



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

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### Parish Team:

Fr Tom McDonough CP	Fr Giltus Mathias CP
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Dcn Rev. Christopher Roehrig	Pongia Fenukitau
Elena (Len) Di Perna	Jenny Solo

**One Family, Alive in Christ**

**We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people**

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

26th March, 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 Brothers Sisters and Friends in the Parish Family,*

*Praise God, on Friday, the last of my travel commitments finished. I thank you all for your patience and understanding for my various absences. I thank the parish team, - Elena Di Perna, Srs Elenita and Rosana, Frs Giltus, Kevin, David, Ron, Lex, Deacon Christopher, Jim Yeo and so many others. Too many to mention individually. Thank you all.*

*Second, Fr Dominic has moved to our parish in Hobart. He had to leave quickly after a request I received for assistance from our Superior in the community there. At some point after Easter, he'll come back for a proper 'thank you' from the Parish, and in particular from Casimir College where he was chaplain.*

*Third, we welcome Fr Nguyễn Ba Kien to the parish. Fr Kien/Paul (he answers to both) was ordained 18 months ago. He is still waiting his official Australian visa and until then he cannot get permission from the Archbishop to work full time. He can do so for a month only till he gets his visa. So you will see Fr Kien in action over Easter for a couple of weeks.*



*Fourth, on Thursday 39 beautiful children from all our schools in the parish, and beyond, made their 1st Reconciliation. Sr Elenita, Deacon Chris and his wife Kristen along with Arthur and Jackie Kassis prepared the children with their parents. Five priests heard the confessions and we agree they were beautifully prepared. It was a lovely night! Thanks to all involved, the children, their parents, the teachers in the parish, catechisms in the government schools, the teachers at St Brigid's.*

*Fifth, this week Fr Giltus was appointed as Community Leader/ Superior/ Rector of our St Brigid's community. We thank Fr Ron Davoren who has served two terms as Superior and has always been so supportive of the Parish. Ron will continue*

*living here in the community. We congratulate Fr Giltus and wish him wisdom and grace in his new responsibilities.*

*Our much loved Fr Peter Gaughan will be buried from St Brigid's on Monday morning. Thank you for your many prayers for Fr Peter, his family and we, his brothers in the Passionists. So many beautiful messages of condolence have been sent. Thank you!*

*These past few days a number of other much loved parishioners have answered the Lord's call for them to come home. Maria Guilfoyle passed away this week (23rd). We will be holding the funeral service at St Brigid's at 10:30 Monday 3rd April. We pray for them and their families*



*Those at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays will know that our special Liturgy for children has begun again after Covid. The children can come in the entrance procession. They wait at the front of the Church to receive their candle and Bible. They then go with the Sisters and Sunday prayer leaders to the parish meeting room where a special little altar is prepared. There they listen to the gospel from the Children's' Bible and engage with the leaders about what the reading means for them. It is not a lesson, but a prayer. They then return to the church at the Offertory. They can return to their parents or stay in the front seats.*

*Then, after all the adults have received Holy Communion, all the children who haven't made their first communion, and parents with babies, are invited to come up to the priest and acolyte for a special anointing with oil on the children's forehead and a blessing. We want the children both to listen to God's word in a language they can understand and also feel in the anointing that they are very special.*

God Bless

Fr Tom





**The Organ Music Society of Sydney proudly presents an afternoon of spectacular organ music performed by Sydney's brilliant young organ scholars**

**Callum Knox** - St James King Street  
**Bailey Yeates** - St Paul's Burwood  
**Aleks Mitsios** - St Stephen's Macquarie Street  
**Cynthia Bui** - First Place Junior Division Sydney Organ Competition 2022

On the recently restored Bryceson organ at  
St Brigid's Church  
**Monday April 10 2023 (Easter Monday), 2pm**

Music by JS Bach, Frescobaldi, Mendelssohn, Mozart,  
Gigout and Widor

Tickets can be booked online at [www.trybooking.com/](http://www.trybooking.com/)  
CGNDC or purchased at the door  
Enquiries: 0410 490 710

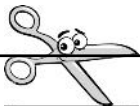
*As this is a free event for St Brigid's Parishioners,  
please call office to register.*

**St Brigid's Parish - Lent Program**

*Come join us, even if it is the last week  
'God is on the journey too'*

Monday 27th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm  
in the parish meeting room

**Theme** - 'Faith in the Resurrection'



**JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING SYSTEM**

As we settle into the new year and begin our routines again, we ask that you consider joining our Planned Giving Envelopes system. This is a great way to support the parish financially and also claim a 30% tax deduction. The rising cost of maintenance with a parish this grand, and so utilised, the outgoings out-way our income - so we encourage you to join. First option is to ask for a set of envelopes, the amount given is at your discretion, just place your envelope in the second collection, and receive your tax receipt after 30 June. The 2nd option is to join the monthly credit card system, where you nominate a monthly amount to debit from your credit card, again a tax receipt will be issued.

To join please cut off the slip below and return to the parish office or hand to one of the parish team

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join the Envelope system

I would like to join the Credit Card system

Please donate to  
Project Compassion 2023.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**St. Brigid's Young  
Beacons**

Parents and Families



*You are invited to join us for  
The preparation for Palm Sunday*

When: This **Sunday 26th, March**, after 10:30am Mass.

