



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C 26th January, 2025

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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Justice & Peace Network:

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Sr Rosana

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Men's Club:

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner & Mick Ward

Ministry of Care:

Sr Rosana

Music Director:

Frank Mafi

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Seniors' Group:

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Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook & Lina Elias



Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,

Over this weekend, we celebrate Australia Day; as we pause to reflect on this land we call home, it is important to acknowledge the depth of its history, the diversity of its people, and the complexity of what this day means to so many. As someone who has come to Australia from elsewhere and is a learner, I find myself continually captivated by this extraordinary land. Its sheer beauty is overwhelming—its endless coasts, its ancient forests, and its skies that seem to stretch forever. And yet, beyond the landscapes, what truly draws me in is the deep cultural heartbeat of this place.

Australia is a land of stories—some I am only beginning to learn. It is home to the world's oldest living cultures, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, whose wisdom and connection to Country are unlike anything I have encountered before. Their art, their music, their understanding of the land - it's breathtaking in its depth and power. And yet, as I learn, I also see how these stories have been interrupted, how wounds from the past linger still. It leaves me with a sense of awe but also a feeling of confusion and sadness. How can such beauty and pain coexist in one place?

I've met Australians who hold this day close to their hearts, celebrating the blessings of freedom, opportunity, and a shared sense of community. I've also listened to voices that remind me that this day carries another weight - a weight of loss, displacement, and hurt for many First Nations people. These truths sit side by side, and as someone still learning, I find myself asking how to hold both with the respect and care they deserve.

What I have come to understand is that Australia's story is complex. It is not just a tale of sunlit beaches and shared barbecues. It is also a story of resilience and reconciliation, of a nation striving to embrace its history in all its layers. And though this journey seems unfinished, there is hope. I see it in the kindness of people, in their willingness to listen, and in the growing desire to honour the full breadth of this country's heritage.



On this day, I find myself not only marveling at Australia's beauty but also reflecting on what it means to truly belong. To care for this land and its people, to honour its First Nations custodians, and to walk with humility and openness—these are lessons I hope to carry with me.

So, on this Australia Day, I stand as someone still learning, still questioning, and still falling in love with a country that is as complex as it is beautiful. My hope is that this day, and all days to come, can be moments where Australians—old and new—come closer to understanding, healing, and celebrating together and keep learning as I am.

Happy Australia Day!

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!



Wednesday, the 29th of January, is the Vietnamese New Year, or Tết. As we celebrate Tết, we embrace the beauty of new beginnings - a time to honour family, remember ancestors, and look forward with hope and gratitude. This sacred tradition is not only a time of joy and renewal for our Vietnamese brothers and sisters but also a celebration shared across many cultures, including those from China, Korea, and other parts of Asia, who mark the Lunar New Year in unique and meaningful ways.

In our parish, we are especially blessed by the vibrant presence and contributions of the Vietnamese community. Your deep faith, rich traditions, and dedication to parish life inspire us all. From the beauty of your cultural celebrations to the generosity of your service in ministries and community events, you enrich our shared journey of faith in countless ways.

The Apostle Paul reminds us: "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). As we step into this Lunar New Year, may we all open our hearts to God's renewing grace, strengthened by the unity and diversity of our parish family.

*To our Vietnamese families, we offer our heartfelt prayers and best wishes. May this year bring you and your loved ones peace, health, and abundant blessings. **Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!** As we celebrate together, let us give thanks for the beauty of all cultures that contribute to the life of our parish and commit ourselves to building a community of love and welcome in the year ahead.*

SAVE THE DATE: BRIGID COMMUNITY DAY - SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

Mark your calendars for Brigid Community Day on Sunday, 16 February; a celebration of faith, culture, and community! The day will begin with Mass at 10:30am, bringing us together in prayer and thanksgiving.

Following Mass, the festivities will continue with a vibrant showcase of cultural foods, entertainment, and activities for all ages.

Bring your friends, extended family, and neighbours along to share on this special day. It's an excellent opportunity to connect, celebrate our diverse parish community, and enjoy the richness of our shared traditions.

We look forward to seeing you there! More information to follow.

*God bless
Fr Giltus*



PIETY STALL

A limited number of copies of "God's Word for 2025" are still available. God's Word includes readings and reflection for each day of the year.

