



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 C
9th 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

LEPERS THEN AND NOW

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

There is a close parallel between the gospel story of the Ten Lepers and lepers in civil society today - the ones who feel excluded, the ones who feel they don't belong, the ones who feel they are outsiders, not insiders. Who are they? Let me offer some possibilities! First Nations folks (aborigines)? Refugees? Asylum seekers without documents? The homeless, the unemployed, and the elderly suffering dementia? People who are down on their luck and need food vouchers to survive? Persons who disagree with us on war, climate change, and other social and political issues? The mentally ill and the physically deformed? Those suffering from Long Covid? Mothers with children fleeing domestic violence? Many people feel ignored, shunned, and humiliated, day after day after day.

In our Christian communities, our churches, who are today's lepers? Australian Jesuit priest, Richard Leonard, has listed the following persons as in need of understanding, and of tender, loving care from their church. He points out: '... there are divorced and remarried people who want to participate in the sacramental life of the church. There are women who have had abortions, couples using contraception or in vitro fertilization, women who feel called to ordained ministry, and gay and lesbian Catholics who tell us that what they hear from the church is that ... the only place for them is outside the Temple and away from the community' [Preaching to the Converted, p.340].

In meeting the Ten Lepers, Jesus did not let the question of how they became lepers stop him from helping and healing them. Neither should we, in our compassion and outreach to the lepers of today. So, what can we do? Let me suggest: - 1. When we see them, don't turn away from them, but turn towards them. Smile, look them in the eyes, and offer a 'Good Morning'. Don't be surprised if they light up and smile back. 2. To be truly pro-life, stand up for all life from conception to the

grave. This includes the homeless, the mentally ill, and those who don't share our lifestyle or religious beliefs. As Rick Warren says: 'We can walk hand in hand without seeing eye to eye.' 3. Speak up for those who are forgotten, ignored, excluded, and have no voice.

Still another parallel may be presumed. Just as ten lepers were made clean but only one was grateful, it's unlikely that all outcasts are as grateful as they might be - to their supporters, families, friends, and carers. It's more likely that some - if only a few - are so preoccupied with their pain, discomfort, loss of meaning and hope, that they simply forget to acknowledge the love and care, the help and relief that they receive. After all, it's only human nature to forget!

We, you and I, come into the picture, in another way. We may be very healthy, with healthy bodies and healthy sexuality. But are our attitudes completely healthy? How many social lepers do we know? How many would we be willing to know? For how many do we care or are willing to care?

What happened with the ten lepers raises another concern. Ten were cleansed, ten were helped, ten were healed, and ten were given back life, meaning, and hope, but only one returned to thank Jesus. He did so loudly and enthusiastically. So, do you and I appreciate and acknowledge the good that is done to us and the good that is done for us? Or are we so self-centred, so wrapped up in our little selves that we neglect to say thanks, and to show our appreciation for favours and kindnesses received?

Have you ever noticed children opening presents? They tear off the bows, the gift-wrap, and the cardboard, to go straight to the contents. They ignore the card that says where the present came from. They have to be told: 'Say "thank-you" to Uncle Jim.' 'Give Auntie Jane a kiss.' We can excuse little ones for this because they are not grown up. We others should know better and do better. To our great credit tonight [today], we have come

together to the Eucharist to give thanks to God, 'from whom all blessings flow'. But when I see you praising and thanking God, I cannot but think of the words of Jesus: 'Were not all ten made whole?' Has not our entire parish been made whole in baptism?

Were not hundreds of God's people around here once connected by baptism to the person of Jesus Christ, and offered a lifelong relationship with him? So 'where are the other nine?' Where are they?

At other Masses, I hope – somewhere. As for you and me, having received so much from God through Jesus and his followers, how could any one of us possibly stay away from this time of heartfelt thanks for life, health, happiness, meaning, purpose, fulfilment, and the ongoing company and challenge of Jesus and our fellow-Christians? To mention just a few of the blessings that flow from our God of tender mercy, day after day after day!

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Dear Parishioners,

The Mass of Christian Burial for Fr James Elmore CP will be celebrated on Monday, 10 October at 10.30am at St Brigid's Church followed by refreshments in Shrublands Hall.

The burial will take place at the Passionist Community plot at Rookwood Cemetery at 1.30pm.

*In Christ Crucified
Tom CP
Provincial Superior*

Mass Texts: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2Kg 5:14-17:
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Response:
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13:
If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19.
It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

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

FEAST OF ST PAUL OF THE CROSS

Founder of the Passionists



The Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Paul of the Cross on the weekend of 15/16 October.

Main Mass on Sunday, 16 October at 10.30am followed by refreshments in the Church Foyer (in Hall if wet).

Please bring a plate to share, a practical way of thanking the Passionists for their care and support over so many years is a contribution to the Passionist Aged Care Fund. Envelopes are available on the pews.

**FAMOUS QUOTES FROM
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS**

INSPIRATIONS TO LIVE A HOLIER LIFE

“Therefore, be constant in practicing every virtue, and especially in imitating the patience of our dear Jesus, for this is the summit of pure love.

