



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Easter Sunday - YEAR C 17th April 2022

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

Fr Tom writes

Dear Friends in the Parish Family,

St. Augustine wrote "We are an Easter People, and "Alleluia" is our song". Augustine wrote so many centuries ago, in a time so different but no less chaotic than our own so often is. Many of us have heard it before but Augustine still expresses so well what we celebrate these Great Three Easter Days

I think every person preaching this Easter will, quite rightly focuses our minds and hearts the sufferings that, as much today as ever before, refused to be silence.

We sing "Alleluia" surrounded by the cries of pain, helplessness, and hopelessness rising from so many, too many places in our world.

As fire, floods, climate change destroy our mother Earth, as our children cry out for the earth, yet we sing "Alleluia"

In these present days, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Yemen, Ethiopia, Myanmar, - can we still sing "Alleluia". We know these places so well now by heart, but just as we focus on one, another comes to take its place. just as we focus on one tragedy, another one is there claiming our attention. Violence against women, violence against children, refugees, and genocides, -But still we sing Alleluia.

And we keep on singing "Alleluia". We sing it, even though we know in our own 'luck country', that while the violence and the racism, the discrimination, the inequality, and the poverty is less obvious, but no less present our song of "Alleluia" does not come from a shallow optimism, that denies the reality, or imagines it will somehow miraculously cure itself. We sing "Alleluia" because we know we

must live "Alleluia", that we must be the "Alleluia" we sing. The washing of the feet, the Cross and the Empty tomb tells us that Alleluia is what we have to create, make real "alleluia".

"Alleluia" is not just what we sing, "Alleluia" is what we do! "Alleluia" is our "Yes" to all God intends this world to be and all our lives to become. "Alleluia" is God's "No" to all that God sees we have done to his world and to each other. "No" to all that breaks God's heart. It is God's "No" to all that Calvary did to his Son, and the Calvary we continue to make of this world.

Alleluia is God's "Yes" to Jesus, wounded yet glorious, walking out of the tomb into life in all its abundance and potential.

We sing "Alleluia" so we too, so our world itself can, wounded yet triumphant walk out of the tomb we've dug for ourselves, and walk into life in all its abundance and potential.

Alleluia: a single word; a simple word. But A word that can change the world. At the Easter Vigil, in the dark Church, lit by the single light of the Paschal Candle we sing the great Exsultet. It begins. "Exult and rejoice, all you heavens Let all you corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness" The Exsultet concludes with words that touch my own heart every Easter:

'How truly blessed this night, when heaven is wedded to earth, for to ransom a slave, God gave away his only Son". Knowing this, How can we not sing "Alleluia"

So, this Easter 2022, let us sing Alleluia, let us be Alleluia, and How can we not wish one another a blessed, hopeful and grace-filled Easter

Fr. Tom.

[RISING WITH JESUS TO THE NEW LIFE OF EASTER](#)

Acts 10:34, 37-43; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; John 20:1-9

When my father died quite suddenly when I was away in Belgium studying, my mother wrote that she was devastated. and that her life would never be, and could never be, the same again. All of us, facing the death of someone we love face a horrible and indescribable loss, along with feelings of absence and emptiness. One sometimes hears grieving people say: "I'm simply gutted."

For some persons, their feelings of loss are so great that they deny what has happened. They think they hear the footsteps of their loved one on the path outside or coming down the stairs, or turning the key in the front door.

When Mary Magdalen goes to visit the tomb of Jesus, it's very early on Sunday, the first day of the week. It's still dark but there's enough light to see that the stone has already been moved from the entrance to the tomb. But she is not in any kind of denial. She expects to come face to face with death. Not for a moment does she kid herself that Jesus is no longer dead. Instead, surely persons unknown must have stolen and hidden his body, and will not let him rest in peace.

She talks about her experience with Simon Peter and the anonymous Beloved Disciple. Together they race to the tomb. When Peter enters the tomb, he sees at first only the burial clothes. But when the disciple Jesus particularly loved enters the tomb he sees more. He sees what faith sees. Jesus is not dead but alive. Maybe he has figured out that if people had stolen the body they would not have taken the trouble to roll up the burial clothes. More likely, it's simply his belief in the greatness, goodness, and uniqueness of Jesus that leaves him convinced that God would not and could not leave him for dead. In any case, we are told simply that "he saw and he believed".

What we are celebrating today in the resurrection, then, is first of all the power of God's liberating love for his dear Son. His resurrection is God the Father's answer to all those wicked men who murdered Jesus on the cross and expected him to stay dead and buried forever.

In raising Jesus from the dead, God raised and revived every story Jesus told, every truth Jesus taught, every value Jesus stood for, every choice Jesus made, and every purpose he pursued. Everything about him and his history was given new life, new meaning, and new relevance.

So, the resurrection of Jesus is not a hysterical invention by people who refused to accept the death of their Leader. After all, his first followers were simply not expecting it. So much so that when they caught sight of him alive again they were gobsmacked. They could hardly believe their eyes and ears. But they had to accept the plain fact that there was Jesus, raised in his body, alive and well before their very eyes, and that all this had happened through the unbounded power of God's love for his Son.

What we are also celebrating today is our resurrection from the dead, our resurrection from deadly deeds, or at least our resurrection from anything less than the best, the most honest, the most authentic, the most generous, and the most loving ways of living our lives. We are recognizing that not only is Jesus Christ alive now in him-

self, but he is also alive in us - alive in us through the presence, power, and action of the Holy Spirit, his second self.

