



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

6th Sunday of Easter –Year A 16/17 May 2020

Parallel Truths

6TH SUNDAY EASTER A Reflection

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor par excellence.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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NOTICE OF THE RELAXATION OF ISOLATION MEASURES ON PLACES OF WORSHIP

The St. Brigid's Parish Liturgy Committee with the Co-Chairpersons of the Parish Pastoral Council will be having a meeting this weekend with Dr. Trish Ferguson to discuss the chances of opening our church for your personal Prayer.

While our Church still remains closed now, please keep checking our Online Communication app for any changes.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

- ♦ Edna Taylor
- ♦ Val Hill

For the Sick

- ♦ Francis Dunlea
- ♦ Peter Ling
- ♦ Geoffrey Leask
- ♦ Mary Harte
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ And all those infected with Corona-Virus

Death Anniversaries

- ◆ Felice Mandile
- ◆ Fr Ted Kennedy PP
- ◆ Gioan Nguyen Duy Mao
- ◆ Joseph O'Brien,
- ◆ Leslie Mole
- ◆ Kathleen Fountain,
- ◆ Beryl Ann Brownlee
- ◆ Fr Casimir Maguire CP
- ◆ Ann Marie Forkin,
- ◆ Ilias Oesman
- ◆ Rita Nicholas,
- ◆ Franciscus Kurniawan
- ◆ Anton Arulanandam,
- ◆ Maria Mat Thi Nguyen

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FAMILY PRAYER

For Sacred Space:

- ◆ Lighted Candle
- ◆ Bible

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Loving Saviour, you are our healing and life: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Risen Lord, you call us to live your commandment of love: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Paschal Lamb, you are food and strength: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Jesus said: "I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate." Let us now listen to the Word of God.

Reader:

A reading from the Gospel of John
(14:15-17-21) Abridged

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him, because he is with
you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer
see me; but you will see me, because I
live and you will live. On that day you
will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my com-
mandments and keeps them will be one
who loves me; and anybody who loves
me will be loved by my Father, and I
shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Short Reflection:

Jesus reminds the disciples that the way to show their love for him is to keep his commandments. However, the disciples are still fearful and anxious so Jesus promises them a comforter and helper – the Holy Spirit. They are not to feel alone or like orphans. The Holy Spirit will help them to know Jesus as the one sent by the Father.

For Family Sharing/Discussion

Even though we cannot see Jesus,
we can experience his presence in many
different ways.

The Spirit is at work in the world, bring-
ing love, joy, kindness, patience and
gentleness.

The main message in today's gospel is
to love Jesus and to do as he com-
mands.

- ◆ **What does love look like.... feel like.... and sound like?**
- ◆ **What does this passage tells us about Jesus' vision of what it is to be a disciple?**
- ◆ **What are the commandments that Jesus refers to as 'his commandments'.**

Intercessions:

- ◆ We pray for the world-wide church, our local diocese and our parish
- ◆ Let's pray that our families will show other people the way Jesus' loves.
- ◆ For communities and nations experiencing suffering due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- ♦ For those who are suffering financial hardship because of the pandemic.
- ♦ For scientists, working to develop vaccines for Covid-19 and other diseases.

Individual intentions.....

All: Our Father.....

Leader: God our Father, we trust in your Spirit of truth. Hear our prayers and help us to live by your commands in love through the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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If you wish to donate to the Parish you are welcome at any time through the Parish Office OR electronic transfer

**Bank Account Details
For Electronic transfer only**

**Acc Name: Marrickville Parish
Bank: Commonwealth
BSB: 062784
Acc No 6445001
Description: Parish Donation**

+++++ Request from the Parish Office

If you are receiving this Newsletter and believe that this is not for you, please let us know so that we can remove your address in our list.

For those who prefer to receive this Newsletter by email please send us your email address. Thank you

+++++ CyberSafety Survey

On behalf of the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office we are requesting you to take an anonymous 5 minute CyberSafety Survey.

Adults, young people and children can participate and you don't have to have children in order to take the survey. The results of the Survey will help the Safeguarding Office to develop resources that will provide adults, young people and children with the knowledge and skills to help keep them safe online. The link to the survey is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

Are you struggling in this time of crisis?

You are not alone.

CCareline **13 18 19** is a free and confidential helpline that can connect you with a local volunteer from your community.

OPEN FOR ALL



St Brigid's Food table of plenty

Each Wednesday evening a table of tinned and packaged food will be available at the doors of the church.

Starting Wednesday 13 May 2020
5pm to 6pm



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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 Safeguarding enquiries @ sydneycatholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want 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.

Two special announcements:

1. Conclusion of Sue King's paid roles in the parish.

On behalf of the parish, I would like to appreciate Sue for her 9 years of service to the parish. She has been working and paid for some of the demanding administration. I thank Sue for her reliability, flexibility, and commitment to the parish. Over the years she has worked as catechists coordinator, parish safeguarding support officer, bookkeeping, and other parish administration work as requested. Because of her, our parish is proud to be 100% compliant with the archdiocese safeguarding requirements!

That being said, the parish has been disorganised when it comes to many tasks that were needed to be done professionally. This became an issue because we could no longer pay people on a regular basis without them being employed. Now that the parish is more organised with the archdiocese employment regulations, Sue's roles listed above will be concluded on June 1st this year.

This was not an easy decision because Sue had been used to the roles as the parish was used to benefitting from her help. The decision was made with the advice of the Parish Finance Committee as well as other authorities. This process has taken over a year. Sue is encouraged to continue to be involved in other roles of the parish as everyone else is encouraged to do so. People who will take on the roles will be announced in due course.

We will find a way to appreciate Sue when the Church is open with a gift to thank her for her very kind generosity and ability to adapt to such difficult changes. It is important that we appreciate and encourage volunteers in general because as a non for profit organisa

tion, we still rely very much on volunteers.

Please do thank Sue when you get a chance, and maybe give her a gift yourself. She was very good and made it easier for me throughout the whole process.

2. New employment: Elena Di Perna not Sr Elena

I am pleased to announce that the parish has employed a new Bookkeeper, her name is Elena Di Perna and she will be working with us every Thursday starting on the 4th June 2020.

Elena comes with the relevant qualifications for this role as well as over 15 years' experience working at All Hallows Parish Five Dock and recently St Joseph's Parish in Newtown.

Elena has extensive experience with MYOB, PACS, Parish Financial Reporting and also overall parish administration. Please make Elena feel welcome when she starts. She will be able to assist with many parish administration tasks, some of which Sue was involved in as well as what our accountant, Gerard, was doing. Note that Gerard resigned a few months ago. This is a relief for the parish, that work can now be done in line with the employment regulations.

Many thanks to some of the Parish Finance Committee Members who have worked hard to make this happen.

With Peace,
Erick

Keep Safe