



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

17th 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

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Family Group:

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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,

Happy Birthday

Over the week Fr. Cong celebrated his birthday.

Wishing Fr. Cong a very happy birthday! May his day be filled with joy, blessings, and the warmth of St. Brigid's community he serves so lovingly. May the coming year bring him strength, peace, and abundant grace in his ministry.



Thank you for taking the survey

*Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the Cultural Ministry Survey last week! Your input is invaluable in helping us celebrate and support the rich diversity within our parish community. We're grateful for the many responses received, which will guide us in creating meaningful events and connections. **If you haven't yet had the opportunity to complete the survey, it is still available on our parish website.** We welcome and encourage your thoughts and ideas as we work together to build a vibrant and inclusive ministry.*

Annual Catechist Mass at the cathedral

Last weekend, our parish catechists attended the annual Catechist Mass at the cathedral, gathering with others from across the diocese to celebrate their vital ministry. It was a beautiful and uplifting occasion that honoured their dedication and the love they pour into sharing the faith with our young people and community, primarily at our public schools. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their generosity, commitment, and the ways they inspire and guide others on their spiritual journeys.



*Becoming a catechist is an extraordinary way to serve, grow in faith, and make a meaningful difference in our community. **We invite anyone who feels called to share their faith to consider joining this rewarding ministry.** Together, let's continue to nurture and build a vibrant faith community for all generations.*

Fr. Thomas Thanh CP Visits

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Thomas, who will be with us for a few weeks!

It's wonderful to have him spend some time in our community again. Many of us still fondly remember his skillful and creative touch in arranging flowers in the sanctuary, bringing beauty and life to our worship space. Please make him feel at home, and let's wish him a joyful and enriching visit to Australia. We are blessed to have him with us, and we look forward to the grace he brings to our parish during his stay.



**Advent Reflection Nights:
Prepare Your Heart for
Christmas**

Join us for a series of Advent Reflection Nights, a meaningful journey towards Christmas led by our Parish Adult Formation Team. This is an invitation to slow down amidst the busy season, to listen, reflect, and prepare spiritually for the birth of Christ. Each session, we will break open the weekend readings, exploring their timeless messages in light of the Australian Bishops' latest document, Truth and Peace, which challenges us to live justly and cultivate peace in our world.

Details:

When: 7.00 pm-8.30 pm on Mondays of 25th November 2nd, 9th and 16th of December

Where: Shrubland Hall (Parish Hall)

All are welcome: Bring an open heart and a desire to reflect on how the season of Advent calls us to greater compassion, justice, and peace.

Make this Advent a time of renewal and preparation. Let's walk together towards a deeper understanding of "Emmanuel - God with us," and be inspired to carry His love and peace into the world.

Thought for the Week

*We are all aware of Pope Francis's Latest Encyclical letter, "Dilexit Nos" **He Loved us.** Reflecting on "Dilexit Nos," I'm reminded of the vastness of God's love—a love that knows no bounds and gives without expecting in return. This love is not abstract or distant; it's real, personal, and touches the depths of our everyday lives. Jesus's life, His willingness to share in our humanity and sacrifice Himself, was the ultimate expression of this love, one that says, "You are valued, you are cherished, you are beloved."*

In my life, there are moments when I feel that love so clearly, like when someone offers a kind word just when I need it, or when I find the courage to help someone else, even in small ways. Each time I give of myself or reach out in kindness, I sense that I am participating in this divine love, reflecting just a bit of the love that has been given to me. It's not always easy; sometimes, I feel too tired, too busy, or even too hurt to love freely. But remembering "Dilexit Nos" calls me to try again, to love as He loves, despite my own limitations.

God's love encourages me to see others through that same lens of compassion and grace. It urges me to be patient, to forgive, to put others first, and to care for those around me. Even the smallest acts - a smile, a listening ear, a gentle word - become sacred and meaningful. In these moments, I realise I'm not only giving love but also experiencing God's love in return. His love transforms me, making me want to live in a way that brings hope, peace, and kindness to a world in need.

As I move forward, I'm inspired by this powerful truth: that God loved me first, wholly and completely, and that this love is both my foundation and my calling. May each day be an opportunity to live out "Dilexit Nos" in my actions, knowing that in loving others, I am most deeply loved myself.

