



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Fifth Sunday of Easter —Year B 25 May 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

STAYING CONNECTED TO JESUS

You will have noticed that every time the gospel is proclaimed in the church it is presented 'according to'. Each gospel writer sees the same Jesus, but with different eyes. Our message about him today is 'according to John'.

John's Jesus presents the metaphor of and the branches to describe the intimate relationship between himself and his followers. He is the true vine; his Father is the true vine-grower (15:1) and we are the ranches attached to him (15:5) Only if we remain connected to Jesus and he stays connected with us will we bear fruit, ie. Lead good and meaningful lives—useful and productive and worthwhile. What counts for John is closeness to Jesus and friendship with him.

There are all kinds of ways in which this happens, but it 's happening where we are right now, right here. Its happening in our shared liturgy, our prayer, our Eucharist right now.

It cannot be emphasised enough that liturgy is simply people praying together the prayer of their Church, ie its official prayer. As such, its something we do. But even more, its something God does.

What God does in liturgy continues what God has already done in history. This is his work of saving (transforming) human beings to be better people. God's saving us reached its climax in the living, dying and rising of Jesus. 'God solved the world,' says John, 'that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life'(3:16) ie a lasting relationship with God.

When God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, he let loose among us the same power that enlivened and influenced Jesus from the cradle to the grave. This is the power of the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit! The power that enriched his relationships! The power that led him to keep on loving God and God's people! The power that spurred him into doing good—helping and healing wherever he could (Acts 10:38). The power that brought to others, the understanding and compassion, the kindness,

comfort and healing of God! The power that forgave their sins, relieved their guilt, and gave them a brand new start! The power and joy of his ongoing presence, friendship and support!

It's the very Spirit of God that our Saviour keeps giving us when we pray together at liturgy. He does not and will not leave us as we are. His Spirit keeps refreshing, renewing and transforming us in our lives. Slowly but surely, we become more and more like Jesus. So, liturgy has been called 'an encounter with Jesus Christ in the fullness of his redeeming activity.'

To speak this way is to speak of liturgy as a gift, as grace. But what God is doing in the liturgy is only one side of the picture. There is also our response to the presence and action of God working within us and among us—our response of praise, thanksgiving, sorrow, petition, lament, self-offering, etc

Liturgy, as both gift and response, is shaped as a dialogue, a conversation with God. On the one hand, God keeps assuring us of God's presence and love. On the other hand, we respond to God with gratitude and faith, with trust and love.

It may be seen then, that the pattern of liturgy parallels the pattern of life, work and prayer of Jesus our Saviour: To the Father, through the Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit! In the conclusion of our every Eucharistic Prayer, we explicitly acknowledge this as a pattern of lives, work and prayer as well. We say: ***'Through him, with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. AMEN.'***

Today, in the rest of our community prayer together, let us pay special attention to that pattern of liturgy and life!

Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP
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CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND, 1-2 MAY 2021

After the difficulties of last year, 2020, when church attendances were down and donations very low, this year let's 'dig deep' to assist those in need. Every dollar you give will also help to reduce any shortfall from our Parish target which has to be made up from Parish funds.

Special envelopes are available on the pews and at the main doors of the church.

**Donations of \$2.00 or more are
TAX DEDUCTIBLE
*Please give generously***

HELP WANTED!

Planned Giving (Weekly Envelopes)

As we come closer to the end of the financial year 2020-2021, we are reviewing details of some members in our Planned Giving data base.

If you are currently contributing via the following envelope numbers, please phone OR e-mail the Parish Office at your earliest convenience:

Env 12, Env: 105

Phone: 8577 5670 (9.30am-4.00pm, M to F OR

E-mail: parish@stbrigid.org.au

St Brigid's Seniors' Group: Important Change of Date

Commencing from NEXT month, May 2021, the Seniors' Group will meet on the THIRD Sunday of each month at 2.00pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Private Prayer at St Brigid's

St Brigid's Church is open from 7-8.00pm each Monday evening for private prayer and reflection in the Pieta Chapel, including Exposition, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaletand Novena of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Under COVID regulations, please sign in as you enter the side door to the chapel.

