



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 4 July 2021

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

THOSE THAT SPEAK FOR GOD

When people from ordinary backgrounds become celebrities eg Meghan Markle, now wife of Prince Harry, journalists and television crews often seek out the family and neighbours of the new star to find out what they think of their local boy or girl made good. Mixed impressions and reactions are given. Some show their surprise, some their shock, some their delight, some their pride. But others show disbelief, or jealousy. Some locals claim they saw it coming, others refuse to admit anything out of the ordinary has happened.

In our Gospel today, Jesus comes back to his home town of Nazareth. This is not a social visit. Like the other towns in Galilee, Nazareth too has to hear the Good News that with Jesus, God has steeped into this world and begun to rule as their king over everything and everyone. When Jesus highlights this in the local synagogue, his listeners are amazed. They wonder about the wise things he has said, about where he got his ideas, and about how on earth he has been curing so many sick people. But despite favourable first impressions of him, they later let their prejudices, their pre-judgements, take over. They decide that all along Jesus has been fooling them into thinking he's someone special. 'Just who does he think he is?' they sneer. 'Local boy made good? No way!'

They try to cut him down to size, their size. The sniff: 'Once a carpenter, always a carpenter!. Don't we all know his mother, his sisters and his brothers? There's nothing special about them.. He's got too big for his boots!' Mark summarises their reaction in six sad words: 'And they would not accept him.' him. For them, his sheer ordinariness as their local tradesman cancels out their first impressions of his new and special wisdom and the reports

reaching them from other places of his extraordinary deeds..

How does Jesus react to these locals and their prejudices against him? He is amazed at their lack of faith.' So, he tells them : 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house. Mark has already told us that even members of his own family were convinced that he was out of his mind. His rejection in Nazareth by his people also makes him powerless for the most part, to work any miracle among them So, after curing a "few sick people", he moves elsewhere, and it seems that after moving on, he never set foot in Nazareth again.

In the 1960s there was a popular song called "The Sounds of Silence". One remarkable line says that the words of the prophets are written on the subway walls and tenement hall. The messages of prophets are two-way communication. They state what God wants to tell people for their well-being. But rejection or resistance to the message tells God what people think of both the message and the messenger.

It's an extremely painful thing to try to tell someone what they need to hear for their well-being only to be told: 'What's it got to do with you? Mind your own business.' Parents know this kind of pain from their children, as do teachers from their students, and police from a violent mob.

Daily you and I face situations in which God is calling us to stop, look and listen and take to heart some message for our own good being delivered to us by another person in our lives, someone else who is on our side, someone who is a real prophet, a spokesperson for G, a real godsend, whether they know it or not.

So, in our prayer together today, let us ask God both for ourselves and ne another, that we might always be open to hearing and heeding the Word of God, in whatever way God speaks to us, and through whatever person or persons God sends us, as his messengers, his agents, his angels!

[Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP](#)

[COVID—19 UPDATE](#)
[as at Sunday 27 June 2021](#)
[NSW Health Directives](#)

[NO BOOKINGS](#)
[for Baptisms OR Weddings](#)
[will be accepted until further notice](#)

[The only bookings which may be](#)
[made are for FUNERALS](#)
([maximum attendance: 100 people](#))

Facemasks are MANDATORY in church
The 4 square metre per person social distancing measures are again in place.

- **NO singing by the congregation**
- **QR codes are compulsory when entering the church.**

If unable to use a QR code, sign up forms are available at point of entry

Online financial contributions to St Brigid's Parish during the lockdown may be made by scanning this code:



[ALL Donations very welcome!](#)

[Aboriginal and Torres Strait](#)
[Islander Sunday](#)
[4 July 2021](#)
[“Heal Country”](#)

[There are over 130,000 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia](#)

[NAATSICC \(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council\)](#) is the peak Advisory Body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. It was founded in 1992 and the Secretariat is based in Adelaide. It is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the Catholic Church and CARITAS Australia's First Nations program.

This special Sunday provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers, while also signifying that we are united as one in God's love and care.

As Catholics we recognise the importance of being good stewards in caring for the beautiful world that God has created. As good stewards we CANNOT ignore the damage that has been done to our environment.. Because of the close relationship of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples to the land or 'country', we can all learn from them to be better stewards and repair the damage done and so, [to Heal Country.](#)

Every year Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This year is especially important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways which we interacted and made contact with one another

Today our world is in need of healing—spiritually, environmentally and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage.