Fr Giltus



Boarding House Christmas Party

Saturday 14th December from 11am

Denroma Boarding House
36 England Ave Marrickville

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.

This year we only need gifts for males.
ie; hats, t-shirts, toiletries.

Drop off your gifts in the boxes in the main entrance of the church.

Please contact the parish office
if you have any queries.

Senior's Group

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

You are invited to the launch of
Kevin Treston's new book
CHOICES FOR LIFE
The Beatitudes for Daily Living
Thursday 21 November 2024 at 7:00pm

To register :
<https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/pz6vzdx08866sx/>

The Beatitudes are faith expressions of how God wishes us to live harmoniously and holistically with all creation. They offer a vision for life.

In *Choices for Life*, **Kevin Treston** reflects on the eight Beatitudes found in Matthew's Gospel. He explores how each reflects something of the mystery of who God is and how we are connected with every living thing in creation.

Choices for Life offers an orientation for practical living today. The result is a deeply spiritual book for navigating the modern world.

Choices for Life will be launched by acclaimed author and academic, Anne Benjamin.

Room to rent - Wiley Park

Looking for female to share unit.
\$250/week rent - not including amenities.
Parking spot available. Contact the parish office

CARMELITE RETREAT

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

Day Retreat 7th December 10am - 4pm

Fr Ransom Rapirap OCD

Cost: \$30pp (bring your own lunch)
Please call 8795 3464 or 0481 035 989
247 St Andrew Rd, Varroville

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'Writings of St John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family' Immersion Course

Are you looking for a message of hope and healing in a time of confusion?

In partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the Theology of the Body Institute, the Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce once again that we will be hosting another not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course experience:

At a time of great concern and confusion over the dignity of the creation of male and female, the sacred union of husband and wife, and the life-giving beauty of family, the Lord calls us to witness the Gospel now more than ever. If you are interested in learning more about TOB or feel you need to hear this transformative message, we strongly encourage you to register for this upcoming course in January 2025.

The course will be held at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, NSW.
DATES: Sunday, 19 January to Friday, 24 January
VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale,

To register and learn more about the course, please visit: tobi.sydneycatholic.org

For further questions, contact Simon Yeak simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0427 536 356

Recently Deceased: Violet Macrozonaris, Michael Dillon, Jose Figueira

Death Anniversaries: Bernadette Maria Coelho, Bill Wenham, Giuse Nguyen Duc Trinh, Alma Kayrouz, Maria de Martin, Danuta Kupidura, Maria Rosa Cruz, Celina De Freitas, Teodoro Zamore Guerrero.

Carrying Severe Illness: Yvonne Kearsy, 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, George Baraket.

Other intentions: Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Antonio de Nobrega, Soren Lindgaard Hansen and Lis Lindgaard Hansen



Mass Texts: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Dan 12:1-3
When that times comes your own people will be spared.

Response: Ps 15:5, 8-11
Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14
By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32
He shall gather his elect from the four winds.



PARISH CALENDAR 2024

NOVEMBER

17th Sun 2.00pm Senior's Group
19th Tue 7.00pm Memorial Mass
24th Sun 7.00pm Youth Group

DECEMBER

1st Sun 2.00pm First Sunday of Advent
The Early Music Collective Concert
3rd Tue 5.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass
4th Wed 7.00pm RCIA meeting
8th Sun 7.00pm Youth Group
9th Mon 10.30am Catechist Mass
10th Tue 7.00pm Volunteer Thank you
14th Sat 11.00am Boarding House Christmas Party

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 / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
	16/17 Nov	23/24 Nov	16/17 Nov	23/24 Nov	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Gabrielle B Laura N Paul C	Kelelia A Leila W Michael H	Michael H Thu H Paul C Vinh N	Gabrielle B Margaret H Elizabeth B Ofa T	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Joanna V Stephen O Dennis M	F. Seufale Margaret K Joanna V	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Peter J John M Italian	Angie C Aiden Italian	Frank C Bernadette S Joanne M Susan K	Peter J John M Angie C Tony H	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Lenore D Karen W Robert W	Kevin B Rex H Arthur K	Alexis H Rex H Kevin B	Rex H Lina E Charlie E	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.

