



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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

19th 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,

At the Sunday evening mass last week, we celebrated the work done by the children belonging to the group we call Young Beacons. They gather before Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Easter and Christmas to prepare small gifts and prayer cards to be distributed after mass to show our mums, dads, parishioners and children how much they are appreciated. Their special project, chosen by them, was to contribute to repairing the Blue Cross on top of our tower. They had a photo competition for photos of the cross, taken all times of the day from all sorts of angles. The children themselves then turned the photos into a video. Then they commenced the Grand Raffle you would have seen in recent weeks. So, on Sunday night, they showed the video, drew out the raffle winners and gave us a beautifully decorated box with \$5,300. And they were so excited!

All of which is such a good reminder that our wonderful parish is what we, all of us, make of it. We religious on the parish team come and go - as you all know only too well - but this is your parish and it is what you make it to be.

The choirs, the catechists, the readers and communion ministers, the Vietnamese cooking outside Sunday mass, the Italian luncheons, the Family Groups, RCIA teams, altar servers, Christmas Crib builders, social justice, boarding house, maintenance, finance, parish council, bereavement and other committees. You are the bricks and mortar, the foundations of St Brigid's. So when, over the last months we have called for volunteers - it's because the parish can't function without you. And you would have seen often the

same faces at mass, often doing multiple jobs because we need more of you to come forward to cover all we need to do.

St Brigid's is renowned for our energy, for the vibrancy, the rich diversity, depth of prayer and quality of liturgy we are so blessed with. But we need a critical mass of you all to make it happen. It's been building up again since COVID, so let's keep doing more. So if you see a notice in the bulleting asking have you got one hour on a Tuesday to help in the government school scripture class; or hear the commentator saying we need voices for the choir; then PLEASE give it more than a passing glance or a distracted ear!! And get your children involved as well, they aren't just the future, like the Young Beacons, they are already the parish in action.

At the same 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*



Many hands make light work

Save the Date

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



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

Fr Tom along with Fr Giltus and the
Liturgy Committee, are organizing a
parish-wide Advent reflection.

This program is designed to help all of
us gain a deeper understanding of the
Advent season. The reflection will take
place on 4 consecutive Mondays, begin-
ning on November 27th at 7.00pm in the
parish office. We invite you to join us
and be a part of this parish journey



St Brigid's Annual Memorial Mass



*will be held on
Friday November 24 at 7pm
All are welcome*



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



A good party needs.....

Music, friends and of course food.

Our parish is famous for its tradition of sharing food.
At 10am on Saturday (2nd Dec) please drop off a plate
of finger foods to Shrublands Hall. As the party starts at
11am, we will start loading our transport at 10.15am

Men's Gifts needed

At this time we don't have enough gifts for men.
So please add a gift to our box by next weekend (25/26 Nov)
as this will be the **last opportunity** to do so.

*Gift ideas: Men: caps, t-shirts, toiletries
Women: Perfume, toiletries, t-shirt, sun hats*

If you have any questions please call the parish

Young Beacons' Raffle

A very big THANKYOU to all our generous
parishioners and friends who wholeheartedly
supported the Young Beacons' Raffle, which
raised an impressive \$5360 towards the repair
of our beloved blue light Beacon Cross.

Father Tom is hopeful that thanks to this huge effort
our landmark Cross will be beaming over Sydney again
before Christmas. Even the flight crews have missed
its welcoming glow as they descend over Sydney!

Congratulations to the very deserving winners, who all
supported this incentive extremely enthusiastically.
They were Roy Hill, Lina Elias, Loreto group, Melanie
Mak and Joe Sleiman.

And a huge thanks to all those big-hearted parishioners
who kept buying tickets week in week out, but didn't
win any of the hampers, but collectively gained a win
for all of us by helping restore the Cross to its former
glory. Thank you

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

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.**

Immaculata Mission School 2024:
FISHERS OF MEN

Start the new year by going deeper in God's love through awesome speakers on the Catholic faith, daily Mass, Adoration and the Rosary, praise and worship, fellowship and more! There are two different programs, so there is something for everyone ...

Youth & adults (14 years & up): 1-6 January '24
Married couples & families (specifically designed for married couples. Includes childrens and teens program): 7-10 January 2024

Special guest speakers: Dan & Stephanie Burke (co-founders of the Avila Institute, presenters on EWTN & Dan is an author of over 15 books on Catholic spirituality)

Where: New England Girls' School, Armidale
For costs, additional information and TO REGISTER visit:
<http://www.immaculata.org.au/ims>



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

St Joseph's Prayer Group
Enfield Reflection Day



Saturday 25th November 2023 9.45am - 3.30pm

Speaker: Fr Rey Sentillas

Cost: \$15/pp Lunch: please bring a plate to share
For more information please call Rose on 0412 115 961
Please bring your bible

Are you New to St Brigid's.

Please note your best contact details on the clipboard at the back of the church so one of our staff members can contact you and share the many ways you can be more involved in our many ministries.

We want to get to know you & want you to get to know us.

SPEAKING ASYLUM
THURSDAY, 23 NOV 23
6:30 - 8:30PM
SEYMOUR CENTRE
Cnr City Rd & Cleveland St, Chippendale

MC:
Abang Anade Othow

CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF THE ASYLUM SEEKERS CENTRE
with an evening of unforgettable stories about the things that inspire

ART with AGNSW's Anne Ryan, Wendy Sharpe AM & Mostafa 'Moz' Azimitabar

STORYTELLING with Rwandan-born writer & comedian Oliver Twist

SPORT with Matildas media manager Ann Odong & Craig Foster AM

WRITING with Michael Mohammed Ahmad of the Sweatshop Literacy Movement & newly published writer Thouraya

MUSIC with Parissa Tosif from electronic duo, Vallis Alps

Get your tickets at bit.ly/ASC30 or call 02 7255 1561

Recently Deceased: Salvatore (Sam) Pergola, Mary Coelho, Juan Francisco Uzabeaga, Monsignor Bill Mullins

Death Anniversaries: Emanwel Bugeja, Zaghia Attie, Maria Nguyen Thi Tin, Dao Thi Lua, Agustinus Wiryadi Widjaja, Fr John Maihi, Doris Reynolds, James Joseph Smith, Tom Coorey, Joachim Hoang Van Lap, Maria Castellano, Erstina Kurniawan

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, Paul Massi

Other intentions: Damlina Maroun, Peter Le



Mass Texts: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

Response: Ps 127:1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

PARISH CALENDAR 2023

NOVEMBER

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
			Volunteers Thank you
3rd	Sun	12.00pm	Baptism Preparation

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
	18/19th Nov	25/26th Nov	18/19th Nov	25/26th Nov	18/19th Nov	25/26th Nov	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabrielle Reader: Kelelia	Com: Paul C Reader: Leila W	Kelelia A Gabriel B Elizabeth B Vinh N	Paul C Michael H Margaret H Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Joseph F Reader: Esther G	Com: Mary L Reader: Geoffrey L	Joseph F Geoffrey L Mary L	Stephen O Margaret T Dennis M	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Angie C 1st: Frank C 2nd: Italian	Com: Sue K 1st: Robert G 2nd: Italian	Angie C Frank C Peter J Tony H	Sue K Jenny O Bernadet S Albert N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Kevin B Reader: Lenore D	Com: Charlie E Reader: Lina E	Arthur K Jackie K	Kevin B Tony H	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.

