



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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5th November 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,

My goodness, November already! And I am sure a lot of us have already said "Where has the year gone!" It is hard to believe this time last week I was in India. So often we don't have time to really appreciate the present moment, or to reflect on our feelings, or the impact of this or that really significant event. Things have no sooner happened, no sooner registered, than we have to move on to whatever is next. But all those unreflected moments have their impact, conscious or unconscious.

It used to be common when hearing confessions for people to regret missing their morning and night prayers. Whether it is possible morning or night, it is so necessary to take, each day, some moments of quiet, to hush the noise and busyness, to just be present to what is on our hearts, to be present to the God who is by our side all day.

It used also to be common to have a daily examination of conscience - not to make a list of our sins and faults, -sometimes there are enough, if not too many, people around us only too ready to let us know what we got wrong. No, we do it to think back over the day, to what had been its significant moments. And in doing so to let gratitude and thanks be our heartfelt response for what the day has brought, -sometimes for just having gotten through another day.

It's so important to have gratitude for what we do have, and for what we have been able to

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do, express our delight, our surprise and joy at what the day has also brought to us. Or to let gratitude and acceptance soften the regrets or the resentments or disappointments that inevitably, at times, also come.

Welcome home, Fr Giltus
We welcome back Fr. Giltus to St Brigid's. We have missed his cheerful and energetic presence here at our parish masses. Just before going overseas, Fr Giltus was appointed Superior of the community here at St Brigid's. He is also the Provincial Secretary for our Provincial Office. So Fr Giltus is juggling multiple responsibilities.

Welcome
HOME

November Masses

Being the month of Holy Souls, we remember our deceased loved ones, those of our families and friends, our parish, and in particular all those whose deaths fill our newspapers, those who die with no one perhaps to pray for them.

Each mass a basket will be left on the altar rail up the front of the Church. If you wish a mass to be said for your own departed ones, please put an envelope in the basket with their name(s). Each mass will be said separately for that intention by one of our priests.

Kind regards
Tom cp



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Save the Date

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



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

St Brigid's Annual Memorial Mass

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



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.

Boarding House Christmas Party
Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 11am



Denroma Boarding House -
36 England Ave, Marrickville

"Come Sing a Song of Joy"



The residents enjoy singing Christmas Carols at the party. So, if you would like to help by singing or playing a musical instrument it would be most appreciated.

Just contact the Parish office with your details.

Drop off your gifts in the boxes at the main entrance of the Church.

Gift ideas:-

Men: caps, t-shirts, toiletries

Women: Perfume, toiletries, t-shirt, sun hats

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

Don't forget to check out our PIETY STALL

Stoles and candles for Baptism, donated croquet items and baby Jesus for Christmas, Columban Holy calendars for 2024. Large variety of cards for all occasions.

Open after weekend Masses



Catechist needed for 2024

*Do you have an hour to spare per week.
Please help bring the Word of God to the young members of our community.*

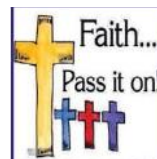
Catechist teach on:

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am

Marrickville West Primary Schools

Wednesday 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Marrickville Public School



Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am

Ferncourt Public School

Thursday 1.45 - 3.00pm

Wilkins Public School

Catechist needed

Training and resources will be provided

Please contact Sr Elenita for further information.

**Come join us at our Catechist Mass on
2nd December 2023 at 10.30am in the parish
Center to meet our catechist.**



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.

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>.



**Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm
at St Patrick's Cathedral.**

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith.

For more information please visit:
www.aidtochurch.org/notw

Catholic Self-Care Week:

Free 5-day training with Catholic Coach Monica Elias
Nov 13-17

Learn the secret to taking better care of yourself so that you can do the work God has for you in the world.

Monica says: "I want to do my part in helping women to make taking care of themselves a higher priority.

