



# St Brigid's Marrickville

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

|                             |                                  |
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| Fr Giltus Mathias CP        | Fr Joseph Sy Ho Doan CP          |
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| Sr Rosana Estoque CP        | James Yeo - Safeguarding Officer |
| Mona El-Khoury              | Pongia Fenukitau                 |
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## One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

3rd November, 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.*

### Pastoral Ministry Contacts

#### Adult Sacraments:

Sr. Rosana

#### Bereavement Ministry:

Sr Elenita & Michael

Schiano

#### CCD in State Schools:

Sr Elenita

#### Children's Sacraments:

Sr Elenita

#### Ecumenical & Interfaith:

Jim Yeo

#### Family Group:

Adrienne & Jonathan

Harverson

#### Justice & Peace Network:

Peter Jennings

#### Liturgy C'tee:

Sr Rosana

#### Maintenance C'tee:

Michael Daher & Pongia

Fenukitau

#### Men's Club:

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner

& Mick Ward

#### Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

#### Music Director:

Frank Mafi

#### Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group:

John Freeman & Richard

Gonsalves

#### Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook &

Lina Elias



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

### Michael Anthony Dillon

*Last Thursday, we bid farewell to Michael, a faithful servant of God and a long-time member of our parish community. Michael dedicated over 60 years of his life as an altar server and acolyte, unwavering in his commitment and reliability each weekend and important liturgical celebrations. His presence was constant, quietly grounding us all in faith and routine and reminding us of the beauty of devotion through service. A few family members, friends, and parishioners were present at his funeral. Though we knew him only in the confines of our parish, Michael's legacy extends far beyond the walls of our church. His life of quiet dedication and generosity touched everyone who knew him, exemplifying a life lived for others in humble faithfulness. We are grateful for his years of service and blessed to have had him as a steadfast presence in our community. May God grant him eternal rest.*



### Memorial Mass

*The family of Sam Pergola would like me to inform you of the one year mass being celebrated on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm, here at St Brigid's.*

### Closing of Rosary Month

*Last Thursday, we closed Rosary Month with a heartfelt gathering that brought together young voices from Casimir College and St. Brigid Primary School. They led a special rosary around the shrine of Our Lady of the Nations, filling our space with prayer and devotion. Their presence around the shrine was a beautiful testament to the faith and reverence of our younger generation. Our celebration extended globally with a virtual rosary that connected us to countless people through the parish's Facebook page. From many corners of the world, people joined in prayer, uniting our voices in a shared devotion to Our Lady and our cry for peace. This day of unity and faith truly highlighted the strength of our community and the powerful reach of prayer.*



*Thanks to each and everyone for your participation in your own way...*

## RCIA Rite of Acceptance

*This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for our 13 RCIA candidates, Jasmine Frisina, Holy Isemonger, Sienna Knoble, Chonnikan Phu Larb, Emily Luu, Lola Manzi, Denver Masunda, Patrick Ng Yim on, Mathew Salcedo, Kelsey Coelho Simoes, Charlotte Turner, Andrew Turner & Anna Zhang, officially marking the beginning of their journey towards full communion with the Church. This is a testament to the vibrancy and welcoming spirit of our faith community. We invite you all to keep these candidates/catechumens in your prayers as they embark on this path of discovery and growth in faith. A special thanks to our dedicated RCIA team, whose guidance and support make this journey possible. Let us come together in support and joy for those answering God's call in such a meaningful way.*

## Thought for the week

**“Silence”** A slogan out there says, “Silence is golden!” It is quite insightful and worth considering. The Sages of Ancient times practised silence as a way of living. Silence, of course, is deeply connected to hearing. I cannot hear another person unless I practice the virtue of silence. Our physical bodies portray this wisdom since we have two ears and one mouth. Perhaps we are to listen more than we speak. If we did so, what we say might be profound, heartfelt, and quite wise. Silence is not the same as not speaking. When we stop talking, we might be angry, withdrawn, or afraid. Silence is the willingness to hear another person becoming a vital part of their lives. In a word, silence savours the presence of another person.

*Silence invites us to realize we are a vital companion of the World around us. When we listen to the wind rushing through the trees, we hear the song of Nature singing in our souls. We might even experience the presence of God as we quietly walk in the meadows, stroll down a sidewalk, or peacefully sit in our chairs. Silence is receptivity. We can taste the wisdom of the moment in the silence.*

*Silence is the mother of justice. God is said to have heard the cry of the poor. So, as we quiet ourselves, we too will hear the cry of the poor touching our hearts and changing our lives. Think of any parent who ever raised a child. In the quiet of the night, the child's cries are the rallying call for the parent's love.*

*Lovers spend hours in silence. Once an elderly couple shared with me, they now travel the expanse of creation as they quietly hold one another's hands dreaming each other's dreams. Even the notes of great music have moments of restful silence. Melody, harmony, and rhythm are all born from the quiet*

*moments of a musical score. There is a powerful story from the Taoist tradition about a man who entered a bird shop. Two parakeets were for sale. The one who could talk was on sale for one-hundred dollars. The other, which could not speak, was five-hundred dollars. The perplexed inquired of the shopkeeper the sense of such an arrangement. The shopkeeper peacefully explained, “Even though he cannot speak, he can ponder!”*

*“True silence is not the absence of words, but the fullness of understanding; it is the space where our hearts listen, our spirits ponder, and in that quiet, we hear the voice of God and the world calling us to deeper compassion.”*

Fr Giltus



## The United Tastes of the Baroque

Music by François Couperin, Henry Purcell and Marin Marais performed on period instruments

The Early Music Collective Sydney  
Curated by Karen Carey OAM  
[Facebook.com/EarlyMusicSydney](https://www.facebook.com/EarlyMusicSydney)