St Brigid's Piety Store

May the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. New variety of statues of Our Lady as well as new stock of rosary beads. Baptism candles available. Credit Card facility available.

Healing Mass

Friday 7 May 2021 at St Joseph's Enfield. Rosary from 7pm; Mass at 8.00pm. Fr Yacub Barakat. Enquiries: Rose on 9642 2359

COVID—19 UPDATE as at Wednesday 8 April 2021 NSW Health Directives

The **MAXIMUM** attendance at any celebration at St Brigid's, including **weddings, baptisms and funerals**, is now **350 people** under the **2 square metre social distancing rule which must continue to be observed**, with attendees seated on the pews as clearly marked.

Congregational singing is now allowed.

For ALL persons attending church services, the wearing of a facemask continues to be strongly recommended.

QR codes are now compulsory for churches .

Passion for the Earth—A Laudato Si Camp for Adults

"The spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with him"

We ask the Holy Spirit to "fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love."

It is meant for leaders of Laudato Si groups and Social Justice Groups, for people wanting to explore an ecological commitment for religion, and anyone seeking to link science with God's creative action.

Date: Tuesday 6 July (10.00am) to Thursday 8 July (2.00pm) 2021

Place: Gutawang Catholic Youth Centre, Wooglemai 45 Sheeheys Creek Rd, Oakdale.

Cost: \$95.00. Full time students: \$75

Team Leader: Br Frank Richardson fms

Brochures in stand at main doors of church

PALMS Australia

Seeking Volunteer Bookkeeper at Petersham Office. E-mail: kevin @palms.org.au if able to help.

Bicentenary Mass

To mark the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of the first priests in Australia, Fr John Joseph Therry and Fr Philip Conolly, Archbishop Fisher OP will celebrate a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 9 May 2021 at 10.30am.

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 Safeguarding enquiries @ sydney-catholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am

Presentation: 2nd Weekend of Baptism month
at Parish Masses

Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12.30pm

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm

Preferably 6 months notice

Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments:

Sr Elena

Bereavement Ministry:

Sr Elenita/Michael Schiano

CCD in State Schools

Sr Elenita

Children's Sacraments

Sr Elenita

Ecumenical & Interfaith

Jim Yeo

Family Groups Contact:

Adrienne/Jonathan Harverson

Finance C'tee :

Adrienne Harverson

Justice & Peace Network

Peter Jennings

Liturgical Ministries

Mary Leask, Sr Elena

Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau

Media Ministry: Sr Elena/Pedro Moreira

Men's Club: Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward

Ministry of Care: Fr Dominic CP

Outreach Ministry: Dcn Christopher/Pauline Roach

Parish Safeguarding Support: Jim Yeo

Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis.

Seniors' Group: John Freeman/Richard Gonsalves

Women's Spirituality Group: Paige Bullen/Pauline Roach

Young Adults: Katrina Fuller/Maria Fuller

Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo (on leave)

Parish Collection

25/4/2021

1st(Passionists): \$ 1,115

2nd (Parish): \$ 3,853

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2,737

Credit Cards: \$ 1,116

18/4/2021

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,285

2nd (Parish): \$ 3,018

Calendar

May 2021

- 1/2** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL :
ALL Masses
Mass counts at all weekend masses during May
- 2** **First Communion Preparation(1) :**
8.45am in Shrubland Hall
10.30am May Baptism preparation
- 4** **Outreach Core Group: 7.15pm**
- 8/9** **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Mothers Day: (Family Groups
Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass)
- 15/16** **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
- 16** **First Communion Preparation(2):**
8.45am in Shrubland Hall
- 16** **St Brigid's Seniors: 2.00pm in Parish Meeting Room**
- 22/23** **PENTECOST**
- 23** **First Communion Preparation(3):**
8.45am in Shrubland Hall
- 24** **Our Lady Help of Christians**
- 29/30** **MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Recently deceased: Antonio Gomes; Filippo Musso; Maria Nunes; Maria De Jesus.

