civilians. Their teacher insisted that killing non-combatants is never appropriate, even if, as at Hiroshima in 1945, it helps to end a war. She insisted that in principle a nation might go to war, but this was a 'yes, but' kind of thing. You have a right to defend yourself, yes, but no, there are limits to what you may do. Orange lights are blinking on this one, between the red saying 'no go' and the green saying 'go for it'.

As the days went on, quite a few boys told Carol that they had been giving a lot of thought to the issues. Some said that the issues would count a great deal if they found themselves drafted for military service. This might well happen since they were all 18 or nearly 18. One boy said that his mind was already made up. He would simply have to be a conscientious objector.]

We need to face the fact that there have been some strain and some breakdown for many years now in the relationship between the Western world and the Arab world. What on earth was going on in the minds of the terrorists of that 9/11 wickedness to inflict such horrific and inexcusable atrocities on thousands of innocent people peacefully going about their lives and work? Perhaps some sense of insult and injustice felt by the terrorists might be part of the answer.

Now to ask this question is not to take a 'Blame the victim!' approach. What I am suggesting is that retaliation, revenge, and all-out, unrestricted war on terrorism will not work effectively and permanently to bring about justice. There must be conversation and dialogue with those people in the Middle East etc. and with their leaders, who correctly or incorrectly, are feeling that the West in general has done them wrong. And if, when, and where it is established that wrongs have been inflicted by either side, those wrongs must be admitted, and then made right as soon as possible.

The whole matter, though, is complex. So, for a just, peaceful, and lasting solution, let us cry out to the Lord, both here at this Eucharist and at other times, words of groaning and words of lament, including these we find in one of the Psalms, 'How long, O Lord, how long, before you hear and heed your people's pleas?'

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### 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**

### **CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR VIETNAMESE MASS**

*Please note the Vietnamese Mass will now begin at 4.00pm.*



### Introduction to Scripture

Dr Peter Holmes  
| Wednesdays 12, 19 and 26  
October | 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

A three evening course in the Didaskō – Catholic Adult Faith Formation series. Peter Holmes is married with eight children. Since 2007, Peter has lectured in Scripture, Theology and biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek). Peter's research interests include the relationship between the Old and New Testaments, the relationship between faith and reason and his PhD on the theology of masculinity.

Cost: \$25.00 for the three-part course.

**REGISTER HERE**

Cost: \$25.00 per course (includes three sessions).  
This course will be delivered online via Zoom.  
Registration essential. More information, contact Helen at  
parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



### Devine Retreat Centre

#### **Spiritual Retreat**

with Fr Roni George VC

Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 7.00pm - 9.00pm

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church

71 Webster Road, Lurnea

Please call Rosy on 0449 975 805 for more information

### **Beloved Women's Day Retreat**

An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney  
Centre for Evangelisation

Saturday November 5th, 2022

8:30am- 5:30pm

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre,  
Grose Vale.



Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast.

\$65 early bird price until 14th October.

All meals included. For more details and to register,  
visit: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

For more information, please  
email [catholicwomensnetwork@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:catholicwomensnetwork@sydneycatholic.org)

### **Volunteer Accounts Officer/ Bookkeeper**



**Palms Australia**  
Reach Beyond

Are you a retired Accounts Officer looking to contribute your bookkeeping skills to a Catholic Charity? Palms Australia facilitates our response, as church, to global communities who seek mentors to build the capacity of their organisations and individuals and so reduce poverty. Securing a part-time volunteer Accounts Officer will allow Palms to use more of their donations to recruit, prepare, send, and support the qualified and experienced Catholics who volunteer for our mission abroad. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities.  
Ph 0412 550 902 OR E-mail [kevin@palms.org.au](mailto:kevin@palms.org.au)

**Mass & Blessing of the Sick**  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto  
rear of St James Avenue Earlwood.

The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes would like to extend an invitation to all to come and join in the **Celebration of the Mass & Blessing of the Sick on Sunday 9th October, 2022.**

Proceedings will commence with the recitation of the Rosary at 2.30pm & followed by the Mass & Blessing of the Sick at 3pm.

The main celebrant will be Bishop Danny Meagher.  
ALL WELCOME.

**National Catholic Men's Gathering  
MAX2022 @ Benedict XVI Retreat Centre:**  
Oct 7-9

MAX2022 is a National Catholic Gathering of men which is a collaboration between menALIVE and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.

The theme this year is:  
RENEW / REFRESH / RECONNECT.

After several years of almost no live events, we are looking forward to gather to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be, better husbands, fathers, & men of God.

Men from all over Australia will join us and there will be nothing this year in Australia like it!  
Online registrations open now: <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

**Mass Texts: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4  
The just will live by faithfulness.

**Response:**  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14  
Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 17:5-9. If you had faith!

**Recently Deceased:** Brett Daly, Jose Gomes, Carmel Cole, Fr. Jim Elmore, CP

**Death Anniversaries:** Ada D'Esclen, Margaret Den Bakker, Asteria Billedo, Claude Scollard, Patricia & Mary Guilfoyle, Angela Quinlan, Leo James Taylor, Louis Schemlei, Alma Carney, Nguyet Thi Nguyen, Rosa Ferrara Errichiello, Fr Raffaele Tresca CP.

**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; Teresa Mazzeo; Patricia Walsh; Marie Thompson, George Bugeja, Buena Ong.

**Other intentions:** Maria Cesaria Rodrigues, Brody Ellis Baker



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).

**ACCOMODATION NEEDED**

Dear Parishioners,

The Passionist Community are seeking accommodation for the family of late Fr. Jim Elmore CP, whose funeral will be in 2 weeks time.

Fr. Jim, has been an Assistant Parish Priest at St. Brigid's and a community leader of the Passionist.

If you can help, please contact  
**Fr. Ron on 0419 691 764**



**Parish Collection 26/9/2022**

**First Collection \$1,170.00**

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 \$1,916.90**

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: \$ 11,065.50**



Please scan the QR code to be directed to our donations page

**Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish**

**Parish Calendar 2022**



**OCTOBER**

3rd	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Ministry
4th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach Main Group
7th	Fri	9.00am	Anointing of Sick
		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
30th	Sun	W/E	Passionists Centenary Celebration

**NOVEMBER**

1st	Tue	6.45pm	All Saint's Day
		6.00pm	Viet Mass
		7.00pm	Mass
2nd	Wed	9.00am	All Soul's Day
		6.00pm	Viet Mass



**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. Blessing for the Ministers will be given after the Mass.  
**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
	01/02 Oct	08/09 Oct	01/02 Oct	08/09 Oct	01/02 Oct	08/09 Oct	
Saturday 5:00pm	Gabrielle B Paul Cloran	Leila Walsh Jim Yeo	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Liz Buchel Leila Walsh	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Jan Rego Mary Leask	Sue King Margaret T	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K Thu Hoang	D. Maher Vihn N. Agustine E.Luca G. Antonella G	D. Maher Luca G. Antonella G Vihn N.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Angie C. Tanya H. Bernadette Y	Robert G. Anthony N. Mely Siasat	Albert N. Anthony N John Mc. Joanne Mc.	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Adrienne H. John Skinner	Pedro M. Arthur K.	Tony Hayek Jackie K. Arthur K Pedro M	Tony Hayek Michael Ward Adrienne H. John Skinner	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K