Sunday 1st December 2pm  
St Brigid's Marrickville  
392 Marrickville Road

Tickets \$40/30/20  
Attend in person or watch later online  
Tickets [www.trybooking.com/CUKDI](http://www.trybooking.com/CUKDI)



Josie Ryan, soprano • Fiona McMillan, Baroque Oboe • Catherine Upex, Treble Viol • Susan Sukkar and Karen Carey, Recorder • Shaun Ng, Bass Viol  
Joanna Butler, Harpsichord

## Celebration of Cultures 2024



Where: St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Marrickville  
Date: 8th November  
Time: 4:30pm-8:30pm



Raffles  
Cultural Food



Games  
Performances



### Sydney Street Feast 2024 - Volunteers Welcome

On Friday 15 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2024>

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### Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course.

**DATE:** 16 - 17 November 2024 (no overnight stay)

**VENUE:** St Thomas of Canterbury, Lewisham

More information and registration at [www.trybooking.com/CMGTS](http://www.trybooking.com/CMGTS)

### The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- End of Synod proves how much Catholics have in common
- The Abdallahs' meet the Royals
- Joe de Bruyn: ACU graduation speech in full
- Tim Kirk: Wine and faith at Catholic Parishes at Bondi
- A Brush with Faith: Cleansing the Temple

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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/masses) or call 1800 101 201 to arrange your Masses.



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### Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty.

By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

View the range of Global Gifts:

[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

### CARMELITE RETREAT

*Looking at the Heart of St Joseph :  
an Advent Recollection*

Fr Ransom Rapirap OCD

Day Retreat 7th December 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$30pp (bring your own lunch)

Please call 8795 3464 or 0481 035 989

247 St Andrew Rd, Varroville

**Recently Deceased:** Laurinda Goncalves, Violet Macrozonaris, Michael Dillon

**Death Anniversaries:** Maria Pham Thi Quy, Peter Q Thang Hoang, Angelina Buck, Angelo Basile, Peter Luat Tran, Betty McFarelane, Sr Ita Maher OSU, Michael Albim Bergin, Vincent Dinh Tu Vu, Sr Mary Canisis Lussick RSM, Victoriano Sapong, Allan Hanscombe, Marie Monaghan, Carmen Caryana

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Yvonne Kearsey, Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Steven Para, John Love, Eileen McClement, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Laura Nolan, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Maria Caccamo, Paul Murphy, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Nick Rizzo, Tina Schino, Rudi Presern, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Damia Roumie, Jose Gomes, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, Antonios Gebrael, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances, Marie Thompson.

**Other intentions:** Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres Family, Maria Portada, John & Clare Finucane, Jim & Gladys Hanscombe, Antonio de Nobrega

**Mass Texts: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Deut 6:2-6  
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Response: Ps 17:2-4,47, 51  
I love you, Lord, my strength

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28  
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood

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

Gospel: Mk 12:28-34  
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.



**PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

**NOVEMBER**

|         |       |          |                                    |
|---------|-------|----------|------------------------------------|
| 1st     | Fri   | 6.45am   | All Saint's Day<br>9.00am & 7.30pm |
| 2nd     | Sat   | 6.45am   | All Soul's Day<br>8.00am & 5.00pm  |
| 2nd/3rd | w/end |          | CWF Appeal                         |
| 3rd     | Sun   | 10.00am  | Baptism Preparation Session        |
| 6th     | Wed   | 7.00pm   | RCIA meeting                       |
| 8th     | Fri   |          | Celebration of Cultures            |
| 10th    | Sun   | 12 & 2pm | Baptisms                           |
| 17th    | Sun   | 2.00pm   | Senior's Group                     |
| 19th    | Tue   | 7.00pm   | Memorial Mass                      |
| 24th    | Sun   | 7.00pm   | Youth Group                        |

**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 /<br>Altar Servers                      | Collector<br>In-charge |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--|------------------------|
|                    | 2/3 Nov                                       | 9/10 Nov  | 2/3 Nov   | 9/10 Nov                                    | This weekend                                     |                        |
| Saturday<br>5:00pm | Ofa T<br>Aloysia S<br>Michael S               | Elizabeth B<br>Thu H<br>Michael P                 | Michael H<br>Margaret H<br>Leila W<br>Michael P | Carole P<br>Ofa T<br>Kelelia A<br>Leila W   | Vinh N.<br>Sophia N.<br>Eidan S                  | Jim Y.<br>Michael P.   |
| Sunday<br>8:00am   | Com: Marco G<br>1st: John S<br>2nd: Stephen O | Com: Margaret T<br>1st: Joseph F<br>2nd: Joanna V | Margaret K<br>Joanna V<br>Margaret T            | Mary L<br>Stephen O<br>Geoffrey L           | Dennis M.<br>Luca G<br>Antonella G               | Peter H.<br>Maria M.   |
| Sunday<br>10:30am  | Frank C<br>Bernadette S<br>Italian            | Joanne M<br>Dana T<br>Italian                     | Tony H<br>Angie C<br>Bernadette Y<br>Jenny O    | Tony C<br>Giuseppe S<br>Albert N<br>Angie C | Albert N<br>Anthony N                            | Tony C.<br>Giuseppe S  |
| Sunday<br>6:00pm   | Arthur K<br>Lenora D<br>Kevin B               | Arthur K<br>Lina E<br>Lenore D                    | Arthur K<br>Alexis H<br>Lenore D                | Kevin B<br>Charlene E<br>Rex H              | Tony H.<br>Charlene E.<br>Celina E.<br>Alexis H. | Arthur K.<br>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.

