



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 Lent - Year A

26th 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.

Bread and Stones

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus is hungry and Satan tempts him. "Turn these stones into bread," he says to Jesus. And Jesus rebuffs the temptation by saying to Satan, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from God."

Imagine a host asking one of his guests, "Would you like some ham?" How perplexed the host would be if his guest answered, "Man does not live by ham alone"! The question was not whether the guest would like to eat ham and nothing but ham. The question was just whether he would like some ham now. Why not say, "Sure! Thanks!"?

So why doesn't Jesus do the miracle? And why does he reject Satan's urging by pointing out that man does not live by bread alone? Of course, we don't live just on bread! But bread is one of the things by which human beings live. In another place Jesus himself explains that no good father will give his son a stone if his son asks for bread. Here is Jesus hungry and having only stones. Why shouldn't he have bread instead?

When a guest says to the host who is offering him ham, "Man does not live by ham alone!" he might be using these words to communicate to his host the thought, completely perplexing in the circumstances, that human beings live on other stuff besides ham.

But, of course, there is another interpretation. The guest might also be telling his host, graciously, that he is full. There are other things to eat besides ham, and a person who has no ham

doesn't need to be hungry, because he has eaten an abundance of those other things.

And that is what Jesus is telling Satan, isn't it? Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live. "No thanks," Jesus is telling Satan: "I'm full."

This is the message to Satan, and also to us.

Jesus, who is the Word of God, gives to every person who will receive him what she needs to live, even if she has no bread.

And, for good measure, Jesus gives them bread, too. He, the living cornerstone, gives himself to his own



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



2nd Session: 26 Feb

3rd Session: 5 March

4th Session: 12 March



Sacrament of Reconciliation: 23 March at 7pm

Sessions are held in the shrublands hall starting at 9.00am



Ministry help wanted

If you would like to become a little more involved or have an hour a week to spare please read on.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Lead our younger parishioners on their own journey of the readings of the week, held during Sunday 10.30am Mass.

CATCHCHIST - Visit one of our local primary schools to teach scripture, once a week, term time.

*If you are interested please see Sr Elenita.
Training and materials supplied*

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)

Last Call. 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.

St Brigid's Catholic Primary School



SCHOOL TOURS

27-28 Feb 9-10am
2 March 9-10am
3 March 3.30-4.30pm
OPEN DAYS
4 March 9am-12pm



stbmarrickville.sydney.catholic.edu.au

St Brigid's Parish - Lent Program

Come join our Passionist Family for our 2023 St Brigid's Parish Lent Reflection Program.

We will follow the theme,
'God is on the journey too'

explored in the companion booklet, written by Passionist Priest, Fr. Christopher Monaghan, CP. The booklet also includes reflective text and beautiful photographs by the author.

Week 1: Monday 27th February 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'Choices, Actions and Challenges'

Week 2: Monday 6th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'Being sustained in our journey of faith'

Week 3: Monday 13th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'Jesus, Saviour of the World'

Week 4: Monday 20th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'To see as God sees'

Week 5: Monday 27th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'Faith in the Resurrection'

All sessions will be held in the Parish Meeting Room

Casimir Catholic College Marrickville

OPEN DAY



Friday 3 March 2023
3.00pm - 7.00pm



All Welcome

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JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING SYSTEM

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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 _____



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VIRTUAL LENT SERIES

Once again we are delighted to present a series of Lent talks by four Australian biblical scholar from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week.

Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP
- Dr Janina Hiebel



This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey.

WHEN: Tuesdays via Zoom

February 21 & 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 2023

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm COST: Free

Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded after registration.

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SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



The Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference is a weekend for women aged 18 + to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith.

The vision of the conference is to support and nurture women in their spiritual life and is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops and is in keeping with the magisterium of the Church.

The conference begins at 7pm on **Friday 17th March** and runs until 2pm on Sunday 19th March. The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is a live in weekend

Cost: \$320.00 incl. accommodations and meals.

Register online.

Email info@sisterhood.org.au
or call Ally 0423 429 203.

Places are limited.

For more information visit www.sisterhood.org.au

24 hour for the Lord Event at Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

Come and spend some time with
Our Lord and Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine:

Friday 17 March
6pm Mass, then Reconciliation 7:15 - 10.00pm.

Saturday Reconciliation
10am - 12pm, & 3pm - 4.45pm and Vigil Mass at 5pm.

The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome.
Contact paulandramani@gmail.com

Jesus Light of the World Communities

HEALING RECOLLECTION
Fr Rey Sentillas, MI

Saturday, 11 March 2023
9am – 5pm (includes Mass)
St Joseph's Parish Hall - Walz St, Rockdale
(Parking Entry at Parker St.)

Bookings Essential
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFURP>
Enq: Helen - 0433455114 Ida - 0424 267 500

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PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by

Recently Deceased: Luis Camacho, Quang Hong Ho, Jose Luis Martins

Death Anniversaries: Giuse Tam Huu Nguyen, Francisco Filipe, Dominic Trung Duc Nguyen, Francisco Guevara, Bartolomew De Bono, Maria Kieu Thi Bui, Austin Lowe, James Raby, Maree Blanchard, Alice El Tabar,

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

Other intentions: Wendy Lamb, Des & Pat Patsfield



Mass Texts: First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Response:
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19
Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.



Parish Calendar 2023

February

28th Thur 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council

March

3rd Fri 7.30pm Men's Club
 5th Sun 9.00am Second Sunday of Lent
 Sacramental Session # 3
 6th Mon 6.30pm Bereavement Meeting
 12th Sun 9.00am Third Sunday of Lent
 Sacramental Session # 4
 19th Sun 2.00pm Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Senior's Group
 23rd Thur 7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
 28th Tue 7.00pm Pastoral Council Meeting
 31st Fri 4.30pm Italian Stations of the Cross

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 Feb	4/5 March	25/26 Feb	4/5 March	25/26 Feb	4/5 March	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Jim Y Lec: Leila W	Com: Liz B Lec: Michael S	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelley H Opa T Gabriele 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: Joseph F	Com: Marco G Lec: Geoffrey L	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: Franklin C Reader: Angie C It:	Com: Sue K Reader: Terry R It:	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: Kristen R	Com: Arthur K Lec: Vanessa	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K	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.