



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

20th 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.

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Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,

Happy Feast of St. Paul of the Cross!

I had promised you in the last newsletter that I would write to you about St. Paul of the Cross. Not that most of you didn't know much of him, but a significant new number of our parish family may wish to know. St. Paul of the Cross (1694-1775) was an Italian mystic and priest who founded the Passionist Congregation, a religious order focused on meditating upon and promoting devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ. His life is a profound testament to the transformative power of prayer, suffering, and love for God. His charism, or spiritual gift, continues to inspire Christians worldwide to unite their suffering with the Passion of Christ and discover the deep well of divine love and mercy in their lives.

Born Paolo Francesco Danei in northern Italy, Paul grew up in a devout Catholic family that nurtured his religious inclinations. From a young age, he was profoundly moved by Christ's suffering, and as he matured, he felt a strong calling to live a life of prayer, penance, and meditation on the Passion. Paul believed that the Passion of Jesus was the clearest revelation of God's love for humanity and that contemplating this mystery could bring about conversion, healing, and profound spiritual renewal.

After a series of spiritual experiences, Paul left behind the life he had known, choosing to live in solitude for an extended period. He spent these years in prayer and contemplation, focusing especially on the Passion of Christ, which he saw as the ultimate act of love and the gateway to salvation. During this time, he also began writing the Rule for a new religious order dedicated to promoting devotion to the Passion. In the 1720s, after receiving approval from the Church, he founded the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists) with the mission of spreading devotion to Christ's Passion through preaching, spiritual direction, and charitable works.

St. Paul of the Cross believed that deep prayer and meditation on the Passion of Christ would lead to personal conversion and spiritual renewal. His emphasis on penance reflected his understanding that, through suffering, we can unite



ourselves to Christ's suffering, offering our trials and difficulties in union with His sacrifice for the salvation of the world. The Passionists were also called to preach, focusing their message on the love of God revealed in Christ's Passion, inviting people to experience the transformative power of God's mercy.

St. Paul of the Cross was known for his intense and deeply moving preaching. He led many people to a deeper relationship with Christ by helping them reflect on the suffering of Jesus and encouraging them to embrace their own crosses with faith. His message was not one of despair but of hope and redemption. He taught that suffering, when united with the Passion of Christ, can be a source of grace and transformation. For St. Paul, the cross was not merely a symbol of pain but the greatest sign of God's love. In Jesus' suffering and death, we see a love so profound that it embraces the depths of human pain, brokenness, and sin. Christ willingly took on the weight of our suffering, not out of obligation but out of pure, self-giving love. His sacrifice on the cross reveals a God who is not distant or indifferent to human suffering but one who enters into it fully.

Through the Passion, God shows us that love is not merely a feeling but an active, sacrificial commitment to the well-being of others. Jesus endured rejection, humiliation, and unimaginable pain, all to reconcile us to the Father. This love is so vast and incomprehensible that it transforms the cross - a symbol of death - into a source of life, hope, and redemption.

Reflecting on the Passion of Christ, we are reminded that no matter the depth of our suffering or sin, God's love reaches further. It is a love that redeems, heals, and offers new life, assuring us that in the darkest moments, God is with us, pouring out His mercy and grace. The cross stands as a profound testament to the lengths God will go to show His love, inviting us to respond with trust, gratitude, and love for others. Happy Feast to the Passionists Family!

New Initiative

I am delighted to announce an inspiring new initiative within our parish that focuses on celebrating one of the most significant aspects of our community life—our beautiful diversity! On Saturday, October 5th, 2024, a small group of dedicated parishioners came together for a Cultural Initiatives Meeting and Workshop. During this gathering, the group embraced the name “**St. Brigid's Cultural Ministry.**”

Guided by the parish's mission statement, the Cultural Ministry has adopted its own mission: “St. Brigid's Parish, one family, many cultures, alive in Christ.” This ministry's goal is to foster and strengthen connections with both existing and emerging cultural and ethnic groups in our parish. Through these efforts, we hope to enrich our worship and parish life by celebrating the vibrant diversity that makes us one in Christ.

