



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 19th September 2021

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

BEING FAITHFUL TO THE WAY OF JESUS

It is a well-known fact that many men read a newspaper backwards. This is because of their great interest, sometimes even fanatical interest, in sport. Recently, they may have read that the New York Yankees Baseball Team paid \$30 million for a new star player. As a result, they began to win games galore.

What's clear then, is the club with the most money can buy a champion team. Or "Winning isn't everything, winning is the only thing".

But is that the message God is giving us today? In a nutshell, what God is telling us today is very different. ***What God is telling us is that he is not asking us to be winners—but to be faithful.***

Jesus is putting that path of fidelity to us no matter what our fidelity may cost us. In his case, the price he paid for fidelity was the way of the cross—the way of pain, torture and humiliation. It was a path that would finally lead to victory, the victory of resurrection. But to reach that victory he had to first pass through the agony and the brutality of his Passion and Death.

Sr Mary works in a health service for homeless people in London after working most of life as a doctor in Africa. She was horrified to discover enormous numbers of people living homeless on the streets in such a wealthy country. So rather than retire, she set herself to work for the homeless.

One day a man who had been homeless for about 30 years came into one of her hotels. He was about 55 and had been abusing drugs and alcohol for nearly 40 years. His body, face, clothes and hair were covered with matted dirt, dried blood, vomit—there were even lice on his skin. To protect the other residents the manager insisted that he could only

stay if he had a bath. The man refused. He would rather go back to the streets on a cold winter's night than take a bathy.

Workers tried to reason with him, but he would not listen. Sr Mary came to talk to him. She said nothing, but sat down beside him and held both his hands. Immediately, he stopped shouting and began to weep, sobbing for a long time. At last he said: "That's the first time anyone has touched me like that in twenty years."

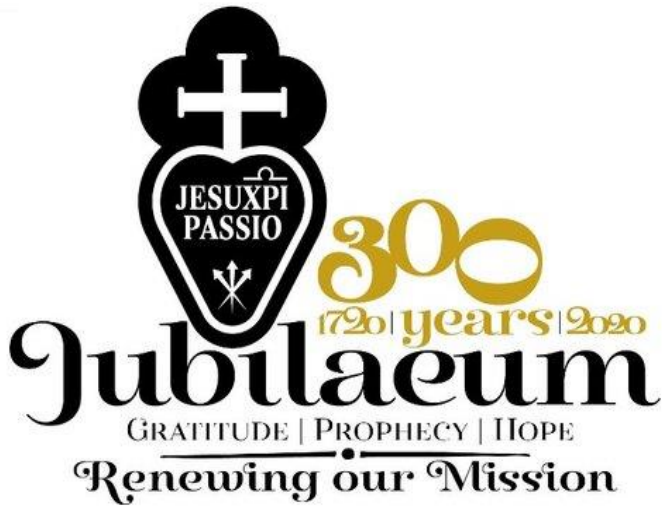
He then agreed to have a bath, a shave, a haircut, and put on a clean set of clothes. Within an hour he seemed like a new man. But the real miracle was what happened next. From that day to this, he has never drunk any alcohol or used any drugs. Within three months he found a job and moved out of the temporary hostel into his own flat. That one moment of grace—of love and compassion communicated—has changed his life forever.

Jesus' message today is: "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." The story of Sr Mary and the homeless man shows that the essence of true greatness is found in loving, serving, and helping others, and in doing that, being the best we can be.

An authentic life is not about seeking out those people who can do things for us, but those for whom we can do things—and do them with the humility, kindness, gentleness, care compassion, and grace practised by Jesus himself. Doing them without any thought of reward or recognition other than believing and knowing that this is the way and the will of Jesus.

His way and will surely, for both you and me!

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The Passionist Congress 2021

The Fourth International Theological Congress for the jubilee of the third centenary of the foundation of the Passionist congregation.

The Wisdom of the Cross in a Plural World

Live streaming begins at **5:00 pm AEST** on 21st September 2021.

To register please [click here](#)

LEADING TO THE FEAST OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, ON SUNDAY, 17 OCTOBER (Parish Celebration)

Weekly Schedules of sharing on the lives of a Passionist Saints.

It will be posted on our [Parish Facebook Page](#) on Monday Morning.

THE PASSIONIST SAINTS WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Introductory: Fr. Joachim Rego [click here](#)

Week one: St. Gemma Galgani [click here](#)

Week two: Blessed Isidore De Loor and all Passionist Brothers

Week three: St Dominic and all cp missionaries

Week four: St Gabrielle and all cp young saints

Week five: St Paul of the Cross



This beautiful icon was commissioned by the Passionist Fathers as a part of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the year their Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, received the charism to found their Congregation.

