



## 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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### Parish Team:

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**One Family, Alive in Christ**

**We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12th February, 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.*

#### Fulfilling the Law

*In the Gospel Reading Christ says that he has not come to do away with the law but to fulfill the law. In fact, no one will get into heaven unless his righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the law-observing scribes and the Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees thought that murderers and adulterers are shut out of heaven. As Christ explains it, sins in your heart, such as hatred or lust, will shut you out of heaven just as effectively.*

*This is a perplexing saying, isn't it?*

*What happened to salvation by faith and not by works? Isn't the law of the old covenant replaced by the new covenant of grace? How are we to understand Christ's saying that he has come to fulfill the law?*

*And it's also a troubling saying, worrying enough to make a person groan out loud. Isn't the burden of guilt heavy enough without Christ's telling people that they will be excluded from heaven unless their righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees?*

*The burden of the Law was great enough, wasn't it? What happened to Christ's saying "come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest"? (Mt 11:28)*

*But think about heaven. Those in heaven*

*have everlasting life. What would that life be like if Christ's saying were false? If it were false, a person who hated his brother or lusted after some-one else's wife could still have everlasting life in heaven.*

*And now think about living forever in the psychic pain of surreptitious hatred or secret lust. How could anyone with such a psyche be in heaven? Anywhere a person like that goes automatically ceases to be heaven. His own unrighteousness will make him miserable. He carries the absence of heaven in his unrighteous heart.*

*And so Christ is correct: no one will enter into heaven whose righteousness does not exceed the righteousness mandated in the law.*

*This is a very heavy burden indeed. What could anyone do to carry it?*

*The solution is to listen when Christ says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."*

*The rest which righteousness gives comes to us only when we come to Christ.*



LOVE IS THE ONLY LAW

## Ministry help wanted

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will begin again during Sunday 10.30am Mass. The younger children are removed from mass and explained the readings in a simpler way or it may be a worksheet supplied.



We are looking for volunteers to join our roster system. If you are interested please see Sr Elenita. No training needed.

### CATCHCHIST

Catechist visit local primary schools to teach scripture. If you have a spare hour a week and would like to find out more about becoming a catechist please contact Sr Elenita. Training and support will be provided.

### St Brigid's Catholic Primary School



#### SCHOOL TOURS

27-28 Feb 9-10am  
2 March 9-10am  
3 March 3.30-4.30pm

#### OPEN DAYS

4 March 9am-12pm

[stbmarrickville.syd.catholic.edu.au](http://stbmarrickville.syd.catholic.edu.au)



### Casimir Catholic College Marrickville

#### OPEN DAY



Friday 3 March 2023  
3.00pm - 7.00pm

All Welcome

200 Livingstone Road, Marrickville | 9558 2888  
[info@casimirmarrickville.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@casimirmarrickville.catholic.edu.au)



## Courses for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers



*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.  
(Mark 10:45)*

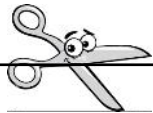
Commencing in February 2023, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Liturgy Office, is offering a series of training courses for adult lay people to serve their parishes in liturgical ministry. These courses include training for:

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers

To complete an expression of interest:

- Fill out a registration form, available from the St. Brigid's Parish Office. We can email you a copy.
- Attend an interview with the Parish Priest - *Father Tom*
- Have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC). *Apply on line*
- Baptismal certificate required.

*Please contact the Parish Office on 8577 5670 or email [parish@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:parish@stbrigid.org.au) for more information.*



## JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING SYSTEM

As we settle into the new year and begin our routines again, we ask that you consider joining our Planned Giving Envelopes system. This is a great way to support the parish financially and also claim a 30% tax deduction. The rising cost of maintenance with a parish this grand, and so utilised, the outgoings out-way our income - so we encourage you to join. First option is to ask for a set of envelopes, the amount given is at your discretion, just place your envelope in the second collection, and receive your tax receipt after 30 June. The 2nd option is to join the monthly credit card system, where you nominate a monthly amount to debit from your credit card, again a tax receipt will be issued.

