



## St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia*

**One Family, Alive in Christ**

*Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887*

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

### Corpus Christi –Year A 13/14 June 2020

#### MASSES AT ST. BRIGID'S

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY**  
Mornings at 9:00AM.

**Due to the increase number of Mass attendance, Parishioners are encouraged to book to attend a maximum of ONE of these masses each week.**

**(attendance limited to 50 PEOPLE ONLY at each mass).**

#### **Bookings:**

- ♦ **by phoning the Parish Office on 8577 5670 from 9.30am AND 4.00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday ONLY:**
- ♦ **by e-mail at:**  
[elenita@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:elenita@stbrigid.org.au)

**In accordance with government regulations regarding COVID -19, you will be asked for you name AND contact phone number for tracing purposes, and you are strongly urged to bring personal sanitiser to the church and to wear mask and gloves while in the church**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CO-OPERATION.**

**Keep Safe**

#### **Quotes from Pope Francis' Homilies on the Feast of Corpus Christi**

"The Eucharist, is an example of doing big things with little, "for there we find God himself contained in a piece of bread. Being simple and essential, bread broken and shared, the Eucharist we receive allows us to see things as God does."

"It inspires us to give ourselves to others,"

"Only the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the food of life, can satisfy the hunger of hearts for love, a universal experience."

"The Eucharist is simple food, like bread, yet it is the only food that satisfies, for there is no greater love." "There we encounter Jesus really; we share his life and we feel his love."

"Let us choose this food of life! Let us implore the grace to hunger for God, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us," th.

"The Eucharist is our 'reservation for the heavenly banquet," he said. "It is Jesus himself, as food for our journey towards eternal life and happiness."

**"Let us pray that participation in the Eucharist move us always to follow the Lord every day, to be instruments of communion, to share with Him and with our neighbor who we are. Then our lives will be truly fruitful. Amen"**

## Gospel reflection

### **BECOMING ANOTHER CHRIST IN HOLY COMMUNION**

God is one, but also three, for this one God consists of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In other words, when we talk about God, we are talking about relationships. We are saying that God exists in relationships within Godself, and in relationship to us! So we speak of God the Father as our Creator, of God the Son as our Saviour, and of God the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier. In short, God is not alone, but a community. Neither are we alone, but a community. First of all, we are a community of human beings, in which all lives matter – no exception! Many of us are also make up the community of the followers of Jesus (the Church), with responsibilities to one another. We share life together as a Holy Communion, both before and after we receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ.

But because of the current corona virus pandemic, our togetherness as one has been much disrupted. For more than three months most of us have been deprived of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Only recently have no more than 20 persons been able to pray together at church, while practising social distancing, hand sanitising, and other hygiene precautions. Over the weeks and months of quarantines and orders to stay at home, many Christians, at a physical distance from the action and separated from others, have watched services on a TV or computer screen. In doing so, they have been struggling with how to best live out their faith as a community. And yet, as St Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists used to say, 'the love of God is very ingenious'. It has shown itself again and again in the maintenance and promotion of loving relationships, expressed in such good deeds as round-the-clock dedication of exhausted nurses and doctors to the care of the sick and the dying, giving of masks and even cooked meals to complete strangers, making phone calls to the isolated and lonely, sending cards to friends, or just staying at home to protect the most vulnerable.

Speaking of the sacrament of Holy

Communion, St Augustine in the 400s in North Africa, said many wise things about who we are as members, cells, limbs, of the body of Christ. Among other things he said: 'You are what you have received.' In fact, the first of the two signs in which we receive Christ is the sign of bread. In the course of digestion, bread and the person eating it become one. It is assimilated into the body of the one eating it. When we receive Christ as the Bread of Life for our journey of life, we become ever more one with him. But there is a difference. Christ is not changed into us, into our bodies. No, we are changed by being assimilated into Christ's body. This is to say that we are further incorporated into his church, that extension of himself which is the body of Christians in the world today.