After all, It was through the Spirit within him that Jesus "went about doing good and curing all who were in the power [of evil]" (Acts 10:38). It is through that same Spirit, coming from our Risen Lord, that you and I can hope to think like him, act like him, live like him, die like him, and rise like him.

So, here and now on this Easter Day, let us encourage one another to respond to the power of the Holy Spirit among us by renewing our baptismal promises and renewing them sincerely and enthusiastically. Let us reject darkness, evil, and sin in every shape and form. Let us promise to follow Jesus in a life of light, goodness, and love, a life shaped by his example. So, with trust in the mighty Spirit of Jesus within us and among us, let us here and now renew our Baptismal Promises, and renew them loudly, clearly, and sincerely!

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Mass Texts: [Easter Sunday](#)

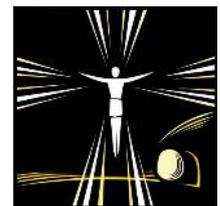
First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43
Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

**Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Second: (Col 3:1-4)
Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9
Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.



St. Brigid's Young Beacons Parents and Families



All children and families are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!



When: Sunday 17th of April 2022, Mass at 10:30am immediately followed by an Easter Egg Hunt after Mass.
Where: St Brigid's Church and afterwards in gardens to the side of the Church (weather permitting).
Activities include: Looking for Easter eggs to share with friends and family!
Mums, Dads and families are always welcome!
RSVP: christopher@stbrigid.org.au or just show up!



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

During the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide bill

The debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide has resumed in NSW Parliament. A petition against this Bill can be signed by using the QR code. Please pray that this Bill will not be passed, and that the dignity of every individual will be upheld.



Online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27.

For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the center on (02) 9701 475 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.



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 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.

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Anne Lowe; Kathleen Russell

Death Anniversaries: Dee Pace, Brian Kelly, Dario Monterverde, Mary Willis, John Ambrose Dawson, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Cao Van Dinh, Edna Bamford, Lotolua Fetuu, Laica Harb, Pedro Fratti, Mary Braybrook, Dominic Thao Xuan Pham, Patrick & Ann Thomas

Carrying Severe Illness: Mely Siasat; Renato Di Perna; George Turchi; Kevin Boyce; Peter Hatchinson; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Falakiko Sevelo Kama; Adelia Candi; Joseph Chaina; Margaret Kelley; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas, James Misingongo

Other Intentions:

Please join us as we celebrate the

blessing



of the

GRANDE PIPE ORGAN

Over the past two years our organ has been repaired and rebuilt and the Choir Gallery has been refurbished. While most of this project is now completed the remaining work will be finished as funds become available. Donations are still very welcome.

This extensive project was made possible through the generous encouragement, prayers and donations from so many of our loyal parishioners and friends (current and past). We will always be grateful to the many parishioners who gifted their time, skill, expertise, and advice to make this project a reality.

This significant event in our Parish's history will be celebrated at a dedicated **10:30am Mass on Sunday, 1st May, 2022**. The Mass will include a special blessing of the organ and gallery and will be followed by light refreshments. Pop the date into your diary now!!



Parish Collection 9/10/2022

First Collection \$2,300

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests, and brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives. A portion of this collection is passed to the Archdiocese, to support the ministry of the Arch Bishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

Second Collection \$2,404.24

The Second collection, which includes our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including the administration costs in running the parish. This collection goes towards our building maintenance costs, including insurance, gas, electricity, cleaning and rubbish removal.

Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish



Parish Office Notices

The Parish Office will reopen on Thursday, 21 April from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY - 17th April

8.00am - English Mass
 10.30am - English Mass
 4.00pm - Vietnamese Easter Sunday Mass



Parish Calendar 2022

April



17th Sun Easter Sunday
 26th Tue Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7pm

May

2nd Mon Bereavement Meeting 6:30pm
 3rd Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7pm
 5th Thu Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
 6th Fri Anointing of Sick - 9.00am
 Men Club - 7.30pm
 8th Sun Charitable Works Fund Collection
 Mother's Day
 13th Fri Marian Concert
 15th Sun Senior's Group - 2pm
 18th Wed Maintenance Meeting - 7pm
 24th Tues Parish Council Meeting - 7pm

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri: Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.** Followed by Rosary
Tues & Thurs : **Mass at 6:45**
Saturday: **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**
Saturday: Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: **Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.30pm (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 the First Friday of each month .

Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries: Easter Sunday and Sunday -Year C

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	16/17 April	23/24 April	16/17 April	23/24 April	16/17 April	23/24 April	
Sat 5:00pm	NO 5pm Mass Easter Vigil at 7pm	G. Beitolla Paul Cloran	NO 5pm Mass Easter Vigil at 7pm	M. Dillon Liz Buchel M. Price C. Price	No 5pm Mass Easter Vigil at 7pm	M. Dillon	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	M. Turner Mary Leask	P. Thomas Libby Denny	D. Maher F. Seufale Vinh Nguyen P. Jennings	D. Maher M. Turner Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale	D. Maher	D. Maher	Peter H. Maria M.
Sun 10:30am	Terry Reyes Italian Frank Cowell	Maria Barlow Italian A. Chiapocco	Albert N. Anthony N. B. Yammine A. Chiapocco	Albert N. Anthony N T. Cipolla G. Sciamana	Albert N. Anthony N.	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S.
Sun 6:00pm	NO MASS	Young Adults	NO MASS	Tony Hayek Arthur Kassis Jackie Kassis	NO MASS	Tony Hyek Charlene E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.