



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 A

15th October 2023

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.

Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

Our news and TV screens are filled this week with the heart breaking destruction and violence in Israel and Palestine's Gaza Strip. Such terrible suffering borne by everyone, but especially by the innocent on both sides -the unimaginable suffering especially of the families, of the elderly, of women and children. No longer unimaginable though, it is all delivered live into our homes as we get ready for our evening meal.

In our first reading today, the prophet Isaiah speaks about the day to come when ALL PEOPLE will share the most extraordinary banquet, overflowing with good things that God has prepared. A picture not just of peaceful co-existence, but of incredible joy at being different but being together. How far off and impossible that seems these days, and not only in the Middle East. Not so long ago our tv screens were filled with similar images of Ukraine. And then in Myanmar. And tomorrow? Who knows, But we do know that that tomorrow will come, somewhere, sometime! And our spirit will be shaken and our hearts broken again.

In a few weeks time we begin the season of Advent, when our prayer will be "When Lord will this waiting end? When Lord will you come?" "These days it is always Advent.When, Lord!How long, Lord!! it's the prayer of so many, everywhere. And as always, 'we' are the only answer to our own prayer. When will things change? When we do what needs to be done.

Like the guests invited to the wedding banquet in

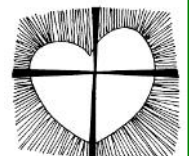
today's gospel, we can be just 'not interested', or 'too busy' to do anything. We can just continue to kill and stone all the unwelcome and uncomfortable messengers who remind us of what justice and our common humanity demand. Or we can do what we can, where we are, with what we've got. Nothing is too small to make a difference.

But one thing is certain, nothing changes if nothing changes.

Our own challenges in Australia might not be as catastrophic, but the hardship, inequality and suffering of so many is very real. Making ends meet, cost of living, providing for the family, the shocking disproportion of who has wealth that grows greater all the time, one in eight Australians living in poverty, the homelessness especially of women, domestic violence, the incidence of depression and mental illness in our young people, the disadvantage and difference in quality of life for our indigenous people, our treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

Even for us, what to do is a challenge. Many of our St Brigid's Parish, Primary and Casimir families have more than enough challenge just getting by. Hopefully, in our parish, we can be one place, one community, where we are here for one another, one place where we can share what we have willingly, equally and with joy. It may not quite be a banquet, but as with the feeding of the 5,000 by Jesus, in the end we should all have enough and some left over to spare.

*Kind regards
Tom cp*



YOUNG BEACONS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets now on sale for the Young Beacons Raffle in support of the maintenance of the beautiful Blue Cross and Beacons of St Brigid's Church.

Prizes include 5 beautiful hampers
Tickets are \$2 each or 11 tickets for \$10.
Available at the Church doors after Masses.

Prizes will be drawn on the weekend of 11/12 of November 2023 and winners will be notified by phone. Thank you for your support



Are you New to St Brigid's.

Please note your best contact details on the clipboard at the back of the church so one of our staff members can contact you and share the many ways you can be more involved in our many ministries.

We want to get to know you & want you to get to know us.

Discover Your Faith Journey with the Sacred Pathways Collective

Are you aged 18 and over, looking for an exciting way to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, and make a meaningful impact? Join the Sacred Pathways Collective, your gateway to spiritual adventure and personal growth!

To take the first step on this incredible journey, simply follow the QR code. Answer a couple of quick questions, and you'll be on your way to an enriching experience with fellow young adults at our parish.



The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 15 October 2023

- Palestinian Christians plead for peace amid Holy Land violence
- Dan Schutte on the writing of "Here I am Lord"
- Family reunited after six agonising years of separation
- Monica Doumit on the Voice to Parliament
- Dr Michael Walker on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum
- Synod on Synodality continues in Rome

Dear Parishioners,

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese.

These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.



Lambert Goes Down Under

The Early Music Collective Sydney
Curated by Karen Carey OAM



FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 7.30pm

Here at St Brigid's Marrickville
Watch live or online

Get your tickets at [Trybooking.com/CKOLH](https://trybooking.com/CKOLH)

Come see Australia's only antique French viola da gamba, Jean Nicolas Lambert (Paris 1739) performed by Shaun Ng.

Program includes solos by Telemann, duos by Couperin, sonatas by Quantz, a suite by Rameau and the viola da gamba concerto by Telemann

Save the Date

2nd December
Boarding House Annual Christmas Party



ALL HALLOWS EVE

Commonly celebrated as an evening of ghosts and ghouls, scary looking costumes and trick or treating but what are we celebrating? All things Dark?

As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light. *Place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ and he is the Light of the World.*

All Hallows eve can be part of a special three-day holy celebration; October 31st All Hallows Eve, November 1st All Saints Day, November 2nd All Souls Day, in which we can contemplate, pray, attend mass and create new and meaningful catholic traditions in our parishes and families.

