



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5th February, 2023

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

Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

We welcomed our children and teenagers back to school this week. The staff of our two parish schools, St Brigid's and Casimir, came together for a Eucharist to begin the school year, celebrated by Fr Giltus.



Both schools have strong enrolments, Casimir 810 students, St Brigid's 356 students, which is a credit to excellent reputations each school has in the local municipality and beyond. There is still some wiggle room though.

Wednesday last was the feast of St Brigid. We decided this year to celebrate the feast on Sunday Feb 12, at the 10.30 mass. This allows the schools a bit of time to get organised so they can join in the mass.

Our Liturgy Team have organised a wonderful parish celebration this year, with a preparatory lead up to the feast. Our Young Beacons group of children and parents have also begun extending the St Brigid's Mantle - a reference to the cloak Brigid wore and its miraculous powers.



This Sunday, our Catechists are commissioned for their ministry of service to the four government schools within our parish. This is a wonderful ministry coordinated by

Sr Elenita is so necessary and so rewarding.

We have 11 catechists but
MORE ARE NEEDED!!!!

Sr Elenita already has the Sacramental Program organised - Reconciliation, 1st Communion & Confirmation - with Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday Feb 15th, at 7pm in the hall.

We also plan to begin again, at the Sunday 10.30 mass, the special Children's Liturgy of the Word. We have five (5) volunteers assisting Sr Elenita.

We had to cease this special time (due to covid) for the children to leave after mass begins, go to the Parish meeting rooms and listen to God's Word in a way appropriate to their age, and then to return to the church at the Offertory.

Faith Formation is an essential part of parish life. We could also include the RCIA - the classes for adults wanting to be baptised or to join our Catholic Church. Also Sr Elenita organises the Baptism Preparation Mornings for parents bringing their children for this special welcome into the life of Christ and his Church.



Each of the priests spends hours of time with couples preparing for their marriage.

Our Advent reflection nights were well

attended before Christmas, and our Lenten Reflection Nights will be beginning soon (Ash Wednesday is Feb 22nd, - so start working out now what in your life needs strengthening, renewing, begun or changed).

Our parish is blessed to have such a strong tradition of faith formation. While we can't all be teachers or catechists, we can all contribute to the faith formation of children, adults, converts but the quality of our own lives, the depth of our own faith & prayerfulness and the example we give and the welcome smiles and greetings we can offer to newcomers and others at mass.

Kind regards

Tom cp



St. Brigid's Young Beacons

Parents and Families



St. Brigid's Feast Day Preparation

Calling all St. Brigid's Young Beacons and Families
We need your help to prepare for the Special Occasion of the Feast of St. Brigid.

WHEN: This Sunday 5th February after 10:30 am Mass

WHERE: In the Monastery

ACTIVITY DETAILS:
Prayer, Morning Tea (please bring something to share if you can). We will add some more paper squares to our St. Brigid's Cloak and we will also complete an additional craft activity.



Come join us!!

St. Brigid's Outreach

AOK – Acts of Kindness
Community Outreach

Join us in serving people in need at Woolloomooloo.
When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.
Leave Shrublands Hall 5:00pm. Serving the homeless 6:00pm. Return to Shrublands hall 7:30pm.
Transport provided to and from Shrublands hall.

RSVP: outreach@stbrigid.org.au

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC



- ◆ Do you know or someone you know wish to become a Catholic?
- ◆ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◆ Are you Baptised Catholic, but never been confirmed or received the First Eucharist?

Let us walk this journey with you!
Come every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.

If you are interested, please email Sr. Rosana at rosana@stbrigid.org.au

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

As we prepare for the year ahead we will begin Children's Liturgy during Sunday Mass.



We are looking for volunteers to join our roster system. If you are interested please see Sr Elenita. No training needed.

Piety Store

The Catholic Columban calendars for 2023 still available.
Weather statues of Our Lady of Fatima in all sizes.
Come visit!!

Casimir Catholic College Marrickville



OPEN DAY

Friday 3 March 2023
3.00pm - 7.00pm

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KEYBOARD LOOKING FOR NEW HOME
One of the parish keyboards is looking for a new home. If you are interested please let one of the staff know.