Live in such a way that all may know that you bear outwardly as well as inwardly the image of Christ crucified, the model of all gentleness and mercy. For if a man is united inwardly with the Son of the living God, he also bears his likeness outwardly by his continual practice of heroic goodness, and especially through a patience reinforced by courage, which does not complain either secretly or in public. Conceal yourselves in Jesus crucified, and hope for nothing except that all men be thoroughly converted to his will.”

“Do not live any longer in yourself, but let Jesus Christ live in you in such a way that the virtue of this Divine Savior may be resplendent in all your actions, in order that all may see in you a true portrait of the Crucified and sense the sweetest fragrance of the holy virtues of the Lord, in interior and exterior modesty, in patience, in gentleness, suffering, charity, humility, and in all others that follow.”

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

**Sydney Catholic Schools
Family Educator Roles available**

Family Educators liaise between our school and parish communities. The role is school based, 2.5 days per week. The role works to create invitational events, information sessions and activities that aim to connect families with the religious life of the school and the parish. Family educators also provide further support to families in the development of their child – spiritually, socially and educationally. A good heart and a big smile is all you need to be a great Family Educator.

We currently have roles in: Bondi, Beverley Hills, Daceyville, Enmore, Leichhardt, Leichhardt North and North Shore.

- Bondi: <https://fal.cn/3slod>
- Beverley Hills: <https://fal.cn/3sl0h>
- Daceyville: <https://fal.cn/3sl08>
- Leichhardt: <https://fal.cn/3sl0c>
- Leichhardt North: <https://fal.cn/3sl0b>
- North Shore: <https://fal.cn/3sl09>

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 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.

***Family Spirit is currently seeking support
to find foster carers.***

9-month-old Suzie urgently needs a safe and caring home. Suzie, who is a bundle of joy, has recently been in a short-term placement, but we are now looking for a home and carers who she can build a long-lasting relationship with and who can provide long-term care and support.

Can you help us find a carer for Suzie?

Suzie's siblings are also in care, currently in North-Western Sydney, and it is important for her to see her siblings regularly to continue to build their relationships. Any prospective carer/s would need to support these regular meetings.

We are open to carers of any age, gender and family size and a thorough matching process will be undertaken to ensure suitability.

Do you know someone who could help?
If you could please forward this information to anyone who might be able to assist. They can call the Family Spirit team on 13 18 19 to find out more or register to attend one of our online information sessions as detailed below. Read more about Suzie and other young people you can help.

Upcoming Foster Care Information sessions

Our October and November online information sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 26 October 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Wednesday, 30 November 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Those interested can register by visiting familyspirit.org/become-a-carer. One-on-one information sessions are also available at a time that suits you by contacting us on 13 18 19 to arrange.

Family Spirit's Information Sessions provide interested parties with an opportunity to learn about:

- why children come into care
- the process of becoming a carer
- different care options available
- support available to foster carers

For more information, please call our team on 13 18 19 or visit familyspirit.org



Recently Deceased: Josephine Corrine Roehrig (Deacon Christopher's mother), Fr. James Godfrey Elmore, CP

Death Anniversaries: Fr Raffaele Tresca CP., Emilia Scali, Maria Rosa Costa, Francis Kim Teck Ng, Len Carney, Dominic Tuy Xuan Pham, Maria Torrez, Edwin D'Souza, Gino Sama, Mary Veronica Taylor, Maria Rosa Travia.

Carrying Severe Illness: Mely Siasat; Patricia Thomas; Joseph Chaina; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas; James Misingongo; Mary Angela Thomas; Marie Thompson; Falakiko Sevelo Kama; George Clavijo; Teresa Mazzeo; Patricia Walsh; George Bugeja, Buena Ong.

Other intentions: Maria Cesaria Rodrigues, Brody Ellis Baker, Wendy Lamb, Dennis



Parish Collection 2/10/2022

First Collection \$1,155.00

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 \$1,314.00

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: \$ 9,774.00



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

Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish

Parish Calendar 2022



OCTOBER

10th	Mon	10.30am	Funeral: Late Fr Jim Elmore
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
		7.00pm	Mass
4th	Fri	7.30pm	Men's Club
7th	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement meeting
10th	Thur	7.00pm	PFC Meeting



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
	08/09 Oct	15/16 Oct	08/09 Oct	15/16 Oct	08/09 Oct	15/16 Oct	
Saturday 5:00pm	Leila Walsh Jim Yeo	Michael P Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Thu Hoang Ofa Tupola	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Michael Price Carole Price	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Sue King Margaret T	Mary Leask Joseph F.	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K Thu Hoang	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen Francis S. Margaret K	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	Robert G. Anthony N. Mely Siasat	Separate Roster	Albert N. Anthony N Angie C. Peter Jennings	Albert N. Anthony N Priests	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Pedro M. Arthur K.	Adrienne H. John Skinner	Tony Hayek Michael Ward Adrienne H. John Skinner	Tony Hayek	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K