We will make small palm and wooden crosses to share with our community on Palm Sunday.

Where: St Brigid's Church and afterwards in the Monastery.



Activities include Prayer, morning tea, small wood and palm cross making.

**Mums, Dads and families are all welcome!**



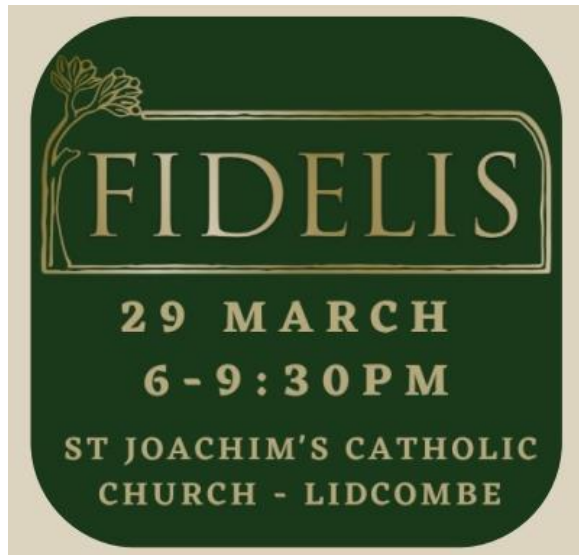
Mary MacKillop Place, in North Sydney, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners.

Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven. We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary. All training, supplies and support you need will be provided. If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight we need you!

Please contact Sr Annie Bond Ministry and Mission Manager or email [annie.bond@mmp.org.au](mailto:annie.bond@mmp.org.au)

## The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS 25 March

- Violence & staff shortages triggers stress for principals
- Bishop Meagher commissions 13 young catechists for Sydney
- New York speakers to lead marriage renewal retreat and course in May
- New Bishop installed for Newcastle diocese



That's right, they are back!!

Join us for the biggest Catholic young adults night Sydney has to offer, our Fidelis nights!

Last Wednesday of every month

## 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.

Leaving around 5:00pm from Shrublands Hall.

Serving the homeless starts at 6:00pm and finishes around 7:15pm, 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](mailto:outreach@stbrigid.org.au)

## 2023 Holy Week Celebrations



2 April - **Palm Sunday** - we encourage everyone to bring palm leaves/branches.  
8.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm  
4.00pm Vietnamese Mass

### 6 April - **Holy Thursday**

Vietnamese Mass @ 5:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 pm



Vigil Schedules and Assigned Group

9:00 – 9:30pm - common -Silence

9:30 – 10:00pm- Vietnamese Community

10:00 - 10:30pm - Italian Community

10:30 - 11:00pm - Religious Sisters and Brothers

11:00 - 11:30pm - Silence

11:30 - 12:00am - Tongan Community

12:00 - 12:30am - Lebanese Community

### 7 April - **Good Friday**

10:00am - Stations of the Cross  
and reconciliation

11:30am - Vietnamese Mass



3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion.

6:00pm - Holy Rosary and Confessions

7:00pm - Procession



### 8 April - **Holy Saturday**

7:00pm The Easter Vigil

### 9 April - **Easter Sunday**

8:00am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

**NB: No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday**



### *Please pray for:*

**Recently Deceased:** Eduardo Franco, John Howard, Fr Peter Gaughan CP, Tina Barbalace, Curso Calia, Maria Guilfoyle, Mario Perin

**Death Anniversaries:** Brenda Kelly, Josephine Farah, Monica Sanmocte, John Asciak, Maria Le Thi Thanh, Celerina Claro, Anthony Quang Tien Nguyen, Nabinha Kayrouz, Thelma Mary Hogan, Brata Widijaja

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, Buena Ong, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Fr Thomas Thanh, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Fr Brian Gleeson, Huyen Nguyen

**Other intentions:** Wendy Lamb, Joe & Josephine Farah, Pam Desmond





**Mass Texts: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Ezek 37:12-14**

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

**Response:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11**

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



**Gospel: Jn 11:1-45**

I am the resurrection and the life.

**Parish Calendar 2023**

**March**

28th Tue 7.00pm Pastoral Council Meeting  
31st Fri 4.30pm Italian Stations of the Cross

**April**

2nd Sun Palm Sunday  
3rd Mon 6.30pm Bereavement Meeting  
4th Tue 7.00pm Outreach Meeting  
6th Thur  
5.00pm Holy Thursday  
Vietnamese Mass  
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7th Fri  
10.00am Good Friday  
Stations of the Cross + Confessions  
11.30am Viet Mass  
3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
6.00pm Rosary + confession  
7.00pm Good Friday Procession

**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
	25/26 March	1/2 April	25/26 March	1/2 April	25/26 March	1/2 April	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabriela B Lec: Jim Y	Com: Jan R Lec: Michael P Gospel: Margaret H & Michael S	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelley H Ofa T Gabrielle B	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: Sue K Lec:	Com: Margaret T Lec: Marco G Gospel: Mary L & Joseph F	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: Reader: Franklin C	Com: Angie C Reader: John M Gospel: Peter & Bernadette Y	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Maria F Lec: Paul An P	Com: Pedro Lec: Katrina F Gospel: Arthur K & Elizabeth D	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K Kristen R	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](mailto: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.