



St Brigid's Marrickville

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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 B

6th October, 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 Elenita

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Sr Elenita

Ecumenical & Interfaith:

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Family Group:

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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,

The Church Bell: Thank you

Over the week, we have been blessed to have much-needed maintenance of our beloved church bell, a symbol of faith and community.

Very special thanks to Nguyễn Đức Hiền, Nguyễn Văn Tốt, and Nguyễn Văn Đức for not only volunteering their time and work but also providing the resources needed. Their time, skills, and hard work have given the bell new life and new shine, allowing it to once again ring out clearly, calling us to worship and reminding us of God's constant presence.

We are deeply grateful for their selfless contributions, which reflect the spirit of service and unity that defines our parish family.

Rest in Peace, Fr. Kevin Tuitu'u CP



We, the Passionist family, mourn the unexpected loss of Fr. Kevin. Our parish family was blessed to share many years with him as a young, newly ordained priest. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, may perpetual life shine upon him. We are grateful to Fr. Tom for assisting in writing the following tribute to Kevin.

On Friday, 4th October, our much-loved brother, Kevin, surrounded by his family, his Passionist brothers, and with his closest friends, gave himself finally and fully into the arms of his Crucified Lord. After a severe stroke a few



days earlier, Kevin was taken to RPA's Intensive Care, where he gently passed away. However, in the few days prior to that, Kevin had felt signs of what was happening and was not just resigned but accepting of this final call from God. Kevin asked for the final sacraments from Fr Tiernan, with a deep faith that he was being held safe in God's arms. Kevin had answered the call of Christ many times in his life. Kevin became one with Christ in his Baptism. In his vows, he gave himself to Christ Crucified in our Passionist family.

At his ordination, Kevin said yes to being one with Christ the High Priest in his ministry as a priest himself. Now, he is one with the saints in glory. Kevin was born in 1954 in the Hunter Valley but grew up in Wollongong.



Immediately after his schooling, he joined our Congregation, doing his novitiate in Adelaide and taking his vows in 1975, and his theological studies in Melbourne. Studies and assessments did not come easily, and Kevin had 3 academically brilliant classmates alongside whom he felt inadequate. However, "as Dean of Studies at the time, I saw in Kevin a courage, consistency and hard, hard work that gave him a depth of understanding that left others well behind him."

Kevin was ordained in December 1980 and had a varied ministry. He worked in our Marrickville parish as a young priest and again over twenty years later. He also ministered in our Adelaide parish. He was Superior and Parish Priest of our Hobart Parish. Kevin was the Director of our Retreat House at the Monastery Adelaide. He was a much-loved chaplain at St Joseph's Marist College, Hunters Hill and equally loved at Christian Brothers High School Lewisham. He also served as the provincial secretary for several years until his health made it challenging. In all these ministries, Kevin's reverence and sincerity, his extraordinary care for the underdog and those doing it tough, and his equally extraordinary wit, humour and total unpredictability in homilies were loved, appreciated and remembered.

Kevin also spent a number of years in our Passionist Mission in Vanimo, recently visited by Pope Francis. He loved telling the story of a visit

he paid to a family in their house on stilts. Kevin walked in and, given bruises size, immediately fell through the floor. So he did the visit, standing on the ground with the rest of him above the floor. Kevin had the wonderful gift of never taking himself too seriously! Kevin was a hard worker, a wonderful brother in community and a loyal friend especially to those left out or left behind. He had a wonderful wit, a wonderful, and sometimes dark sense of humour. He had no time for pretense or carry-on, and had a clinical insight and ability to name self serving and self indulgence. He was a joy to sit with at table listening to his asides. Kevin was a man of holiness and faith. His room is full of icons, votive lamps, books on spirituality, orthodox and Eastern devotion, and mysticism. There are shelves of his journals covering the over fifty years of his life with the congregation.

It was a hard-won and authentic holiness, as Kevin had many battles in his life, with health and other challenges. His holiness and care for others came from knowing suffering himself, constantly having to reclaim and reaffirm his faith when yet another setback would come. These last years Kevin's health and suffering have been so crippling. Kevin knew Christ Crucified intimately, which is why Kevin was ready last week when Christ came to take him by the hand and lead him home.



