



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
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### Parish Team:

Fr Tom McDonough CP	Fr Giltus Mathias CP
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Sr Rosana Estoque CP	James Yeo
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### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

29th 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,*

*I am writing this weeks news from our Passionist monastery and retreat house in Begaluru, India.*

*During this week our provincials from our provinces in Indonesia, Korea-China, India, Japan, Philippines and our Australia - New Zealand - PNG - Vietnam. Each leader also brought two delegates, religious who in their provinces are responsible for formation of young religious, finances and social justice.*

*We call this PASPAC - Passionist in Asia and the Pacific Configuration. Normally the leaders meet every year, and the larger assembly every two years, but Covid has prevented us from meeting for 5 years now. Needless to say, it has been a wonderful week. Since our last meeting, all the leaders are new and need to get to know each other.*

*All of these provinces, along with the ministries in our 10 countries, have religious working in other parts of the world, including Israel, Sweden, USA, Britain, Ireland, Peru and Italy.*

*100 years ago 90% of Catholics lived in Europe. Now only 20% of Catholics live there, And just as England, Ireland and Europe sent missionaries to bring the faith to Australia, the Pacific islands, Latin America and Africa - so now, our PASPAC countries are sending missionaries all around the world.*

*Together PASPAC has 130 young men in formation for priesthood and religious life. In our own Province here, as we know well in*

*Marrickville, we have religious from Vietnam and PNG, of course, but also Tanzania, India and Indonesia working.*

*It has been a marvelous week. I have been President of this PASPAC Region for the past 6 years. Our new Provincial, Fr Denis, was elected to lead us for the next two years.*

*On the home front, we congratulate all our HSC students as they conclude their exams. We hope they have a wonderful holiday now.*

*Our RCIA program, under Sr Rosana, for people becoming Catholic has now begun with an expanded team, and 6 or so people who wish to join the Church.*

*Our catechists, under Sr Elenita, are well underway in the government schools, and our own St Brigid's Primary and Casimir College, both have super busy final terms for the year.*

*Our Youth and Young Adult Ministry, under Jenny Solo, now has an expanded team, who are well underway in reviving and building a new youth-young adult program.*

*Finally I thank my brother priests from the Passionist community for holding the fort while I have been in India and Fr Kien away with Casimir Yr 12 on their retreats camp.*

*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 6.00pm Mass. Winners will be notified by phone. Thank you for your support



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.

### Save the Date

Carols on the Lawn  
Saturday 9th December  
with firework display  
*Spread the word!!*



### Credit Card Planned Giving

Due to a system issue the Planned Giving credit cards have been deducted twice for the month of October. The parish office is happy to provide a refund or postpone the November deduction. Please advise the office if you would like a refund. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) using the QR code or phone 1800 024 413

### Boarding House Christmas Party

**Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 11am**



Denroma Boarding House -  
36 England Ave, Marrickville

Over the past 20 years plus our parishioners have organised a party for our friends in what were called Boarding Houses at the time, now called Assisted Living Facilities.

A small band of volunteers have been with us for many years, to keep the tradition of sharing the Love and Joy of Christmas we need new people to join us

Over the next few weekends we will list the ways you can help us. From the 4th/5th November there will be boxes at the main entrance of the Church for unwrapped gifts.

Gifts for men eg: caps T-shirts, toiletries.  
Gifts for women: Perfume, toiletries, T-Shirts and sun hats. No food products please.

