

# St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887

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#### **Parish Team:**

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## One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

17th March, 2024

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.

### **Pastoral Ministry Contacts**

#### Adult Sacraments:

Sr. Rosana

### **Bereavement Ministry:**

Sr Elenita & Michael

Schiano

#### **CCD** in State Schools:

Sr Elenita

## **Children's Sacraments:**

Sr Elenita

#### **Ecumenical & Interfaith:**

Jim Yeo

### Family Group:

Adrienne & Jonathan

Harverson

#### **Justice & Peace Network:**

Peter Jennings

#### Liturgy C'tee:

Sr. Rosana

### Maintenance C'tee:

Michael Daher & Pongia Fenukitau

### Men's Club:

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner

& Mick Ward

### **Ministry of Care:**

Fr Wilbard

## **Music Director:**

Frank Mafi

## Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

### Seniors' Group:

John Freeman & Richard

Gonsalves

### Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Solo & Kristen Roehrig



Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,

## Begin with some wonderful news!

Hurray! Both St. Maria Goretti and Sacred Heart Chapel paintings are complete and ready for use. Thanks to the maintenance committee for their diligent planning and supervision in executing this project. More maintenance projects are in the pipeline.



Last week's **Young Adult** gathering attracted about 20 young adults, and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, joy and ideas that bubbled off the group. The ministry team has a bit of homework to do before the **next gathering** on **Sunday, 24th** 

March, after the 6 pm Mass. Thanks to everyone who joined us, and welcome anyone 18 and above to come along for the next gathering. We are planning on two separate sessions based on age groups for the coming gathering.

One of our Passionist students, Gioan Baotixita (John Baptist) Cao Anh Phi, having completed his initial formation, will be ordained a deacon on Friday, 22nd March, in Melbourne. He belongs to the class of our Deacon Doan, and will join the ordination celebration. After the diaconate ordination, he will be moving to Adelaide for his diaconate ministry at our Monastery parish along with Fr. Tom. We send our best wishes and assure him our prayers as he begins a new chapter in his vocational journey.

### Keep them in your Prayers!

I ask you to remember the following people in your prayers very specially. **Catechumens:** 

Tutai Apenera Tupou, Raymond Brian Harmes, Trina Tran, Laila Lasala, Paris Selina Penatini Tuipulotu, Mila Fernandez Seleulich, Richard Arthur Tuipulotu, Phoebe Lasala, Thomas Tuipulotu

### Candidates for Confirmation:

Robert Muli Muisyo, Jorge Fernandez, Lesley Tufui Tuipulotu

Candidate for Full Communion: Lauren Paula Gyte



The catechumens were presented to the community at the 10.30am Mass last couple of Sundays. This Sunday, they will be presented for their third and final scrutiny. Please keep them and other candidates in your prayers as we

approach close to the Easter Celebrations because it will be a significant step in the lives of all of them.

## Children for Reconciliation:

Over 60 children have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the help of parents and our sacramental team. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, 21st March at 7.00 pm. How exciting for the children, parents, the team that has been preparing them and, of course, for our parish family.

### Final Farewell:

This last week, we bid farewell to a few of the long-time parishioners and acquaintances, namely Maria Cristovao Silva, Maria Louisa Quintal and Margaret Daher. Their life, stories and faith have coloured and enriched our faith family.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, May perpetual light shine on them. We keep the families and the departed in our thoughts.

It's St. Patrick Day this Sunday! The church has a separate shrine for St. Patrick, etching our deeper connection to the earliest cultural influence in St. Brigid's. I wish to remind you of the prayer of Patrick himself, "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me."

On this and beyond, may your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble to avoid you wherever you go! As they say in Irish, Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh ar fad.

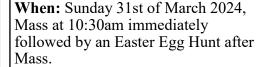
May the blessings of Saint Patrick's Day be with you all.

God Bless you all.

Fr. Giltus CP



## St. Brigid's Young Beacons Parents and Families



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:** Just show up!





## PARISH FUNDRAISER

Save the date! Sunday 5th May

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses

## Raffle prizes:

1 x 52" Smart TV
1 x St George Illawarra Dragons NRL signed jersey
1 x Western Sydney Wanderers FC signed jersey
10 prizes in total

## Tickets 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5

Drawn on Sunday 5th May in the Shrublands Hall

Get in early - limited tickets available



## Mass Schedule

Mass will be celebrated at 6.45am and 9.00am Monday to Friday.

If you are a sacristan, minister of communion or Lector and can help at any of these masses please see Fr Giltus or contact the parish office.