Kevin died on the feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis saw death as just a step through the doorway into glory. He called death 'Sister; it was like being taken by the hand and being led into the arms of God, with Mother Mary and all the saints, all the loved ones gone before us there at Heaven's door awaiting to welcome us. We all will miss Kevin dearly. May he rest in peace.

Thought for the week

In these times of division, violence, and conflicts, the second reading for this week from Hebrews is very assuring and comforting very personally. It reminds us that Jesus' incarnation and suffering are not just monumental cosmic events but deeply

personal acts of love that make us members of His family. When Jesus became human, He didn't come as a distant deity but as one of us, fully embracing the human experience. The incarnation shows God's desire for closeness with us—not just collectively, but individually. In becoming flesh, Jesus sanctified every part of human life, demonstrating that God is near to us even in the most ordinary moments.

Jesus' suffering was also personal. While His death on the cross was for all of humanity, it was also for each of us individually. In His agony in Gethsemane and on the cross, Jesus thought of each of us, bearing our specific sins and struggles. His suffering was not just a distant, theological event - it was an intimate sacrifice, showing the depth of His love for you and me. Jesus didn't just endure pain for a general cause but for the sake of every single person He loves.

Hebrews 2:11 tells us that Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters. Through His incarnation and suffering, He has invited us into God's family. This familial bond transforms how we live and relate to Him. We are not just followers; we are His siblings, loved deeply and personally. The cross is not only a symbol of universal redemption but also a personal declaration of God's intimate love for each one of us, calling us into a closer relationship with Him as part of His family.

Fr Giltus



PIETY STALL

If you want a copy of "God's Word 2025" for next year please place an order for a copy at the piety store during this month of October.

Baptism candles and stoles as well as a large variety of cards for Baptism, Communion and Mass cards etc are available.

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HELP NEEDED

We have a parishioner who attends Sunday Mass. She is looking for someone to accompany her walking back to Thomas Roseby Lodge, 388 Illawarra Road after Mass. If you can help please advise one of the parish staff or contact the parish office.

Public Holiday Monday

As Monday the 7th October is a public holiday Mass will only be celebrated at 9.00am

Senior's Group

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

Recently Deceased: Isaura Camara, Sr Joan Smith CP, Fr Kevin Tuitu'u CP

Death Anniversaries: Ada D'Esclen, Margaret den Bakker, Asteria Billedo, Patricia Mary Guilfoyle, Angela Quinlan, Leo James Taylor, Louis Schemlei, Claude Scollard, Nguyet Thi Nguyen, Alma Carney

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, 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: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24
They were two in one flesh.

Response: Ps 127
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11
He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin,



Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16
What God has joined together, no one must divide.



PARISH CALENDAR 2024

OCTOBER

6th	Sun	10.00am	Baptism Preparation Session
7th	Mon	9.00am	Public Holiday
9th	Wed	7.00pm	RCIA meeting
11th	Fri	7.00pm	Ave Maria Concert
12/13	W/end		Catholic Mission Appeal
13th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
16th	Wed	7.00pm	RCIA meeting
18th	Fri	7.00pm	Tongan Mass
20th	Sun	2.00pm	Senior's Group
22nd	Tues	7.00pm	PPC Meeting
23rd	Wed	7.00pm	RCIA Meeting
27th	Sun	10.30am	Presentation of Confirmation Candidates + Family Mass

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
	5/6 Oct	12/13 Oct	5/6 Oct	12/13 Oct	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Aloysia S 1st: Michael S 2nd: Michael P	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Elizabeth B 2nd: Laura N	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Michael H Margaret H Leila W Ofa T	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L 1st: Esther G 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Dennis M F. Seufale Margaret K	Geoffrey L Margaret T Joseph F	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Angie C 1st: Aiden K 2nd: Italian	Com: Robert G 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Peter J Tony H John M Bernadette Y	Guiseppe S Tony C Jenny O Albert N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Kevin B Rex H Lenore D	Arthur K Charlene E Charlie E	Arthur K Lina E Charlene E	Kevin B Charlene E Alexis H	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.

