



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Fifth Sunday of Easter - YEAR C 15 May 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
None of us need reminding that next Saturday is the day for our Federal Election. It is right and responsibility to evaluate what the present Government has done and not done, done well or failed at.

It is our right and responsibility to determine the government who will achieve 'our common good'. Climate, a voice for our First Nation people, the rights and dignity of women, care for the aged, the cost of living, national integrity and security, employment, honesty, transparency and accountability of those who hold public office, health care, religious discrimination bills, gender and LGBTQIA+. So many things we want and expect our government to do or to not do something about.

But first we must do our part, which is to listen, read evaluate and decide who we believe can most appropriately provide the leadership in the next government - and then vote accordingly. Let us pray for the coming elections.

Amazingly, this has been a rather quiet week for our parish. Mind you, that is easy for me to say, since I was at the St Mary MacKillop Shrine in Nth Sydney for four full days of meetings with the Australian Bishops. The bishops gather twice each year for meetings. I attend as an observer, representing all the provincials of religious congregations. There were 38 bishops present from the 28 dioceses and the bishops from the Maronite, Ukraine, Melkite, SyroMalabar and Chaldean Rites.

The Bishops deal with an amazing number of matters, - the agenda is 464 pages - aboriginal and ores Straight Island issues, schools, hospitals and social services, professional standards and children's safeguarding, ecumenical and interfaith relations, evangelisation, youth, family life, liturgy, mission and ministry.

Of course, a major issue at this meeting was the coming second assembly of the Plenary Council. For almost four years we have been engaged as a whole Church in listening, dialogue, learning and discerning "what is the Holy Spirit asking of the Church in Australia today". Over twenty

thousand of responses came in. They were discussed and developed in the first assembly late last year by the over two hundred delegates - bishops, lay people, religious sisters and provincials. These results are now being further developed for the second assembly in six weeks.

Many eyes are on this coming assembly. There are many expectations or hopes that the outcome will be God's will for the Church, a better church, Christ-centered and prayerful, inclusive and welcoming, focused on mission and addressing the religious, civic, and ecological challenges.

So many have hopes for growth and development; others want more radical change; some fear some of our precious heritage may be lost; some think not much will happen at all. During the Bishop's four days of meetings this week, it was very comforting to see the bishops so intent on listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit in the opinions and ideas being expressed. They asked often: 'What sort of Church does God want us to be?', and 'What are our lay people telling us is important for them?' Let us pray for the coming Plenary Council.

On Wednesday last week, our Vietnamese community gathered on the evening around the statue "Our Lady of the Nations" outside the Church. In beautiful national dress, we processed with flowers and incense into the Church, were successive groups of men and women brought the most beautiful bouquets of flowers, in a myriad of colours, to present to the Blessed Mother.

May is traditionally the Month of Mary. When I was in Papua New Guinea, each evening a statue of Mary was carried in procession through the streets from one house to another while we prayed the rosary. The statue stayed overnight, and the following day was carried further.

Pope Francis always encourages us to deepen our love for Mother Mary. His favorite image of Mary is as the one who 'unties the knots'. Our Lady-Help of Christians is our country's Patroness. I encourage each of us to deepen his or her own relationship with Mary - in traditional ways for some, in newer ways for others, scriptural and devotional. Of course the rosary is such a beautiful way to spend time in quiet and prayerful reflection.

Next week, I am sure to be mentioning the Marion Concert which was held on Friday night -but hasn't been held as I write this news.

Finally a special thank you to the families of the young girls and boys -the new Beacons - who prepared beautiful gifts for the mothers last Sunday. And many thanks to the parishioners and parish groups that prepared the mass and refreshments for the farewell mass for Fr Erick.

Fr Tom

Thank you from Fr Erick

Dear St Brigid's Family

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for the very special farewell mass and morning tea.

Thank you to Fr Tom, the parish team and those who prepared the event. I realise there were many people involved to either provide food, drinks, serve, set up, assist at mass, sing, or help in many other ways.

There are people who made the effort to attend the mass, traveling a distance away, cancelling or rescheduling their Mother's Day plans, or made other sacrifices to be there.

The parish gave me beautiful gifts which I will treasure. I appreciate this effort and the effort others made to write a card, a message, say a prayer or kind words of farewell in person. I am grateful for those who could not make it due to reasons.

Once Family, Always Family. So, I wish to see you again in the future with God's grace. I am and will always be grateful for the love and care you have all shown me over the years.

Through the intercession of St Brigid, I pray God's blessing on you all in areas of your life where there is a need.

"The passion of Jesus is a sea of sorrows, but it is also an ocean of love.

Ask the Lord to teach you to fish in this ocean. Dive into its depths.

No matter how deep you go, you will never reach the bottom." St Paul of the Cross.

With Peace
Erick.



Sisters' House Blessing

Last week, the Sister's had their newly renovated house blessed. It was lovely to gather in their newly renovated house. Again we thank Michael Daher and Wynn Construction Group for the renovations.



St. Brigid' Outreach - AOK - Acts of Kindness Community Outreach

You are invited to join us to serve people in need in Woolloomooloo.

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Leaving around 5:00pm from Shrublands Hall. Serving the homeless starts at 6:00pm and finishes around 7:15, return to Shrublands hall at approximately 7:30pm. Transport provided to and from Shrublands hall.

Spaces are limited to 4 people per session.

RSVP: outreach@stbrigid.org.au

Below is a photo from last weeks' outreach



Pilgrimages to Cambodia & Vietnam 2022/2023

Following our wonderful and successful pilgrimages to Vietnam in 2011, 2014, and 2016, and Cambodia in 2016, we will be offering two pilgrimages in the New Year.