ST BRIGID YOUTH MASS - RESTARTING AT 6pm ON SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

To all our young parishioners, we encourage you to be part of our Sunday night Youth Mass and get together. For more information, please contact youthministry@passionists.com

The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- Bill Donaghy's 'Way of Wonder' shows couple the way to faith
- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP in joint call for an end to antisemitism
- New ways to pray in 2025
- For parents, NSW court ruling shows need for courage
- What does Nicaea have to do with the Great Schism?
- New podcast brings a light touch to faith, life, and "being Asian"

ST BRIGID'S LITTLE CHURCH

St Brigid's Little Church will begin again this weekend at the 10.30am Mass. Little Church is the Children's Liturgy of the Word, when the Gospel is explained to the children and there are activities held that allow them to engage a better understanding of the message of the Gospel.

Please contact the parish office or see Sr Elenita if you can help for 30 minutes on a Sunday.



Artes Christi Chamber Choir Presents Sacred Music for Lent

SYDNEY, NSW (8 January 2025) - Experience the profound journey of Christ's passion through masterworks including Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, Bruckner's *Christus Factus Est*, and Byrd's *Miserere Meus*. This Lenten concert invites listeners on a musical pilgrimage from darkness to light, from suffering to hope.

Join us Saturday, 8 March 2025, 7:30pm - 9pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham.

Tickets: Adult \$35 | Concession \$25 | Family \$75
For bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXXHA>

PLEASE BE ALERT, BUT NOT ALARMED

Last week, we had an incident in the Ladies toilets where someone tried to set fire to toilet rolls. For the safety of everyone, if you see or know of any suspicious activity occurring in or around our church, please contact a member of the Parish Staff as soon as possible.

Parents, please ensure that children are always in the company of a trusted adult, especially when using the parish toilets.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney asks us *Is our community inclusive?* If you would like to take part in this survey, please fill in the form provided at the back of the church and post to Sydney Archdiocese by 16 June 2025.

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased: Domenico Longo, Nelson Gomes, Paula Mauric

Death Anniversaries: Giuseppe Otera, John Kerpan, Philip Christy, Joachim Hoan, Van Bau, Joseph Hoang, Quoc Thai, Teddy Lakiss, Rosa D'Arrigo, Antoinetta Consalvi, Noeline Therese Killalea, Irene Thompson, Antonio De Sousa, Angelo Russo, Mary Ann Josephine Smith, Francis Said, Peter Jacobus Buchel, Winston Yeo, John Choon Seng Ng, Francis Xavier Nguen, Van Cau, Anna Truong Thi Miet, Phero Nguyen Van Thuyet, Chantelle Delboe, Wenefrida Jauco, Ian Crayford, Levon Tholian, Ida Jauco, Maria Chi Thi Pham.

Carrying Severe Illness: 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, Antonios Gebrael, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Damia Roumie, Jose Gomes, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, John Lizzio, Louta Mafi, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances, George Baraket, Richard Hudson, Lia Naoumidis

Other intentions: Siham Geagea, Wendy Lamb, Josephine Farah, Joseph Farah



Mass Texts: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10
They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Response: Ps 18:8-10,15
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30
Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21
The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

PARISH CALENDAR 2025

JANUARY

27th Mon 9.00am Public Holiday Mass

FEBRUARY

2nd Sun 10.00am Catechist Sunday
7th Fri 10.00am St Brigid's Primary School Feast Day
9th Sun 10.30am Presentation of Baptism Candidates
6:00pm Youth Group starts
16th Sun 10.30am Community Day
18th Tue 10.00am Casimir College Opening School Mass
21st Fri 10.00am St Brigid's Primary School Opening Mass

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
	25/26 Jan	1 / 2 Feb	25/26 Jan	1 / 2 Feb	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Margaret H Jim Y Ofa T	Aloysia S Michael S Michael P	Carole P Gabrielle B Thu H Elizabeth B	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Margaret T Joseph F Joanna V	Mary L Esther G Geoffrey L	Geoffrey L Rebecca B Stephen O	Dennis M F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Peter J Susan K Italain	Frank F Buddy M	Joanne M Susan K Aiden K Angie C	Peter J Tony H Anthony N Benadette Y	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Kevin B Rex H Charlie E	Arthur K Charlene E Lenore D	Alexis H Lenore D Kevin B	Arthur K Lina E Charlene 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.