



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

12th 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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Family Group:

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Justice & Peace Network:

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Liturgy C'tee:

Sr Rosana

Maintenance C'tee:

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Men's Club:

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner

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Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

Music Director:

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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,

Marian Concert

This Friday's Marian Concert was a beautiful celebration of the parish's cultural diversity, centred on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event opened with a reverent atmosphere as parishioners from various cultural backgrounds gathered, each contributing their unique gifts of music, prayer, and tradition. Hymns to Mary were sung in multiple languages, reflecting the many cultures represented within the parish. Songs like "Ave Maria" and "Salve Regina" were performed in English, Vietnamese, Lebanese, Filipino, Portuguese and Italian, among others, blending traditional and contemporary musical styles. Different cultural groups showcased their distinct expressions of devotion to Mary, ranging from lively, rhythmic presentations to quiet, meditative offerings. Between the performances, there was a sense of joyful connection as the community came together over refreshments, sharing food, stories, and laughter, further strengthening the bonds within the parish. This event not only honoured Mary but also highlighted the beauty of the parish's multicultural identity, bringing faith and tradition together in a celebration of unity. Special thanks go to all the cultural groups within the parish and beyond for participating and everyone who helped organise and coordinate the efforts. I wish to name them all, but it will take the entire page and the parishioners who joined the celebration. May Mary, our mother, pray for us all...

Feast of St. Paul of the Cross

On Saturday, October 19th, is the feast of St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionists. During the 5pm Mass that day, the Passionist Companions will renew their commitment and receive a special blessing. We extend our best wishes to them as they continue to share and live out the charism of the Passion. The parish will celebrate the feast on Sunday 20th at 10:30am with a concelebrated mass followed by refreshments. (In next week's newsletter, I will include some information about St. Paul of the Cross, but for now, a little about the Passionist Companions, as expressed by them.)

“Our Passionist Family includes both professed and lay men and women, welcoming all who wish to stand at the foot of the cross to contemplate God's love and proclaim its saving power in the everyday moments of our lives. We share a "down to earth" spirituality that invites us to stand in the shadow of the cross with genuine hope for a shared Christian life. Called to both community and mission, we draw on prayer to sustain our fellowship, joy, and service to one another. Our aims are to deepen our spirituality through immersion in and sharing of the Passionist Charism, to



explore and nurture this spirituality with like-minded people, and to live out the Passionist Charism in everyday circumstances—within our families, homes, communities, workplaces, parishes, and all our relationships.”

Welcome back

Welcome back to both our school staff and students as they begin the fourth and final term of the year! We hope this term brings renewed energy, growth, and meaningful experiences for everyone. A special wish of good luck goes to our HSC students as they approach their exams—may your hard work and determination be rewarded with success!

Thought for the week

We hear much lamenting these days about the state of the World. The daily grind of the News is more than enough to depress the most hopeful person. The human condition is one thing, but the relentless assaults of the forces of Nature are overwhelming. So, the fact that many people feel powerless, sad, and exhausted is quite understandable. Yet, it always surprises me that no matter how bad things get, there are always people who rise to the occasion with their optimism, guts, and courage to improve the World in any way they can.

I think of the countless people addressing the climate issue, the cause for human rights, and the poverty afflicting so many in our World. We do not need to look far to find people of all ages who give of themselves in the cause of what is right and just. Simply remembering such people brings hope to our struggling selves.

The great Buddhist Traditions remind us of the Bodhisattvas who delay their ultimate blessings for the sake of others. Such generosity of heart is a blessing in itself. Unfortunately, I often find myself seeking my own happiness at the expense of others. I delay responding to a message thinking I need my relaxation. I am tempted to think my response is not required or worthless. I can easily forget how important I might be in the life of another person.

As we consider the Faith Traditions of Humankind, we become aware once more of the great teachings inviting us to care for and love one another. Now, as I look out into the World around me, I pray to discover the love within me. Perhaps the time has come to stop thinking my happiness comes with wealth, security, and status. It takes so little to bless another person. It takes great courage to trust such efforts are worthwhile. I pray for the courage to practice understanding, compassion, and love to all those I meet.

Someone once said, “Do not let the madness around you become the World within you.” Let us pause in this moment to discover the World within our hearts. When we are upset about the World around us, is this not a strong indication of our concern and love? We desire better for our World so all people may live in peace. Is this wishful thinking or the deep desire of our hearts? Either way, I will commit myself to making your wish come true, or your desire fulfilled. The wonderful thing about wishful thinking is the deep desire to bring compassion to others.

Blessings to you, for your concern, your love, your compassion, and your heart.

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.

Senior’s Group

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

Please note: There will be **no Vietnamese Mass** on the Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October

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

Death Anniversaries: Rosa Ferrara Errichiello, Fr Raffaele Tresca CP, Maria Rosa Costa, Francis Kim Teck Ng, Len Carney, Dominic Tuy Xuan Pham, Maria Torrez, Edwin D’Souza, Gino Sama, Sam Pergola

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, 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, Salvatore Buda



Mass Texts: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11
In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Response: Ps 89:12-17
Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13
The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:2-16
Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.



PARISH CALENDAR 2024

OCTOBER

11th	Fri	7.00pm	Ave Maria Concert
12/13	W/end		Catholic Mission Appeal
13th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
		7.00pm	Youth Group
15th	Tue	10.30am	Requiem Mass for Fr Kevin Tuitu'u
16th	Wed	7.00pm	RCIA meeting
18th	Fri	7.00pm	Tongan Mass
20th	Sun		St Paul of the Cross
		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
	12/13 Oct	19/20 Oct	12/13 Oct	19/20 Oct	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Elizabeth B 2nd: Laura N	Companions	Michael H Margaret H Leila W Ofa T	Companions	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	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	Geoffrey L Margaret T Joseph F	John S Geoffrey L Mary L	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Robert G 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Feast of St Paul	Guiseppe S Tony C Jenny O Albert N	Anthony N Frank C Bernadette S Joanne M	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Arthur K Charlene E Charlie E	Kevin B Rex H Charlene E	Kevin B Charlene E Alexis H	Lenore D Kevin B Rex 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.