To join please cut off the slip below and return to the parish office or hand to one of the parish team

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



I would like to join the Envelope system



I would like to join the Credit Card system



### St Joseph's Prayer Group

Teaching Day

God is our Father, the Source of all Love  
Saturday 18th February 2023 9.45am - 3.30pm

Speaker: Fr John Puliparambil

Cost: \$15.00. Please bring your bible with you and a plate to share for lunch. Coffee & Tea provided

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Email: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

St Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall  
126 Liverpool Road, Enfield  
Parking at Rear, Enter from Baker Street

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Marriage Week Sale - Ends 15 February.  
For 50% off use coupon code: MarriageWeek2023

### 'COME & SEE' ~ SEMINARY OPEN DAY

*Thinking about Priesthood? Want to know more about Seminary Life and Formation?*

**Sunday 19 February**

Seminary of the Good Shepherd  
52-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush

The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For more information, please visit call 9307 8424 or visit [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au)

Registration Form for Catering Purposes:  
<https://forms.gle/rhYT6ZupMj47RL7G7>

Please RSVP by Wednesday 15 February 2023. Every enquirer's details are kept confidential.

### LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired.  
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THE MUSTARD SEED  
BOOKSHOP & CAFE

# THE FACE ON THE SHROUD

WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?  
AN EVENING WITH THE AUTHOR  
**William West**  
Author of *Riddles of the Shroud*  
Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney  
24 FEBRUARY 6-7.30PM

**Recently Deceased:** Bell Evelin Eames

**Death Anniversaries:** Margaret Abbott, John Mahony, Gloria Randazzo, Linda El Tabar, Leonard James Etham Macaig, Patricia Murray, Concetta Schemlui, Maria Lieu Thi Mai, Donald Harkness, Marianna Tesoriero.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, George Clavigo, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, Buena Ong, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Teresa Faborito Mazzeo, Fr Thomas Thanh, Maria Guilfoyle, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Fr Brian Gleeson

**Other intentions:** Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond, all affected by the Syria/Turkey earthquake.



### Mass Texts: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20**

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

#### **Response:**

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

#### **Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10**

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

#### **Gospel: Mt 5:17-37**

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you

### Parish Calendar 2023

#### **February**

12th	Sun	10.30am	St Brigid's Feast Day
15th	Wed	7.00pm	Parent Information night Reconciliation & 1st Communion
19th	Sun	1.30pm	Senior's Group
22nd	Wed	9am & 7pm	Ash Wednesday
28th	Thur	7.00pm	Parish Pastoral Council

#### **March**

3rd	Fri	7.30pm	Men's Club
6th	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
7th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach meeting
19th	Sun	2.00pm	Senior's Group
23rd	Thur	7.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
28th	Tue	7.00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting

### Liturgical Timetable

<b>Mon - Wed - Fri:</b>	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by <b>Mass at 9.00am.</b> Followed by Rosary
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mass at 6:45</b>
<b>Thurs:</b>	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary</b>
	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30pm (Vietnamese)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.00pm (Viet); and 6pm.</b>

#### 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 the Mass.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is offered after 9.00am Mass on the First Friday of each month .

### Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries Roster

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	11/12 Feb	17/18 Feb	11/12 Feb	17/18 Feb	11/12Feb	17/18Feb	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Laura N Lec: Paul C	Com: Michael P Lec: Gabriela B	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole P Michael P Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G Lec: Margaret T	Com: Mary L Lec: Sabina A	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Liz B Lec: Jan R 2nd: Peter J	Com: Melly S Reader: Terry R	Albert N Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Albert N Anthony N Joanne Mc John Mc	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Pedro Lec: Adrienne H	Com: Arthur K Lec: John S	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K Kristen R	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also to 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.