The figures in the main part of the triptych are Jesus, experiencing His death on the Cross, with the Blessed Virgin Mary on one side and St. Paul of the Cross on the other. Saint Paul has his hand over his heart, where on the Passionist habit is depicted the beautiful "Passionist Sign" or emblem (pictured above Jesus).

Below the Cross is the devil, about to experience his final defeat.

To the left and right are two angels carrying instruments of the Passion – the spear and the reed of hyssop.

The Passionist saints on the left are St. Gemma Galgani and Bl. Isadore de Loor. On the right are St. Gabriel Possenti, with the skull, and Bl. Dominic Barberi, who played such an instrumental role in the conversion of Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman.

[BAPTISMS 2021 at St Brigid's](#)

Please Note: Baptisms for ,
September & October 2021
have been CANCELLED.

**No further Baptisms will be scheduled
for the rest of this year OR 2022
until further notice**

[COVID—19 UPDATE](#) (as at 17 SEPTEMBER 2021

[NSW Health Directives\)](#)

[WEDDING BOOKINGS](#) at St Brigid's

**As a result of the number of weddings
needing to be postponed owing to
COVID 19 regulations at this time,
NO ADDITIONAL WEDDINGS
will be possible in 2021.**

**No further wedding bookings for 2022
will be accepted until further notice.**

**The only bookings which may be made
are for FUNERALS
(maximum 10 mourners ONLY)**

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH -CHURCH and
PARISH OFFICE—
LOCKED DOWN UNTIL at least
30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**ALL bookings/ communications
via E-MAIL :
parish@stbrigid.org.au**

**For the safety of all,
please do not attend the Office in person**

[CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL](#) 2021-2022

Owing to to the COVID 19 lockdown, the first ap-
peal for the current financial year has been post-
poned until **NEXT SUNDAY**
26 September 2021.

100 years ago when the world was struggling with
the Spanish Flu, Christians offered their aid and re-
sources to house and heal the sick. Sadly, COVID
19 has harmed millions and left many more feeling
isolated, abandoned, lonely and despairing. Now,
more than ever, our community needs the Gospel
message of love and its fruits in its ministries of
mercy.

Donations are 100% tax deductible
For further information,
[click here:](#)

[EVERY SATURDAY, AT 9:00 AM](#)

[Join by :](#) [Via Zoom](#)

[Live via:](#) [Facebook](#)

Please join
us in
praying the
Holy
Rosary



[Online Novena of Novena of the Rosaries](#)
[for the people of Afghanistan](#)

**Friday, 17 September
to Saturday,
25 September
at 3:00pm except
Saturday at 9:00 am
via Zoom**



Recently deceased: Uncle Bert (Edward) Ballangarry.; Frances Finch.

Anniversaries : Letizia Tesoriero; Douglas Ferguson; Pavlovic Javob; Jose Luis Da Costa; Kathleen & John Parry; David Schembri; Lola Trethowan; Joseph Trong Quoc Pham; Maria Ven Thi Nguyen; Catherine O'sullivan; Victoria Climax; Ann Phipps; Irene James; Donald Buck; Mate Tui-maseve.

Carrying Severe Illness: Maria Guilfoyle; Renato Di Perna; Teresa Mazzeo; Ellen Forrester; Celine Steel ; Nayara Faith Penitani; Sebastian George Turchi.



FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

We have had a number of queries from parishioners asking how to continue to donate during lock down. For those of you able to contribute please click the link for more details

[Click here for more details](#)

Or simply scan



To Register: <https://bit.ly/Calltolamentation>

Call to Lamentation and Commitment

Sunday 26th September 2021 @ 7:00-7:30pm



Join us for a candlelit prayer vigil over Zoom as we remember all those who have died in Australian immigration detention on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Please Register here:
<https://bit.ly/Calltolamentation>

This lamentation concludes the 150 Days of Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers under the patronage of St. Joseph the Refugee.

Any queries please contact Julie Macken or Jan Barnett
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PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS 2020/2021

As the Parish remains in lockdown until at least 30 September 2021, tax deductible receipts may be obtained sooner if needed by e-mailing your details to parishadmin@stbrigid.org.au

Archdiocese of Sydney **ONLINE HOLY HOUR** **For the needs of Sydney Catholics**

Thursday 30 September 2021
7.00-8.00pm

(Feast Day of St Therese)

Registration essential

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-eventsciples

Foster Care Information session

Those who are interested can [click here](#) to register.

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on: **Wednesday 22 September 2021 6:30pm – 7:30pm**

To register call

Family Spirit

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✉ admin@familyspirit.org

🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday