



## 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:

Fr Tom McDonough CP	Fr Giltus Mathias CP
Sr Elenita Flores CP	Fr Paul Kien Nguyen Ba CP
Fr Wilbard Sambati CP	James Yeo - Safeguarding Officer
Sr Rosana Estoque CP	Pongia Fenukitau
Dcn Joseph Sy Ho Doan CP	Jenny Solo
Elena (Len) Di Perna	Mona El-Khoury

### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

28th January, 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 Kien CP

#### 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,*

*This will be my last "Fr Tom writes....", as next weekend, Fr Giltus will officially be the Parish Priest of St Brigid's. He will be the 30th Parish Priest of St Brigid's. All but one were Passionists. The very first PP was a diocesan priest, Fr John Doyle, and he was PP for one year -1886 to November 1887 when we Passionists arrived.*

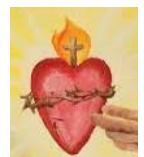
*Fr Giltus has been part of our parish life already for four years. You know him well, and he is familiar with the story and culture of our parish. He also brings wide experience in pastoral leadership and administration. He has built and been principal of schools in India, and has administered retreat houses in USA. He came to Australia to stopover on his way to work in New Zealand, however, during covid he was 'trapped' here in Sydney. Undeterred, he exercised his role as PP by Zoom, and so, at a distance, he administered our then parish in Blenheim, New Zealand. Giltus also was appointed Province Secretary for our Holy Spirit province during these years; he enrolled for a Masters in Counselling online, and fund-raised for our PNG and Vietnamese missions in the USA. Our parish is blessed to have a man with the experience, creativity and passion for ministry as a brother, a priest and as our parish leader.*

*So, this will be exciting times for St Brigid's as you work with Fr Giltus in this new chapter of our parish life.*

*Belonging to the parish family of St Brigid's is an incredible blessing. I am so grateful for the countless friendships, relationships, graces and kindnesses I have received, over many years, and particularly over this last period as your brother and parish priest. Many parishioners and religious have moved away from Marrickville, through cost of living, aged care, employment, family commitments among other reasons. However, wherever we are, wherever life takes us, we carry St Brigid's with us. And I will take memories and friendships with me to Adelaide. Family is family!!*

*I wish Fr Giltus and the parish team every blessing as they begin with you another a new chapter in the story of St. Brigid's. Please keep me occasionally in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine.*

*Kind regards  
Tom cp*





### JOIN THE ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY

If you are 11 years old and have celebrated your First Holy Communion please contact Sr Rosana on [rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)



### ST BRIGID YOUTH MASS - SUNDAY 6PM

To all our young parishioners, we encourage you to be part of our Sunday night Youth Mass. For all enquiries, please contact Jenny at [youthministry@passionists.com](mailto:youthministry@passionists.com)

### 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.*

On the 3rd & 4th of Feb there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

### Seasons of Renewal – Lent and Easter: How to evangelise throughout the year

Join the Parish Renewal Team online to explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during Lent and Easter so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Christ can give.

All welcome!

DATES:

Tuesday 30 January, 10 – 11 am

Thursday 1 February, 3 – 4 pm

Wednesday 7 February, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

To register for the workshop, visit [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

### Sacraments for 2024



Parent Information Night for the

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in the Hall.

Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be advertised once confirmed with the Archdiocese.

### Calling all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



Please join us for an inservice on Saturday 3rd February at 9.15am in the church.

This invitation is also for those wishing to, or thinking about joining this ministry. (Please note a WWC check will be needed if not already applied)

For further information please contact Sr Rosana

### RCIA PROGRAM

For those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church, please reach out to the Parish office or Sr Rosana at



[rosana@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)



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.

## The Sisters of the Cross and Passion



We know well, our Passionist Sisters in the parish. However another congregation of our Sisters, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, also work with us in Australia.