We will be working in **Cambodia** from December 28th 2022, until January 5th, 2023. With our partners, Volunteer Building Cambodia (<https://www.volunteerbuildingcambodia.org/>), we will build two houses for poorer families in rural Siem Reap. Our work will further help the VBC Community School, which provides education for disadvantaged rural students.

We will also be in **Vietnam** from January 8th to 19th, 2023. We will be working with disabled orphans, children born HIV+, and other disadvantaged children and families.,

The cost for each of these pilgrimages is \$1500 per person, twin share. This will include accommodation and costs of working with our partners (houses, donations etc.). Any money left over will be made as donations to our partners

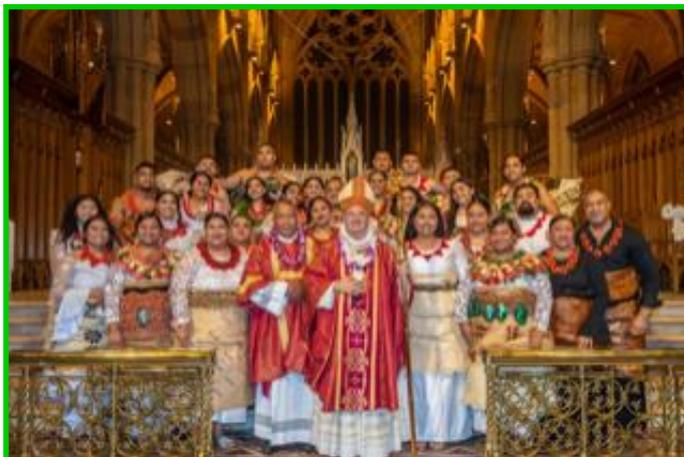
Expressions of interest close on June 15th, 2022

You will be responsible for travel, visas etc

For further details, don't hesitate to get in touch with Fr Peter Gardiner CP at cppilg2023@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VietnamPilg23/> and <https://www.facebook.com/CambPilg23/>

Photo of our Tongan Community celebrating Mass at St Mary's Cathedral last week with Archbishop Anthony Fisher



Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine
Catholic Community and Mission at the
Alive in the Spirit Online Conference

26th – 28 May 2022

Inspiration and Formation for everyone engaged in the
life of our Church

See keynote speakers, workshop information
and register at

www.aliveinthespirit.com.au

Mass Texts: Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch.

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second: Revelation 21:1-5

John sees a new Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 13:31

Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35 Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) supports the charitable and pastoral works of the Catholic Archdiocese.



This weekend we will be holding the CWF Appeal. Envelopes can be found on the pews. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

CWF funds six agencies:

- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry .
- CatholicCare
- Chaplaincies .
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
- Ephpheta Centre
- Seminary of the Good Shepherd

Sydney Archdiocese Retreat Day - LET THE FIRE FALL - Saturday 4 June - 9am to 4.30pm
Guest Speakers: Marina George & Ron Maldigri. Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker St, Rockdale
Booking essential: www.trybooking.com/BYXKO or call Helen 0433 455 114 Lunch will be served

Recently Deceased: Fausto Busato, Maria Cesaria-Rodrigues

Death Anniversaries: Florence Pearson, Peter Xuan Binh Nguyen, Caterina Le Thi Quy, Francis Dunlea, Felice Mandile, Leslie Mole, Gioan Nguyen Duy Mao, Kathleen Fountain, Ann Marie Forkin

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, Fr Rob Egar, Mary Angela Thomas

Other Intentions: Wendy Lamb, Francis "Frank" Dunlea



Parish Collection 9/5/2022

First Collection \$1,710.00

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 Archbishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

Second Collection 2,039.00

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, utilities, cleaning & rubbish removal.

Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish

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 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.

Parish Calendar 2022

May

15th Sun Charitable Works Fund Collection
Senior's Group - 2pm
18th Wed Maintenance Meeting - 7pm
24th Tues Parish Council Meeting - 7pm

June

3rd Fri Men's Club
5th Sun Pentecost Sunday
6th Mon Bereavement Meeting 6.30pm
7th Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7.00pm
9th Thu Fellowship meeting 12.30pm
12th Sun St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Holy Trinity
St Anthony Feast Day
19th Sun Corpus Christi
Sacrament of First Holy Communion (1)
Senior's Group 2pm
26th Sun Sacrament of First Holy Communion (2)
28th Tue Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm

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**
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: 5th and 6th Sunday of Easter -Year C

| | Lectors/Commentators | | Communion Ministers | | Acolytes / Altar Servers | | Collector In-charge |
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| | 14/15 May | 21/22 May | 14/15 May | 21/22 May | 14/15 May | 21/22 May | |
| Sat 5:00pm | Paul Cloran Liz B. | Leila Walsh Kelelia A. | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Shelley H. Thu Hoang | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Ofa T. Liz B. | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen | Jim Yeo Michael P. |
| Sun 8:00am | Peter J. Margaret T. | Mary Leask Jim Yeo | Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Mary L. | Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale M. Turner | D. Maher Vihn Nguyen | D. Maher Vihn Nguyen | Peter H. Maria M. |
| Sun 10:30am | B. Sara Italian A. Chiapocco | Terry Reyes Italian John M. | Albert N. Anthony N Tony C. Giuseppe S. | Albert N. Anthony N Frank C. B. Yammine | Albert N. Anthony N. | Albert N. Anthony N | Tony C. Giuseppe S. |
| Sun 6:00pm | Maria F. Paul P. | A. Harverson Pedro M. | Tony Hayek Kristine R. Arthur K. Jackie K. | Tony Hayek Arthur K. Jackie K. John S. | Tony H. Charlene Alexis H. | Tony H. Charlene Alexis H. | Arthur K. Jackie K. |