



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.

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

3rd December 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.

Pastoral Ministry Contacts

Adult Sacraments:

Sr. Rosana

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Sr Elenita/Michael Schiano

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Sr Elenita

Children's Sacraments:

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Ecumenical & Interfaith:

Jim Yeo

Family Group:

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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 Kien CP

Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

Seniors' Group:

John Freeman/Richard
Gonsalves

Youth & Young Baacons

Jenny Solo & Kristen
Roehrig



Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

Welcome to the first Sunday of Advent, as we begin to celebrate all that Christ's coming means to us. We will celebrate each Sunday Christ's coming once in Bethlehem, his birth in the stable. The opening words of our mass on this 1st Advent Sunday are a heartfelt prayer for God to "tear open the heavens and come down. Rain justice on this world".

How relevant and resonant that prayer is today, our longing for Christ to come, to heal the wounds of the world and bring our world to perfection.

Each week we will light, one, then two, three and four candles on the Advent Wreath. Each candle represents what we long for and wish for, for our world -Hope, Peace, Love and then Joy.

Pope Francis and COP 28 Dubai

So it is a lucky coincidence that this weekend the United Nations holds its conference on Climate in Dubai. Pope Francis was meant to be there, but is prevented from travelling by ill health. What he wanted to say to the world in Dubai at COP 28 as the meeting is called, he in fact said in his recent Letter "Laudate Deum" -the opening words of the great hymn of St Francis of Assisi "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of Creation".

This letter was not the usual letter to the Church, but a letter to all humanity. Already, Pope Francis writes, even if we take climate action, it will take 700 years to undo the damage our climate warming has already done. Act urgently, Pope Francis wants to tell the world, before it is too late. And, he continues, we must each do what we can in our small ways with re-cycling and such. But, Pope Francis continues, the real change has to come from governments and industry. It is them we must influence.

Please see in the Bulletin details of a Prayer Vigil on Dec 8th. In particular, at this Vigil we remember our Tongan, Samoan, Cook Island and other Pacific neighbours -and their families here in the parish. Global warming is already destroying their island homes.

Fr Wilbard

At our masses this weekend, we welcome Fr Wilbard, the newest member of

our Parish team. Like Fr Dominic, Fr Wilbard comes from Tanzania. One of nine children, Fr Wilbard was ordained in 2019 and has worked in both parishes and in formation for young Passionist novices. I know you will make him welcome.

Our Christmas Cribs -

A Happy Anniversary 800 Years

Our Christmas cribs are being blessed this weekend. As always a HUGE THANK YOU to our Italian and Vietnamese parishioners who once again designed, planned and assembled our cribs.

The first Christmas crib, created 800 years ago exactly, built by the above mentioned St Francis of Assisi, was in a cave. Francis filled the cave with straw, live sheep and donkey, and statues of all those gathered at that original stable.

Our crib, a gift from Padre Raffaele and our Italian parishioners almost 60 years old, and every year it is different, and every year it is the same. A magic place for the children, and a sacred place of prayer for so many who bring their joys and sorrows to the Christ child in the manger.

Kind regards
Tom cp



Are you aged 18 and over, looking for an exciting way to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, and make a meaningful impact? Join the Sacred Pathways Collective, your gateway to spiritual adventure and personal growth!

To take the first step on this incredible journey, simply follow the QR code. Answer a couple of quick questions, and you'll be on your way to an enriching experience with fellow young adults at our parish.

Vinnies Marrickville Christmas Appeal



Dear parish, we will be having our annual Christmas appeal this weekend 2-3rd December. We will be collecting at every mass over the weekend. It goes without saying your generous support will assist our community who are struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis this Christmas.

We have Casimir Catholic College and St Brigid's Primary School donating special family Christmas hampers this year that we will deliver mid-December.

Envelopes will be available for those that wish to take home and bring back the following week.

Don't forget to check out our PIETY STALL

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards now available

Stoles and candles for Baptism, donated crocket items and baby Jesus for Christmas, Columban Holy calendars for 2024.

Large variety of cards for all occasions.

Open after weekend Masses



ADVENT REFLECTION 2023

Fr Tom along with Fr Giltus and the Liturgy Committee, are organizing a parish-wide Advent reflection. This program is designed to help all of us gain a deeper understanding of the Advent season.

Come join us in the parish office on Mondays at 7.00pm and be a part of this parish journey

Are you New to St Brigid's.