As the ministry moves forward, it will continue to discern, together with the wider parish, how best to celebrate our rich cultural diversity and unity in faith. To help shape the future of this ministry, we invite and encourage the entire parish community to participate in a brief survey. Your responses will be vital in guiding this exciting journey of cultural appreciation and unity. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners who have stepped forward to lead this ministry. Their passion and commitment to this mission are truly inspiring, and I encourage you all to join me in supporting them as they work to enhance our parish life. Thank you in advance for your participation and support of this important ministry. Let us continue to celebrate our shared faith and the many cultures that enrich our parish.

Congratulations!

On October 17th, 2024, the 48th General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ elected Fr. Giuseppe Adobati Carrara CP as the new Superior General. Fr. Giuseppe was born on September 12th, 1969, professed his religious vows on September 14th, 1991, and was ordained a priest on June 1st, 1996. As we welcome Fr. Giuseppe into this new role, we invite the entire Passionist family and our wider community to join us in prayer. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and guide him in this important ministry, that he may faithfully carry out the responsibilities entrusted to him. Together, with open hearts, let us remain united in Christ's love, sharing in the mission of the Passionist Congregation. May we all continue to bear witness to the Passion of Christ, finding strength in the Cross and remaining faithful in our call to love and serve one another. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our own Fr. Joachim Rego, CP, for his exceptional leadership and dedicated service over the past 12 years as Superior General.

Fr Giltus



St Brigid's 1974 School certificate year Reunion

Saturday November 2nd

St George Sailing Club Lunch 12.30pm

Also De La Salle and St Brigid's 1974 School Certificate groups:

School tour of Casimir Catholic College 4.00pm

November 1st followed by drinks/ dinner at

The Henson Hotel, Illawarra Rd
Marrickville.

Contact Joy Nandan 0410451797 for further details and to RSVP.



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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.

The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- St Charbel Lights up the town
- Eastern churches pray for Lebanon
- Grotto rises from the ashes
- The life of Carlo Acutis celebrated on stage
- Cardinals go global
- Our first brush with faith

Butchers, Blokes & BBQ

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 22nd October @ 7pm

Holy Innocents' Catholic Primary School
School Hall, Croydon

Special Guests

Fr Ben Saliba - Against the grain podcast

&

Andrew Condoleon - "Brother is Christ" member

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1293720?qr=true&qr=true>

November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need which arranges over 2 million Masses each year, supporting one in eight priests worldwide. Mass offerings flyers are located at the back of the church or alternatively, visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses or call 1800 101 201 to arrange your Masses.



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: Fr Kevin Tuitu'u CP, Sylvia Hardwick

Death Anniversaries: Sam Pergola, Mary Veronica Taylor, Maria Rosa Travia, Robert Faulkner, Sophie Grabowski, Daphne Grange, Demetrio Llego, Hannah El-Lakkis, Maria Kearsey, William Kearsey, Madeleine Rose De Sousa, Peter Nguyen Van Nhan

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: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 53:10-11
If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life

Response: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16
Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.



Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:35-45
The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

OCTOBER

20th Sun	2.00pm	St Paul of the Cross Senior's Group
22nd Tues	7.00pm	PPC Meeting
27th Sun	10.30am	Presentation of Confirmation Candidates + Family Mass
	7.00pm	Youth Group
30th Wed	7.00pm	RCIA meeting
31st Thur	7.00pm	Rosary for Peace

NOVEMBER

1st Fri	6.45am 9.00am	All Saint's Day
2nd Sat	6.45am 8.00am & 5.00pm	All Soul's Day

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
	19/20 Oct	26/27 Oct	19/20 Oct	26/27 Oct	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Companions	Michael H Margaret H Jim Y	Companions	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Margaret T 1st: Joseph F 2nd: Joanna V	Com: Mary L 1st: Esther G 2nd: Geoffrey L	John S Geoffrey L Mary L	Stephen O Dennis M F. Seufale	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Feast of St Paul	Dana T Anthony N Italian	Anthony N Frank C Bernadette S Joanne M	Susan K Peter J John M Aiden K	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Kevin B Rex H Charlene E	Charlie Karen W Robert W	Lenore D Kevin B Rex H	Lina E Charlie E Charlene E	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.