## St Brigid's Lent Program

Come join us every Monday at 7pm during Lent in the parish

## **Stations of the Cross**

will be celebrated every Friday at 4.30pm during Lent

All Welcome



#### **PASSIONTIDE CAROLS**

Come join us in preparing for the Paschal mysteries through the singing of carols and the reading of sacred scripture. This evening of Passiontide carols will take place in

St Benedict's Church

(as chapel of the University of Notre Dame Australia), on the Friday of Passion Week, 22 March 2024, at 6:45pm (after 6:00pm Stations of the Cross).

A light, meatless supper will follow in the courtyard of the University of Notre Dame. This is a wonderful opportunity to restore due prominence to Easter in our society through the singing of carols. Please be there!

### The Passion of The Christ -

20th Anniversary Screening at Dendy Newtown

We are very excited for our upcoming 20th Anniversary screenings of THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST from Academy Award winner Mel Gibson, screenings will begin on March 27



You can view session times and purchase tickets on line at https://newtown.dendy.com.au/movie/passion-of-the-christ-20th-anniversary/

## **IGNITE Your Spirit**

IGNITE YOUR SPIRIT in Nature. Relax, Reflect on your journey, Rejuvenate your body, mind and spirit in the Serene surrounds of JAMBERROO ABBEY

Friday 19th (from 3pm for 6.00pm start) to Sunday 21st April 2024 (2pm finish)

Jamberoo Abbey, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo

YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18 to mid-30s)
COST: \$280 early bird (shared cottage/own room,
\$360 early bird (Private Hermitage).
After 22nd March prices \$320 and \$400.
Inquiries: admin@grailaustralia.org.au
To Book: events.humanitix.com/ignite-your-spirit

Recently Deceased: Maria Cristovao Silva, Maria Luisa Quintal, Nichole Pietsch, Margaret Daher

<u>Death Anniversaries:</u> Mario Perin, Artemia Sapong, Mar Walsh, Joan Jackson, Judith Ann Bevan, Maria Josefina Vitteri De Garcia, Simon Doueihi, Ken Thorne, Patricia O'Brien, Melita Grech, Resham Barkat, Raymond Chaina, Giuseppe Consalvi, David Roger James, Maria Nhan Thi Vu, Rose Borham, Lafomai Togia Lafo, Glen Trethowan, Irene De Sousa, Jose Carlos Caetano

<u>Carrying Severe Illness</u>: Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Phil Drew, Steven Para, John Love, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Paul Massi, Maria Caccamo, Greg Glass, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Joise Gomes, Fr Laurence Freeman OSB, Susan King, Tina Schino

Other intentions: Joseph Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Tina Barbalace

## **Mass Texts: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## First Reading: Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Response: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

## **Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9**

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Gospel: Jn 12:20-30

Is a grain of wheat falls in the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

## **Liturgical Timetable**

### Mon - Fri:

Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and Rosary

### **Saturday:**

Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary

Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Livestreamed)

and 6.30pm (Vietnamese)

### **Sunday:**

Mass at 8.00am | 10.30am (bilingual) | 4.00pm (Vietnamese) | and 6pm.

# PARISH CALENDAR 2024

17th Sun St Patrick's Day

12.00pm Baptisms

21st Thur 7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

22nd Fri 4.30pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)

23rd Sat 2.30pm Easter Reconciliation

24th March - Palm Sunday

Vigil Mass 4.45pm, Sunday 8.00am & 10.15am Procession & Mass,

6pm evening Mass.

## 28th Holy Thursday - Chrism

5.00pm Vietnamese Mass

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Vigil schedules and assigned groups (advertised next week)

## 29th March - Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross

11.30am Vietnamese Service

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

6.30pm Holy Rosary and Confessions

7.00pm Procession

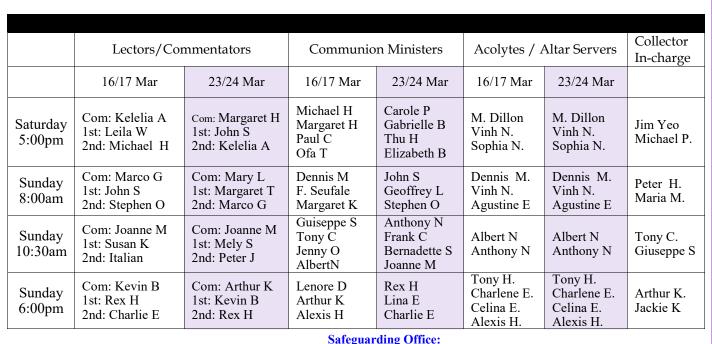
## 30th March - Holy Saturday

7.00pm Easter Vigil

31st March - Easter Sunday

8.00am & 10.30am Mass

Note: No evening mass on Easter Sunday





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.