Please note your best contact details on the clipboard at the back of the church so one of our staff members can contact you and share the many ways you can be more involved in our many ministries.



We want to get to know you & want you to get to know us.



Next weekend

Carols on the Lawn
starting at 7.00pm
Saturday 9th December
with firework display
All welcome!!



Aid to the Church in Need has supplied **prayer cards for peace** in the holy land. They are at the back of the church so please take some to share around. *"Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war."*

Pope Francis

Prayer Vigil for stronger climate action

Pope Francis wants the UN COP28 climate talks to succeed, and he was hoping of going for the first time this year. During COP28, the Australian Religious Response to Climate will participate in a "Turn Up the Heat" Week of Action asking the Australian Government to take stronger action for a safe climate, especially by stopping their approvals of new coal and gas projects. This is something that the peoples of the Pacific have been calling for.

We will show our concern publicly through a Prayer Vigil outside PM Anthony Albanese's electoral office here in Marrickville. All are welcome to join us on **Friday, 8th December** at 9am, for a short march from St Brigid's Church to Mr Albanese's office, 334 Marrickville Rd. There we will hold a multi-faith prayer service, in which Fr Kevin Dance will give a brief address on Pope Francis' concerns, and we'll present a Christmas card to Mr Albanese's staff with our polite requests.

Contact person: fahimah@arrcc.org.au
for more information

Catechist needed for 2024

*Do you have an hour to spare per week.
Please help bring the Word of God to the young members of our community.*

Catechist teach on:

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.30am
Marrickville West Primary Schools

Wednesday 2.15pm -
3.15pm Marrickville Public

Thursday 9.30 - 10.30am
Ferncourt Public School

Thursday 1.45 - 3.00pm
Wilkins Public School

Training and resources will be provided
Please contact Sr Elenita for further information.



**Come join us at our Catechist Mass on
2nd December 2023 at 10.30am in the parish
center to meet our catechist.**

LOVE OUR PACIFIC NEIGHBOURS

Climate finance for island nations

Recently Deceased: Roma Natoloczny, Bernice Summerfield

Death Anniversaries: Peter Maihi, Maria Vu Thi Tu, Jose Ribeiro, Tamam Coorey, Mark Maihi, Frank Caruana, Jose Avelino Ribeiro, Adelino Alves, Lilian Cipolla, Antonino Travia, Tony Schemlei, Mary Ellen Cleaver, John Joseph Matthews,

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Buena Ong, Phil Drew, Steven Para, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Georgette Khoury, Huyen Nguyen, John Love, George Bugeja, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Mely Siasat, Carmel King, Maria Caccamo, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Sharon Micallef, Paul Massi

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



Mass Texts: First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

Response: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

PARISH CALENDAR 2023

DECEMBER

2nd	Sat	10.30am	Catechist end of year Thanksgiving Mass
		11.00am	Boarding House Christmas Party
2/3	W/end		St Vincent de Paul Appeal
3rd			First Sunday of Advent
3rd	Sun	12.00pm	Baptism Preparation
4th	Mon	7.00pm	Advent Reflection
5th	Tues	7.00pm	St Brigid's Primary Year 6 Graduation Mass
8th	Fri	10.00am	St Brigid's Primary end of year mass
			Casimir end of year mass
		6.00pm	Vietnamese Immaculate Conception Mass

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri:	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and Rosary
Tues:	Mass at 6.45am
Thurs:	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
Saturday:	Mass at 8.00am followed by Holy Rosary
	<i>Reconciliation:</i> 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday:	Mass at 8.00am 10.30am (bilingual) 4.00pm (Vietnamese) 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 Mass.

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

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	2/3rd Dec	9/10th Dec	2/3rd Dec	9/10th Dec	2/3rd Dec	9/10th Dec	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Michael H Reader: Laura N	Com: Margaret H Reader: Jim Y	Michael P Carole P Leila W Ofa T	Kelelia A Gabriel B Elizabeth B Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G R: Margaret T	Com: John S Reader: Stephen O	F. Seufale Margaret K John S	Joseph F Geoffrey L Mary L	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Peter J 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Com: Bernadette S 1st: John Mc 2nd: Italian	Bernadette Y Giuseppe S Tony C Anthony N	Joanne M John M Peter J Albert N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Reader: Olivia V	Com: Kevin B Reader: Lenore D	Arthur K Jackie K	Kevin B Tony H	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 speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to