Anniversaries : Maria Hien Thi Do; Joseph Duong Van Do; Maria Hien Thi Bui; Jeffrey Newton; Marie Castell; Anna Nu Thi Nguyen; Jose Dos Santos; Evelyne Yamine; Franciscus Yuwono; Jamileh Doueihy; Fr John Pearce CP; Regina Camarro; Desmond D'Silva; Hamid Dahdah; Saverio Anastasi; Paul Griffin.

Carrying Severe Illness: Renato Di Perna; Corazon Inigo; Mely Siasat; Juliana Cipolla; Rocco Tropea; Lydia Obeid; Giovanna Cipolla: Nat Russo; Geoffrey Leask.

Mass Texts: Easter 5 : 2/5//21

First Reading: Acts 9 : 26-31

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Second : 1 Jn 3: 18-24

Gospel: Jn 15: 1-8

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear Us

Mass Texts: Easter 6: 2/5/21

First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-8

Response: The Lord has shown salvation to the nations

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Wed—Fri: Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.**

Tues and Thurs: **Mass at 6.45am**

Saturday: **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only

Saturday: Marriages 10-3 pm;
Reconciliation 4-30pm Mass:5 pm; & 7.00 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: Mass at 8.00am ; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.00pm (Viet);
and 6pm.

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.

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

COMBINED PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS' GATHERING: 24/4/2021



The first Combined Family Groups gathering for over a year took place in Shrubland Hall last weekend with an ANZAC Themed dinner—, plenty of lamb, chicken, vegetable kebabs, salads, followed by lamingtons and pavlova!

We welcomed **Tony and Annette Guterres, NSW PFG Co-ordinators**, together with a healthy contingent of Passionists to the hall. A huge 'Thank You' to Adrienne and Jonathon Harverson and ALL the PFG Leaders for their hard work.

A great night was had by all!



Weekend Mass Ministries: 5th & 6th Sunday of Easter

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Acolytes/Altar Servers

Mass Time	1/2 May	8/9 May	1/2 May	8/9 May	1/2 May	8/9 May
5 pm Sat	1. Gabrielle Bietola 2. Jim Yeo	1. Liz Buchel 2. Michael Schiano	-Priest -Philip Carolan -Liz Buchel -Leila Walsh -Kelelia Apikotoa	-Priest -Philip Carolan -Michael Dillon -Gabriele Bietola - Ofa Tupola	Philip Carolan Phoenix Kokontis Ava Moonen Tova Belanger Raquel Paulino	Philip Carolan Michael Dillon Phoenix Kokontis Ava Moonen Tova Belanger Raquel Paulino
8 am Sun	1. Sabina Aunedi 2. Margaret Turner	1. Peter Jennings 2. Mary Leask	-Priest -Dennis Maher -Mary Leask -Peter Jennings	-Priest -Dennis Maher -Margaret Turner - Sabina Aunedi	Dennis Maher Amelia Wild	Dennis Maher Amelia Wild
10.30 am Sun	1. Franklyn Cowell 2. Italian C -Terry Reyes	1. Bernadette Yamine 2. Italian C -John McGrath	-Priest -Geoffrey Lean -Mely Siasat -Angie Chaiocco -Tony Cipolla	- Priest - Albert Naticchia - Anthony Naticchia - Maria Barlow - Joanne McGrath	Geoffrey Lean Cristita Latu	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia Albert Naticchia Jr Cristita Latu
6 pm Sun	1. Lenore Daley. 2. Robert Gascoigne	1. Kristine Roehrig 2. Arthur Kassis	-Priest -Tony Hayek -Adrienne Harverson - Jackie Kassis - Arthur Kassis	-Priest -Tony Hayek -Michael Ward -Therese skinner - John Skinner	Tony Hayek Alexis Hirang Amelia Papadopoulus Ava Moonen Charlene Kokontis Aiden Pestana Raquel Paulino	Tony Hayek Alexis Hirang Amelia Papadopoulus Ava Moonen Charlene Kokontis Aiden Pestana Raquel Paulino

If any of you is rostered and not available please contact the following:

- = Lector or commentator (Mary Leask on 0404 019 962 or Sr. Elena on 0447 637 064)
- = Communion Minister, Acolytes /Altar server (Sr. Elena on 0447 637 063)