



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 11 July 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

CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

Mark tells us in the Gospel today that ‘...(the twelve apostles) set off to preach repentance.’(6:12)

What did the apostles mean and what did Jesus mean when they called on people to ‘repent’? In a nutshell, they were asking people to completely change their lives.

Repentance and conversion go together. They are about change and transformation. Conversion is turning away from how I live my life now to another way of living—a new, better, more Christ-like way!

It happens when I respond to the gift of God’s love, God’s grace. It happens when I come to see and accept that God loves me with infinite and unconditional love that has been with me every step of my life’s journey.

The love that God has for me is illustrated in the famous story Jesus told of the lost son who runs away from his family and their love and gets himself into one great mess(Lk 15).

As it happened with the prodigal son, the beginning of the process of conversion is marked by a loss of tranquillity, and by feelings of restlessness, dissatisfaction and disillusionment. This is necessary, for without unrest there is no felt need to change. Further along, conversion requires time and effort and struggles to grow and mature. It requires rooting out old habits, and establishing new habits, good habits.

It requires Working at treating others differently and creating a different environment, a more peaceful, harmonious and caring atmosphere around us in

which to live and work.

It requires admitting that I have hurt others, and that I cannot change and become a better person without outside help. I need to put my trust in the power of God to free, heal and change me.

My conversion will be shown gradually in a change in my relationships, and it will happen in the ways I begin to think about life and people, and in a change in my values as I re-make my life commitments in keeping with the best human values—truthfulness, honesty, integrity, acceptance, affection, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, generosity, fairness, peace, joy, fidelity, trust.....I will remember that God does not ask me to be successful—for success is not a Gospel value—but to be faithful , always faithful.\

I will show my conversion by deliberately and consistently reaching out to the poor, the lost, the losers, and the broken. Was it not to such people most of all that Jesus announced the coming of the kingdom of God. Did he not say it belonged to them?

Conversion is about turning away and tuning to—*away* from selfishness, sin and evil, prestige status, power, and turning *to* God, Jesus Christ, and our shared values as a church community—truth, integrity, goodness and love, justice and equality, peace and joy.

During the rest of our prayer today—with others and alone—let us ask God for the *grace of conversion*—for one another, for our church community, for our society, and its culture!

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CONFIRMATION 2021
at St Brigid's.
Sunday 12 September 2021

Parent Information & Enrolment
Night **CANCELLED**

Enrolment Procedure

Please e-mail completed and signed
Enrolment form to:
Sr Elenita Flores CP at:
elenita@stbrigid.org.au
as soon as possible.

Please watch this space , our website and
facebook page for details of preparation
class date and times

Donations to St Brigid's Parish may be
made by scanning the code below:



COVID—19 UPDATE
as at 9 JULY 2021
NSW Health Directives

NO BOOKINGS
for Baptisms OR Weddings
will be accepted until further notice

The only bookings which may be
made are for FUNERALS
(10 people ONLY)

- **Facemasks are MANDATORY in church**
- **The 4 square metre per person social distancing measures are again in place.**
- **NO singing by the congregation**
- **QR codes are compulsory when entering the church.**

If unable to use a QR code,
sign up forms are available
at point of entry



“KEEP IN TOUCH with St Brigid's
Parish, Marrickville, via our
YouTube site....



and our Facebook
page.....

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

4/7/2021

1st(Passionists): \$ CHURCH CLOSED
2nd (Parish): \$
Cash & Envelopes: \$
Credit Cards: \$

27/6/2021

1st (Passionists) : \$ CHURCH CLOSED
2nd (Parish): \$

Calendar

JULY

10/11 **15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

CHURCH CLOSED

14 **Parent Information and Enrolment Night
for CONFIRMATION 2021
CANCELLED
(See information opposite)**

17/18 **16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Parish Baptisms: 12.30pm
Seniors' Group: 2-4.00pm**

24/25 **17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Parish Baptisms: 12.30pm

WE REMEMBER:

Recently deceased: Jose Marciel; John Wells (brother of Fr Mark Wells CP)

Anniversaries : Jacob Yammine; Antonio Merlino; Mario Calvano; Austin Lowe; Dominiso & Francesca Mejia; Connie Cloran; Giuseppe Biviano; Charles Raby.

Carrying Severe Illness: Lea Nigro; Helen Eid; Maria Guilfoyle; Meriam Daher; Renato Di Perna; Mely Siasat; Giovanna and Juliana Cipolla.

Mass Texts: Sunday 15 Yr B: 11/7/21

First Reading: Amos 7: 12-15
Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help
Second: Ephesians 1: 3-14
Gospel: Mark: 6: 7-13
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously
hear Us

Mass Texts: Sunday 16 Yr B : 18/7/21

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is
nothing I shall want.
Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18
Gospel: MRK 6: 30-34
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 .

Thoughts on Refugee Week 2021.....

Who is my neighbour?

As a Good Samaritan oblate, hospitality and welcoming strangers are very important to me. During the covid 19 lockdown, I wanted to help refugees in our community to feel included and supported as together we navigated the uncertainties of COVID. My way of doing this was to donate food to Asylum Seekers in Newtown.

Each week the asylum seekers centre distributes approximately 750 food parcels. So many of those seeking asylum in Australia do not have permission to work. Practical assistance to pay their rent and to feed their families is desperately needed.

I also belong to the Moncur Street Women's Bookclub. When women from my bookclub heard what I was doing they also wanted to help. They gave me money so I could continue to donate food.

Now thanks to the continued generosity of my bookclub I also distribute food to the Marrickville youth refuge and the community food box in Newtown. These are simple and achievable examples of helping my neighbour and lending a hand to a stranger.

How do we welcome the stranger into our community?

Weekend Mass Ministries: 15th and 16th Sunday						
	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes/Altar Servers	
Mass Time	10/11 July	17/18July	10/11 July	17/18 July	10/11 July	17/18 July
5 pm Sat						
8 am Sun			Church Closed	Church closed		
10.30 am Sun						
6 pm Sun						