



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

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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 A

22nd 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,

On Thursday last, we Passionists, whether religious or our lay companions who share our spirituality, celebrated the feast day of our father & brother, St Paul of the Cross, who founded our congregations.



His statue is in a shrine along the side aisle of the Church. His portrait and relic is found in the small St Joseph Chapel. Paul saw the sufferings and passion of Jesus as the most marvelous sign of God's love - In Jesus, God empties himself to experience the ultimate rejection, pain and sorrow that so many, too many, experience.

Our Founder, St Paul, called us to : "place yourself, on Calvary, at the feet of Jesus, be one with him as he hangs there, naked on the cross".

That is where we have found ourselves these past days as we watch the appalling horror and destruction of the Middle East. As Jesus wept over what he saw would happen in Jerusalem in the scripture - " And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. (Gospel of Luke). He weeps again over Palestine and Israel, and all the innocent on both sides who suffer most terribly. If only we could know and enact what makes for peace - for both sides of the present conflict and every place of suffering and upset.

Perhaps to help us, it is good to look to that great saint, St Therese of Lisieux.



It was the 150th anniversary of her birth this week. She joined the Carmelite convent at the age of 15 and died at the age of 24, and yet successive popes have hailed her as one of the great saints. Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict called her the expert in the science of love.

She is patroness of missions, one of the patrons of Australia, and a doctor of the church.

Her statue and shrine are also in the aisle of our Church, a tribute to the Carmelite sisters who were the very first religious in Marrickville and part of our lives for 100 years up in Wardell Rd.

Hidden in the Carmel convent, she said her vocation was to be 'love' in the heart of the world. When all seemed hopeless, she abandoned herself in love to Christ. Therese's name as a religious was Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face - referring to the infant Jesus in the crib, and blood & tear stained face of the suffering Christ of Calvary. In her own dark night of suffering from TB, Therese just kept being 'love', and trusting that somehow in the end, everything would be alright.

There is so much we cannot control or change or heal at the moment, but, small and simple as we are, as Therese was, we can be 'love' where ever we are

*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 \$20.
Available at the Church doors after Masses.

Prizes will be drawn on Sunday 12th November after the 10.30am Mass. 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.



*Dear Parishioners,
There have been reports of SMS message & email scams targeting individuals. These scams impersonate members of our parish or the Archdiocese, 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, please contact the parish office directly.



Save the Date

2nd December
Boarding House Annual Christmas Party

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.



'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza using the QR code or phone 1800 024 413

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?

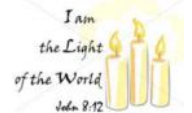
As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light. *Place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ and he is the Light of the World.*

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.



St Brigid's Annual Memorial Mass



*Our annual memorial mass will be held on
Friday November 24 at 7pm
All are welcome*

Don't forget to check out our PIETY STALL
Columban calendars and great Christmas
gifts available now!!

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



St Mary's Singers at
St Mary's Cathedral Sydney presents
CHURCH MUSIC THROUGH THE YEAR
St Mary's Singers features a program of liturgical choral music in the magnificent St Mary's Cathedral.

The program includes:-

- For unto us a child is born, Handel
- Emendemus in melius, Byrd
- Hallelujah Chorus, Handel
- Veni Creator Spiritus Chant for Pentecost
- Ave Maria (Op.23 No.2) Mendelssohn
- Coronation Mass (Krönungsmesse) Mozart Christ the King
- Salve Regina, Liszt
- The heavens are telling (The Creation) Haydn



Friday, 17 November 2023 @ 7.00pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Cost: Premium - \$35 / General - \$25 /
Concession - \$15 / Under 16 years - free
Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/1097546>.

The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS

- Heartbreak in the Holy Land
- Australian pilgrims' narrow escape
- Voice to Parliament: Catholics react
- Editorial: Catholic Social Teaching after the Voice
- Philippa Martyr: What the stats say about schools & faith
- Monica Doumit and George Weigel on Synodality

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Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

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.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliari volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

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

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

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

Alive in the Spirit 2023

Discover and celebrate how our Australian faith communities creatively live out God's mission, to inspire and grow participation and community.



2 Inspirational Keynotes
10 Interactive Workshops

Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a great day of networking!

Wednesday, 25 October 2023 10am – 4.00pm
Hornsby RSL

COST: \$99 PMN members / \$149 non-members

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

Death Anniversaries: George Fountain, Franceschino Fois, Joseph Trung Minh Hoang, Therese Lahoud, Diwata Christine Daphne, Dorothy Elsie Thornley, Douglas John Brown, Gwen Dorine Grace Hockey, Br Gabriel Preston CP, Marie J. Cashman, James Pearson, Dulcie Sykes, Ethel Hall, Maria Pham Thi Quy

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, Carmel King, Maria Caccamo, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Matthew Moss, Sharon Micallef

Other intentions: Giovanna Salis, Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond, Joe & Josephine Farah



Mass Texts: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Response: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.



PARISH CALENDAR 2023

OCTOBER

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 Vietnamese Mass
7.30pm Mass
3rd Fri 9.00am Anointing of the Sick
5th Sun 10.00am Baptism Preparation
11th Sat Remembrance Day
15th Wed 7.00pm Maintenance meeting
12th Sun 12.00pm Sacrament of Baptism



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
	21/22nd Oct	28/29th Oct	21/22nd Oct	28/29th Oct	21/22nd Oct	28/29th Oct	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Kelilia A Reader: Leila W	Com: Gabriel B Reader: Michael P	M. Dillon Vinh N Carol P Michael P Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh N Carol P Michael P Liz B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G Reader: Joseph F	Com: Mary L Reader: Stephen O	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale 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: Peter J 1st: John McG 2nd: Italian	Com: Joanne M 1st: Angie C 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Reader: Charlie	Com: Lina E Reader: Jacob A	Tony H Arthur K John S 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.