At the Last Supper, in a stunning way, Jesus acted out his care and concern for, his union and bonding with, his followers. He got down on his knees like a slave, went round the group, and washed their feet, one by one. It's interesting that John, in his gospel of the Last Supper, does not mention the action of Jesus with the bread and wine. Instead he tells us of the action of Jesus with a basin of water and a towel. In this way John tells us the meaning of both actions of Jesus. It is all about belonging to one another in the same community of Christ, the community of faith, hope and love, the community which is the Church. It is all about bonding and union with one another. It is all about humbly serving one another. It is all about reaching out with warmth and care, with welcome and hospitality to our neighbour, the neighbour who could hardly be better described than 'the person who needs me now - right here, right now'. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta has said so eloquently:

I know you think you should make a trip to Calcutta, but I strongly advise you to save your airfare and spend it on the poor in your own country. It's easy to love people far away. It's not always easy to love those who live right next to us. There are thousands of people dying for a bit of bread, but there are thousands more dying for a bit of love or a bit of acknowledgement. The truth is that the worst disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis (I add Covid19),

it's being unwanted, it's being left out, it's being forgotten.

Love and service, welcome and hospitality, kindness and compassion, self-forgetfulness and inclusive generosity, that's what it means to follow Jesus. That's what it means to live community. That's what it means to live his Last Supper command: 'Do this in remembrance of me'!

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## **SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading:** Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses reminds the people of the hardships God saved them from.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12  
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17**

We are a single body sharing from a single loaf.

**Gospel: Jn 6:51-58**

Whoever eats and drinks of the body and blood of Christ has eternal life.

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*by Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

## **Vinnies Annual Winter Appeal**

Owing to COVID—19, this year there will be NO public appeal at Masses as we have normally done.

*If you wish to support Vinnies, we ask that you either:*

Drop off an envelope to the Parish Office clearly marked "Vinnies Appeal **OR** Post your donation to SVDP Marrickville c/- St Brigid's Parish, PO Box 237, Marrickville, 1475 **OR** Donate online at <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/sydney-region-winter-appeal> and in "Message of Support" quote Marrickville conference.

**Thank you for your ongoing support to our Conference.**

## **From the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office**

### **Cyber Safety Survey**

On behalf of the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office are requesting you to take an anonymous **5 minute Cyber Safety 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>

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"The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office has put some Fact Sheets on their website that provide children, young people, parents and guardians with information and skills on how to safely engage in online communication. These can be downloaded at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/safeguarding-resources/>."

### **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.orgOR 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.

## Information Directory

**St Brigid's Primary School**  
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Bereavement Ministry:	Sr. Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged:	Fr. Dominic
CCD in State Schools:	Sr. Elenita
Children's Sacraments:	Sr. Elenita
Sunday Children's Liturgy:	Sr. Elenita
Ecumenical & Interfaith:	Jim Yeo
Family Groups Contact:	Adrienne Harverson

Finance C'tee :	Hamish Flett
Justice & Peace Network:	Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries	Fr. Erick, Sr. Elena
Maintenance C'tee:	Michael Daher/ Pongia Fenukitau
Men's Club:	Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward
Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:	Jim Yeo
Pastoral Council Co-chairs :	Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis
Youth Ministry:	Jenny Solo Oliver Bautista

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### Recently deceased

- ♦ Mary Harte
- ♦ George Rego
- ♦ Maureen Guilfoyle
- ♦ Haitelenisia Kalolaine Tavaka
- ♦ Linda Nader
- ♦ Heneli Angianga
- ♦ Wadad Harb

### For the Sick

- ♦ Netti Kerpan
- ♦ Winifreda Jauco
- ♦ Peter Ling
- ♦ Geoffrey Leask
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ And all those infected with Corona-Virus

### Death Anniversaries

William Bamford, Penny Hutton  
Marie Griffin, Filomena Di Sisto  
John Henry Blackall, Alfredo Fagiani  
Dominico Ton That Chau  
Benjamin Cunha Duarte  
Philomena Linsley, Silvia Toffolo  
Noel Desmond Fay, Fr Francis Clune  
Jose Manuel Caetano CP  
Nunziato Sciacca, Antonio Arcuri  
Arthur (Roy) Honeyman  
Fr Lawrence Purcell CP  
David Howard, Paolo Barbuto

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019/2020

Last date for the current set  
is Sunday 28 June 2020

To secure your receipt for the full twelve months of contributions, please ensure that your remaining envelopes reach the Parish Office as soon as possible and well **BEFORE** that weekend.

Donations to the parish may be made via donation tab through our website

<https://stbrigid.org.au/>

### The following options are available"

- ♦ General Donations
- ♦ 1st Collection
- ♦ 2nd Collection

### For Cash Bank Deposit

#### Bank Account Details

Acc Name: Marrickville Parish  
Bank: Commonwealth  
BSB: 062784  
Acc No 000003973  
Description: Parish Donation

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