Founded by Ven. Elizabeth Prout in the mid 1800's, the Sisters work in Melbourne and now are growing in Vietnam, alongside our Passionist men there. See something of the spirit of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion through this link to a presentation made by Sr Brigid CP and Sr Karen CP in Melbourne.

<https://youtu.be/LLdsbggVV0Y>

### A Lenten Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

Women of all ages are invited to join the Sisters for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Morning tea and lunch are included. A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses.

#### Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall

From 10am to 4pm, doors to open at 9-9:30am.

Morning tea and lunch included.

All day adoration (in the crypt) and confession.

For more information on the evening and to register to attend, visit: <https://bit.ly/3RRAKfa>.

For questions, please contact the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

St Joseph's Enfield - February Healing Mass

### Friday 2nd February, 2024

Celebrant: Fr Mirko Integlia

Rosary : 7:00pm - Mass: 8:00pm -

Reconciliation: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Exposition (after Mass) Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm

Prayer Ministry available after Mass

126 Liverpool Road, Enfield. Parking at rear of church

Please call Rose 0412 115 961 for enquiries

Carmelite Retreat Program 2024

### Day Retreats - Feb 3rd, 2024

Fr Gerard Moran OCD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:  
A Preparation for Easter?

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple foreshadows his Passion. The last of the "Christmas Feasts" prepares us for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

10am - 4.00pm Cost: \$30/pp (BYO lunch)

Call 8795 3464 or 0481 035 989

for registration or enquiries

Carmelite Retreat has provided brochures for their retreats this year, which can be found at the back of the church Please take one home.

### Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course.

24-25th February 2024 (no overnight stay)

St Luke the Evangelist, Revesby.

1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby

More information and registration

at [www.trybooking.com/CMGTS](http://www.trybooking.com/CMGTS)

**Recently Deceased:** Jamie Para, Carmel King, The Cuong Pham, Luis Da Palma

**Death Anniversaries:** Francis Said, Peter Jacobus Buchel, Antonio De Sousa, Angelo Russo, Mary Ann Josephine Smith, Winston Yeo, John Choon Seng Ng, Francis Xavier Nguyen, Van Cau, Anna Truong Thi Miet, Phero Nguyen Van Thuyet, Chantelle Delboe, Wenefrida Jauco, Ian Crayford, Levon Tholian, Ida Jauco, Maria Chi Thi Pham, , Vincenzo Tesoriero, Siham Nader.

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

**Other intentions:** Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond, Joe Farah, Josephine Farah, All souls, Peace, Thanks to God.



**Mass Texts: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Deut 18:15-20**

I will put my words into the prophet’s mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

**Response: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35**

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mk 1:21-28**

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

28th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
1st	Thur		St Brigid Feast Day
		7.00pm	PFC meeting
2nd	Fri	9.00am	The Presentation of the Lord
4th	Sun		Catechist Sunday
11th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
			Our Lady of Lourdes
14th	Wed	9.00am	Ash Wednesday
		6.00pm	Vietnamese Mass
		7.30pm	Mass
18th	Sun		First Sunday of Lent
			Reconciliation Session 1
		12.00pm	Baptism
25th	Sun	10.30am	Presentation of Candidates
			Reconciliation Session 2

**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  
*Reconciliation: 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
	27/28 Jan	3/4 Feb	27/28 Jan	3/4 Feb	27/28 Jan	3/4 Feb	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Paul C Reader: Leila W	Com: Michael H Reader: Laura N	Paul C Michael H Margaret H Vinh N	Michael P Carole P Leila W Ofa T	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: John S Reader: Stephen O	Com: Joseph F Reader: Esther G	Stephen O Margaret R Dennis M	F. Seufale Margaret K John S	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Sue K 1st: Robert G 2nd: Italian	Com: Peter J 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Joanne M John M Peter J Albert N	Angie C Frank C Peter J Tony H	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	Kevin B Tony H	Arthur K Jackie K	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 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.