If you have any questions please call the parish on 8577 5670

### St Brigid's Annual Memorial Mass

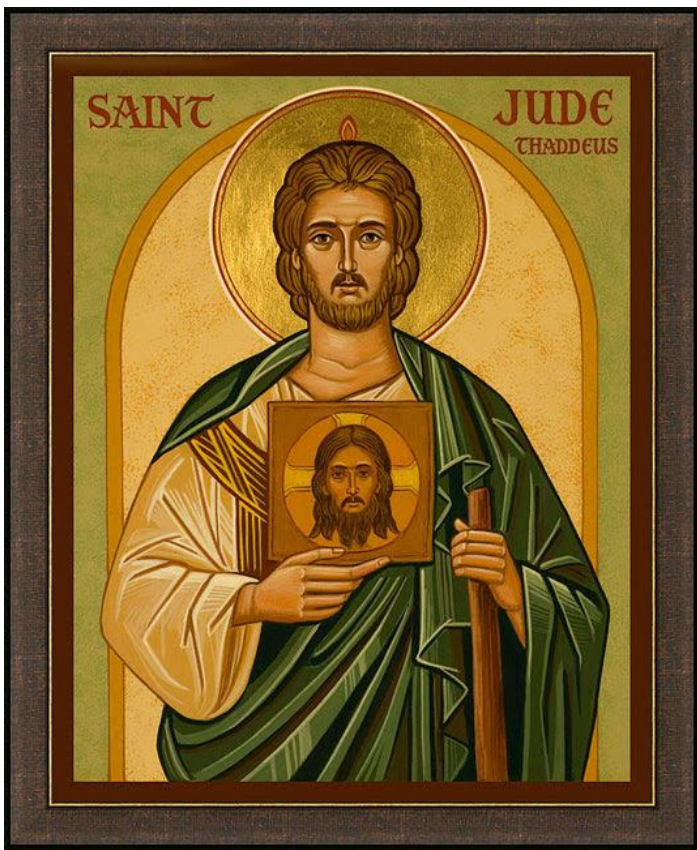


*Our annual memorial mass will be held on  
Friday November 24 at 7pm  
All are welcome*

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

Open after weekend Masses





## NOVENA TO ST JUDE

*Most holy Apostle, St Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and involves you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.*

*Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of, Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (make your request here)*

*And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St Jude to be ever mindful if this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.*

Amen



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>.

In His Presence:  
**A Women's Retreat of Healing and Renewal**  
With Fr Justin Torres

Sunday 5th November 2023 1pm - 5pm  
St Joseph's Church, 126 Liverpool Road, Enfield

Contact Rose: 0412 115 961  
[rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

**St Joseph's Healing Mass - Friday 3rd November**  
Month of The Holy Souls  
Celebrant: Fr Justin Torres



Rosary: 7.00pm Reconciliation: 7 - 8.00pm  
Prayer and Praise: 7.30pm Mass: 8.00pm  
Prayer Ministry available after Mass

126 Liverpool Road, Enfield - Parking at rear of church  
Rose: 0412 115 961 Email: [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

**Recently Deceased:** Ferdinando Fiacconi, Van Tuoi Hoang, Maurya Bell, Teresita Borthwick

**Death Anniversaries:** Peter Q. Thang Hoang, Angelina Buck, Angelo Basile, Peter Luat Tran, Betty McFarelane, Sr Ita Maher OSU, Michael Albim Bergin, Sr Mary Canisus Lussick RSM, Victoriano Sapon, Allan Hanscombe, Marie Monaghan, Vincent Dinh Tu Vu

**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:** Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond, Joe & Josephine Farah, Angelina & Donald Buck



**Mass Texts: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Ex 22:20-26**

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

**Response: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51**

I love you, Lord, my strength.



**Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10**

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Mt 22:34-40**

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2023**

**OCTOBER**

28/29 W/end Catholic Mission Appeal

**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  
19th 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 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
	28/29th Oct	4/5th Nov	28/29th Oct	4/5th Nov	28/29th Oct	4/5th Nov	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabriel B Reader: Michael P	Com: Margaret H Reader: Karen W	M. Dillon Vinh N Carol P Michael P Liz B	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L Reader: Stephen O	Com: Margaret H Reader: Esther G	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: Joanne M 1st: Angie C 2nd: Italian	Com: Sue K 1st: Trang Le 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Lina E Reader: Jacob A	Com: Kevin B Reader: Olivia V	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](mailto: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.