The NATSICC website (www.natsicc.org.au) Information on how to contact our local Traditional Custodians as well as resources and articles on faith and spirituality.

As Catholics, we can set an example for the rest of Australia to follow by coming together as equals and friends in our schools, parishes and organisations in the name of Jesus Christ and in the spirit of mutual respect and unity as one people.

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am
Presentation: 2nd Weekend of Baptism month
at Parish Masses
Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12.30pm

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm
Preferably 6 months notice
Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments: Sr Elena
Bereavement Ministry: Sr Elenita/Michael Schiano
CCD in State Schools: Sr Elenita
Children's Sacraments: Sr Elenita
Ecumenical & Interfaith: Jim Yeo
Family Groups Contact: Adrienne/Jonathan Harverson
Finance C'tee: Adrienne Harverson
Justice & Peace Network: Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries: Mary Leask, Sr Elena
Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau
Media Ministry: Sr Elena/Pedro Moreira
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward
Ministry of Care: Fr Dominic CP
Outreach Ministry: Dcn Christopher/Pauline Roach
Parish Safeguarding Support: Jim Yeo
Pastoral Council Co-chairs: Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis.
Seniors' Group: John Freeman/Richard Gonsalves
Women's Spirituality Group: Paige Bullen/Pauline Roach
Young Adults: Katrina Fuller/Maria Fuller
Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo (on leave)

Parish Collection

27/6/2021

1st(Passionists): \$ CHURCH CLOSED
2nd (Parish): \$
Cash & Envelopes: \$
Credit Cards: \$

20/6/2021

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,255
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,479

Calendar

JULY

10/11

15th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

12

Term 3 begins

14

Parent Information and Enrolment Night
for CONFIRMATION 2021: 7pm in Hall

17/18

16th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



We Remember:

Recently deceased: Phyllis Coorey.

Anniversaries : Fale Von Dingledge; Madalena Pham Thi Ba; Elaine Downing; Victor Habermann; Francesca & Giovanni Spinella; Georeg Vispoel; Nita Wilde; Joan Thompson.

Carrying Severe Illness: Lea Nigro; Helen Eid; Maria Guilfoyle; Meriam Daher; Renato Di Perna; Mely Siasat; Giovanna and Juliana Cipolla.

Mass Texts: Sunday 14 Yr B : 4/7/21

First Reading: Ezek 2: 2-5

Response: Our eyes are on the Lord til he show us his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6: 1-6

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Mass Texts: Sunday 15 Yr B: 11/7/21

First Reading: Amos 7 : 12-15

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help

Second: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear Us

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Wed—Fri: Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.**
Tues and Thurs: **Mass at 6.45am**
Saturday: **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only

Saturday: Marriages 10-3 pm;
Reconciliation 4-30pm Mass:5 pm; & 7.00 pm (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.

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

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY
4 JULY 2021

Theme: "HEAL COUNTRY"

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis has called on us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration and destruction.

Today's Gospel is very fitting because Mark tells us of Jesus returning to his 'native place' - Nazareth—to a non-accepting, hostile reaction. Jesus had been welcomed and revered in other places, why is it that he is mocked and disregarded in his own home?. The crowds saw him as without honour and were unable to believe in him. He did not fit their view and did not deserve respect in their eyes. In Australia our own First Nations people have suffered a similar reception to Jesus in Nazareth. Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over thousands of years, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world. This could not be further from the truth.

2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence.

"Country" encompasses more than the physical land—"it is a word for the values, places, resources, stories and cultural obligations associated with that area and its features ." (Prof Mick Dodson).

Lord, May this year's theme- "Heal Country"- be embraced by all in this continent, so that together we can work towards a more sustainable planet, our common home.

Let us move forwards as a united people in Christ, committed to embracing the gifts of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander knowledge to not only Heal Country, but to heal our relationship with one another, and in doing so our creator's gifts to us all—this world

AMEN

Weekend Mass Ministries: 14th and 15th Sunday

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes/Altar Servers	
Mass Time	03/ 04/July	10/11 JULY	3/4 July	10/11 July	3/4 July	10/11 July
5 pm Sat						
8 am Sun			CHURCH	CLOSED		
10.30 am Sun						
6 pm Sun						