Courses for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers



*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.
(Mark 10:45)*

Commencing in February 2023, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Liturgy Office, is offering a series of training courses for adult lay people to serve their parishes in liturgical ministry. These courses include training for:

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers

To complete an expression of interest:

- Fill out a registration form, available from the St. Brigid's Parish Office. We can email you a copy.
- Attend an interview with the Parish Priest - *Father Tom*
- Have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC). *Apply on line*
- Baptismal certificate required.

Please contact the Parish Office on 8577 5670 or email parish@stbrigid.org.au for more information.

The Catholic Weekly - 5 February 2023

- Elizabeth Tabish: Playing the Apostle to the Apostles
- The face on the Shroud. Author to speak.
- Gender dysphoria. Sensitivity and fidelity
- Giving young marriages strong foundations
- The Cardinal who loved Lebanon
- A Bible that's beautiful

Dear friends,

The Inner West Council is inviting our whole local community to a BBQ to learn more about the upcoming referendum on constitutional recognition of Indigenous people and the Voice to Parliament.

The BBQ for the Voice to Parliament to be held at Petersham Park on Saturday February 18 at 2:00pm will include a free sausage sizzle, free public access to the Fanny Durack pool, live performances, as well as addresses from Indigenous leaders.

Please rsvp to the Facebook event and share it with your friends and family now.

Advocates for the Voice to Parliament will be on hand to answer questions that community members have.

This is the latest step in the Council's civic education program aiming to build awareness in the community about the Uluru Statement from the Heart, the referendum process, and the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Our civic education program has proven incredibly popular. We set a goal of training 1000 citizens which we will achieve within the next few weeks.

Now it's time invite the wider community into the conversation.

See you at the BBQ.

Darcy Byrne
Mayor



Parish Collection 30/1/23

First Collection \$2,065.00

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

Second Collection \$1,544.00

Our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including administration costs in running the parish. This collection goes towards our building maintenance costs, including insurance & utilities.

[Scan code for direct link to donations page](#)



Thank you for supporting our parish.

Recently Deceased: Alexander Peter, Van Hue Nguyen, Bell Evelin Eames

Death Anniversaries: Levon Tholian, Ian Crayford, Wenefrida Jauco, Chantelle Delboe, Phero Nguyen Van Thuyet, Anna Truong Thi Miei, Maria Chi Thi Pham, Vincenzo Tesoriero, Siham Nader, Teresa O'Brien, Tat Dung Dang, Giuse Xuan Phling Pham, Sidney Ernest James, Bede Kevin Price

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, George Clavigo, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, Buena Ong, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Teresa Faborito Mazzeo, Fr Thomas Thanh, Maria Guilfoyle, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Fr Brian Gleeson

Other intentions: Wendy Lamb



Mass Texts:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies



Parish Calendar 2023

February

5th	Sun	10.30am	Young Beacons
6th	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
7th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach Meeting
12th	Sun	10.30am	St Brigid's Feast Day
15th	Wed	7.00pm	Reconciliation Parent Information night
19th	Sun	1.30pm	Senior's Group
22nd	Wed	9am & 7pm	Ash Wednesday
28th	Thur	7.00pm	Parish Pastoral Council

March

3rd	Fri	7.30pm	Men's Club
6th	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
7th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach meeting
19th	Sun	2.00pm	Senior's Group

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri:	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am. Followed by Rosary
Tues	Mass at 6:45
Thurs:	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
Saturday:	Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary
	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30pm (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. Blessing for the Ministers will be given after the Mass.

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

Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries Roster

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	4/5 Feb	11/12 Feb	4/5 Feb	11/12 Feb	4/5 Feb	11/12Feb	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Paul C Lec: Leila W	Com: Laura N Lec: Pat O'R	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Joseph F Lec: Jim Y	Com: Marco G Lec: Margaret T	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Sue K Lec: Frank C Ital: Tony C	Com: Michael S Lec: Jan R 2nd: Peter J	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Kristine Lec: Adrienne H	Com: Pedro Lec: Adrienne H	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K

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.