We can honour God by Worshipping Jesus as the light of the World, by recognising his light in the lives of the Saints who reflected him to all of those around them, and by acknowledging and praying for all souls who have died in the faith, that they may receive his mercy, be reunited into his loving arms and live eternally in his light. There are some great resources online with lots of ideas for families and kids, as well as further information about these days.

Fun Idea 1 # Carve the shape of a cross in a pumpkin instead !

Fun Idea 2 # Bake some all soul cakes, you can find the recipe online.



Jesus Light of the World Community

Prayer Gatherings:

Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk, Fellowship

Speakers:

Saturday 21 October – Ron Maldigri

Saturday 28 October – Marina George

All commencing at 2:30pm

St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale
(parking entrance via Parker Street)

Enq: Helen (0433 455 114), Ida (0424 267 500)

St Joseph's Prayer Group

Reflection Day Thanksgiving

Conducted by Fr Roni George VC
of the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby

Saturday 21st October 9.45am - 3.00pm

Please bring your bible. Morning tea provided.
Please bring a plate to share for a communal lunch
Cost: \$15.00 126 Liverpool Road, Enfield
For further details call Rose 0412 115 961

All Souls Day is a special day for many to reflect and show their love and memories for those who are no longer be with us.

Please join us for our annual memorial masses with live music and hospitality provided after mass.

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery
Saturday, 28 October at 12pm
Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

RSVP: By 25th October 2023 (for catering purposes only) to marketing@catholiccemeteries.com.au



In partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the Theology of the Body Institute, the Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce that we will be hosting a 5-day immersion course with Dr. Christopher West on the Theology of the Body with a special focus on St John-Paul's classic work "**Love & Responsibility**".

This not-to-be-missed opportunity to participate and learn from Dr. Christopher West in person here in Sydney is open to all Australians!

Date: 21-26 January 2024

Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Cost: \$1900 Subsidies available for approved students

Inclusion: Immersion Course with all materials, 5 nights' accommodation (single room) and all meals

For further enquiries or to register contact:
tobi@sydneycatholic.org

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba,
Director of the Cagliero Project
Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

On 23 November, ASC are celebrating 30 years of the **Asylum Seekers Centre** with a fabulous special event at the Seymour Centre. Put the date in your calendar and stay tuned for more details.
T 02 9078 1900 F 02 9078 1999 Asylum Seekers Centre 43 Bedford Street Newtown

Recently Deceased: Maurya Bell, Thi Ngoc Hanh Bui, Van Tuoi Hoang, Maureen Osborn, Giovanna Salis, Sr Joan Mary Topor CP

Death Anniversaries: Daphne Grange, Demetrio Llego, Hannah El-Lakkis, Maria Kearsey, William Kearsey, Madeleine Rose De Sousa, Peter Nguyen Van Nhan, Sr Betty Marion McDonald RSJ

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Buena Ong, Phil Drew, Steven Para, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Georgette Khoury, Huyen Nguyen, John Love, George Bugeja, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Mely Siasat, Maria Caccamo, Carmel King, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Matthew Moss, Sharon Micallef, Maria Caccamo, Sharon Micallef, Maria Caccamo

Other intentions: Edelweiss Marinozzi



Mass Texts: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Response: Ps 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

PARISH CALENDAR 2023

OCTOBER

15th	Sun	12.00pm	Sacrament of Baptism
19th	Thur	6.45am	St Paul of the Cross
		9.00am	Mass
18th	Wed	7.00pm	RCIA
20th	Fri	7.30pm	Music Concert
28/29	W/end		Catholic Mission Appeal
31st	Tue	7.00pm	PPC Meeting

NOVEMBER

1st	Wed	9.00am	All Saints Day
		6.00pm	Vietnamese mass
		7.30pm	Mass
2nd	Thur	6.45am &	All Souls Day
		9.00am	Mass
		6.00pm	Viet Mass
		7.30pm	Mass



Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri: Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am** and Rosary
Tues: **Mass at 6:45am**
Thurs: Mass at 6.45am followed by 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) | **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 .

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	14/15th Oct	21/22nd Oct	14/15th Oct	21/22nd Oct	14/15th Oct	21/22nd Oct	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Laura N Reader: Liz B	Com: Kelilia A Reader: Leila W	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh N Carol P Michael P Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G Reader: John S	Com: Marco G Reader: Joseph F	Dennis M Vinh N Geoffrey L Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Jan R 1st: Mely S 2nd: Italian	Com: Peter J 1st: John McG 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N Tony C 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	Com: Charlie Reader: Kevin B	Com: Arthur K Reader: Charlie	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K	Tony H Arthur K John S Jackie K	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina 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.

