



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12th 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,

This week our new Provincial, Fr Denis and his Council met to make the appointments for the superiors of our different communities and parish priests for the communities and parishes of our Province. This happens every four years.

Here in St Brigid's Marrickville, Fr Giltus Mathias has been named parish priest for our wonderful parish. Fr. Giltus, as you know has been a member of the St Brigid's community and assisted in our parish for the past four years. He knows you well, and will continue supporting the growth of the parish that has been happening since COVID took its toll.

Fr Tiernan (Terry) Doherty has been named Superior of the Passionist community here at St Brigid's. Fr Tiernan is well known to many of you, having worked here as deacon, assistant priest and then Parish Priest following the long 'reign' of Fr Linus during the 1980's. Since then Fr. Tiernan has been Superior of Holy Cross, Templestowe, Vic, then St Paul's Monastery in Adelaide.

I have been asked by Fr Denis to now replace him as Superior and Parish Priest of St Paul's Community and Parish in Adelaide. I know our community, parish, retreat & conference centre in Adelaide is a complex and developing mission.

However, leaving the parish of St Brigid's, leaving you all, is going to be very difficult.

This is an extraordinary parish, rich in its history, cultures, traditions, personalities. It is the family church for many generations of migrants, whose children, grand children and more who all return here for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and sacraments.

As I have found when I have had to move from St Brigid's to Terrey Hills in 1997, returning and then departing another time to Papua New Guinea in 2009, a part of your heart remains always here. And wherever you are, you carry St Brigid's with you.

At the time, there have been many other new appointments and changes around our various communities and ministries, in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam and New Zealand. Others like me are being called to new places and new responsibilities, or asked to say goodbye to friends and places that have been home.

Please keep us all in your prayers as we cope with the changes.

The official changes do not take place till the new year. It will be another new chapter for our parish, which will add a new layer of life to the already long and beautiful history and story of St Brigid's.

Please congratulate and thank Fr Giltus for taking up this request of the Provincial Council.

*Kind regards
Tom cp*



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*



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



Denroma Boarding House -
36 England Ave, Marrickville

"Come and share the love"



We need people, adults and families to sit with and enjoy the company of the residents who may not have family or friends. Either make your own way to Denroma House by 10.45am or come to Shrublands Hall by 10.15am for transport.

*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 crocket 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.*

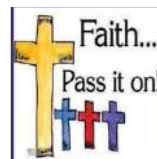
Catechist teach on:

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

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.**



**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.

Deceased Clergy + Religious Mass

Please join us for this special Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Clergy + Religious.

When: 12 noon, Wednesday 22nd November
Where: Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.
Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady

The mass will be followed by a luncheon + refreshments in the adjoining lounge.

Please RSVP by 16th October, 2023 for catering purposes.

To register contact
marketing@catholiccemeteries.com.au

2023 Knox Public Lecture
Tuesday 28th November
at 7.30pm
Live videostream via
Zoom



“Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins”
Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ
To book scan the QR code or go to
trybooking.com/CMYVM



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Diocesan Outreach assistants - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible parttime work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information please go to www.aidtochurch.org/work

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>

St Brigid's Christmas Crib



Helpers needed

Assembling starting on the 20th November
Call Tony 0434 24 8446 or the parish office if you can help

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



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, Salvatore (Sam) Pergola,

Death Anniversaries: Giuse Nguyen Duc Trinh, Maria de Martin, Danuta Kupidure (Lakoma), Alma Kayrouz, Maria Rosa Cruz, Celina De Freitas, Teodoro Zamora Guerrero, Peter Nguyen Van Chen, Allan Hanscombe

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, Sharon Micallef

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



Mass Texts: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Response: Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18

Those who dies as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

Look the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.



PARISH CALENDAR 2023

NOVEMBER

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
2nd	Sat	11.00am	Boarding House Christmas Party
2/3	W/end		St Vincent de Paul Appeal
3rd			First Sunday of Advent

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
	11/12th Nov	18/19th Nov	11/12th Nov	18/19th Nov	11/12th Nov	18/19th Nov	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Paul C Reader: Michael H	Com: Gabrielle Reader: Kelelia	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	Kelelia A Gabriel B Elizabeth B Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco Reader: Joseph	Com: Joseph F Reader: Esther G	Dennis M Vinh N Geoffrey Margaret K	Joseph F Geoffrey L Mary L	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Bernadette S 1st: Bernadette Y 2nd: Italian	Com: Angie C 1st: Frank C 2nd: Italian	Albert N Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Angie C Frank C Peter J Tony H	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Pedro M Reader: Lemore D	Com: Kevin B Reader: Lenore D	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K	Arthur K 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.