When Catholic women are constantly putting themselves last, everybody loses. Many of our women burning out, experiencing mental health difficulties, and taking the slow road to recovery"

Join us at tinyurl.com/catholicselfcare2023.
Email mjelias17@gmail.com for queries.

Sydney Street Feast 2023 – Volunteers Welcome

On Friday, 17 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12 pm to 2 pm.

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/StreetFeast2023>

**Jesus Light of the World Communities
ReCHARGE Gathering**

This November, the Jesus Light of the World Communities in Rockdale are hosting a ReCHARGE gathering with praise, worship, prayer, empowerment and fellowship.

Timings:

- 2.30 pm - Rosary
- 3.00 pm - Praise and Worship
- 3.30 pm - Talk
- 4.30 pm - Prayer Ministry
- 5.00 pm - Afternoon Tea



Speakers:

4 November - Ron Maldigri
18 November - Marina George
25 November - Nestor Aldana

Venue: St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St., Rockdale, NSW
(Parking entrance at Parker St)

Inquiries: Helen: 0433 455 114 Ida: 0424 267 500 or
email jlowcommunity@gmail.com



**Theology of the Body: Love & Responsibility
In-Person Immersion Course Program**

A not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course opportunity to participate and learn St John-Paul's classic work from Dr. Christopher West here in Sydney!

This course is devoted to St John Paul II's classic pre-papal work *Love and Responsibility* and examines the philosophical foundation of the TOB. Themes include the dignity of the person as the being that must never be used; sexual attraction and emotion as the raw material of love; integrating sexual attraction and emotion with the dignity of the person; male and female differences; the swallowing of shame by love; and the nature of chastity as a virtue that celebrates the true dignity and goodness of the person and of sexuality.

Date: 21-26 January 2024

Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Cost: \$1900. Partial subsidies available for approved students

Inclusion: Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (single occupied) accommodation and meals

To download the prospectus and find out more, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-love-responsibility/>.

Recently Deceased: Antonio Ornelas, Teresita Borthwick

Death Anniversaries: Carmen Caryana, Wilson Ojeda, John McInerney, Felicisima Caringal, John Francis Enriken, Garnet Braybrook, Maureen Pearce, Remedios Carluen, Laurence Belle, Owen Wall, Giuseppe Anastasi, Phero Le Van Cu, Ilda Quintal, Maria Toan Thi Nguyen, Giuseppe Tizzone, Alexander John Bruce Peter, Bernadette Maria Coelho, Bill Wenham

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, Peace



Mass Texts: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Mal 1:14 -2:2, 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

Response: Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.



Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

PARISH CALENDAR 2023

NOVEMBER

5th	Sun	10.00am	Baptism Preparation
10th	Fri	9.00am	Mass with Primary Yr 1
11th	Sat		Remembrance Day
15th	Wed	7.00pm	Maintenance meeting
12th	Sun	12.00pm	Sacrament of Baptism
17th	Fri	9.00am	Mass with Primary Yr 2
19th	Sun	12.00pm	Sacrament of Baptism
		2.00pm	Seniors Group
24th	Fri	9.00am	Mass with Primary Yr 3
		7.00pm	Annual Memorial Mass
26th	Sun	12.00pm	Sacrament of Baptism
28th	Tue	7.00pm	PPC meeting

DECEMBER

1st	Fri	9.00am	Anointing of the Sick
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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
Sunday:	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese)
	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
	4/5th Nov	11/12th Nov	4/5th Nov	11/12th Nov	4/5th Nov	11/12th Nov	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Margaret H Reader: Karen W	Com: Paul C Reader: Michael H	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Margaret T Reader: Esther G	Com: Marco Reader: Joseph	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N Geoffrey Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Sue K 1st: Trang Le 2nd: Italian	Com: Bernadette S 1st: Bernadette Y 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Kevin B Reader: Olivia V	Com: Pedro M Reader: Lemore D	Tony H Arthur K John S Jackie K	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R 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.

