



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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

22nd December, 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

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Sr Elenita

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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:

Sr Rosana

Music Director:

Frank Mafi

Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

Seniors' Group:

John Freeman & Richard Gonsalves

Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook & Lina Elias



Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,

Alfred McGowan (Papa)

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Alfred McGowan, affectionately known as Papa, who passed away on Wednesday this week. For many years, Papa served as a dedicated member of our parish team, faithfully taking care of St. Brigid's Church. His quiet devotion and kind presence were a blessing to all who knew him. Recently, he travelled with his family from Brisbane to St. Brigid's to honour and attend the funeral of Fr. Kevin Tuitu'u, a testament to his deep commitment to family and community. May Papa's gentle soul find eternal rest in the peace and joy of God's home. We hold his family in our prayers during this time of loss.

A rosary will be held for Alfred on Friday 27th at 7.30pm followed by his funeral service on Saturday 28th December at 9.00am here at St Brigid's.



Boarding House Christmas Party

On behalf of our parish community, I extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the **Boarding House Christmas Party** a joyful and meaningful celebration. This special event was a beautiful reminder of the true spirit of Christmas: reaching out to those on the outskirts, sharing joy, and creating moments of connection and love.



The day was filled with laughter and delight as we served lunch, lovingly prepared and shared by many hands; the sound of carols filled the air, lifting the spirits and reminding us of the season's joy. A special visit from Santa brought excitement to all, as they received thoughtful gifts that lit up their faces with smiles.

To the organisers, your dedication and hard work brought smiles, warmth, and hope to so

many. Your efforts ensured that this gathering was not just a celebration but a reflection of Christ's message to care for those who might otherwise feel forgotten. Thank you for embodying the love and generosity of this season.

To the parishioners who joined, your presence and participation made this day even more special. Your willingness to come together as one community and share the joy of the season speaks volumes about the kindness and compassion that define our parish. And also to all those who contributed to the celebration.

May the joy we experienced at this gathering continue to inspire us to share love and hope with all, especially those on the margins of our lives. Let us carry this spirit into the new year as we strive to be instruments of God's peace and love.



St Brigid Community Carol

The St. Brigid's Community Carols was a beautiful and well-attended evening filled with joy, fun, and family time. The celebration brought together families and parishioners of all ages, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. Santa's visit brought smiles and laughter, especially to the children, who eagerly embraced the magic of the season.

The music was a highlight of the night, with performances from choirs singing in different languages alongside the parish choir, whose heartfelt carols brought everyone together in song. The diverse music reminded us of the richness of our community and the joy of sharing traditions.

The evening closed with a spectacular fireworks display that lit up the night sky, leaving everyone in awe and filling our hearts with the joy and wonder of the season.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the parish, to each one for the incredible effort and dedication they put into organising and running this year's community carols. To mention only a few names: Pedro, the Men's Club, Mary and Valerian for organising the music, Van for expertly managing the sound and light, and Arthur for serving as the engaging and entertaining MC. The different food stalls provided a wonderful variety of treats, adding to the festive spirit and ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy.



To all the volunteers, organizers, and participants, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and generosity in bringing this event to life. Your contributions made this celebration a resounding success and a cherished memory for our community.



Congratulations to Our Casimir Students on Their HSC Results

It is with great pride and joy that we congratulate our Casimir students for their outstanding achievements in the HSC!

These results are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and perseverance throughout their studies. A special mention goes to **Jayda**, who achieved the incredible distinction of **topping New South Wales with 1st place in Information and Digital Technology**. Jayda, your exceptional performance is an inspiration to your peers and a reflection of your talent and determination.

To all our students, regardless of your results, remember that success is not measured solely by grades.

The skills you've gained, the friendships you've built, and the values you've cultivated during your time at Casimir will guide you as you step into the future.

We also congratulate and extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Carmelina, the principal, teachers, and supportive families who have journeyed alongside them, providing encouragement and wisdom every step of the way. May they embrace the opportunities ahead with courage, curiosity, and hope as they move forward. We are so proud of you and excited to see the great things you will achieve in the next chapters of your lives.

Congratulations once again!

Welcome Fr Joseph Tuan

We welcome Fr. Joseph Tuan who has been appointed to the community here at St Brigid's. We wish him a well as he goes through orientation before he starts his appointment. We will love to see him around when he is available. Please make him feel welcome.

Fr Giltus



Casimir Catholic College Marrickville

JAYDA SCIBERRAS

HSC 1st in State!

Information and Digital Technology Examination.

We are so proud of Jayda's well deserved and outstanding achievement! FORCASIMIR

2024





ST. BRIGID'S PARISH

Christmas Mass Times



CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER



- 5:30PM: CAROLS
- 6:00PM: MASS WITH PAGEANT
- 11:30PM: CAROLS
- 12:00PM: MIDNIGHT MASS



CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

- 8:00AM: MASS
 - 10:30AM: MASS WITH PAGEANT
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BOXING DAY
26TH DECEMBER
9:00AM: MASS



Christmas Vigil - 6pm

Lectors	Communion Ministers	Altar servers
Com: Margaret H	Michael H Jim Y	Tony H Vinh
1st: Elizabeth	Leila W Fr. Doan Fr. Cong Other Priests	Laura P Dennis M

Baby Jesus: Frank's Grandson

Christmas Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

Lectors	Communion Ministers	Altar servers
Com: Mary L	Dennis M	Adrian B
1st: Arthur	Priests	Xavier R
2nd: Jan R	Jim	Dennis M

Baby Jesus : Baby William

Prayers of Intercession :

English: Paul C,	Vietnamese: Thu
Arabic: Salam ,	Tongan: Kelilia
Filipino: Joana,	Portuguese: Lino
Spanish:	Italian: Tony C

Christmas Day - 8am

Lectors	Communion Ministers	Altar servers
Com: Josph F	John S	Dennis M
1st: Joanna V	Vihn	Vihn
2nd: Stephen O	Margaret T	

Christmas Day @ 10:30 am

Lectors	Communion Ministers	Altar servers
Com: Mely S	John M	Albert N
1st: Joanne M	Lina E Charlie E	Anthony N Kids Tony H



RCIA PROGRAM

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Our RCIA program will begin soon for those wanting to receive the Sacrament of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office or email rosana@stbrigid.org.au

The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP's 2024 Christmas message
- Classic Dickens' tale lights up St Mary's Cathedral
- Rosary a 'spiritual sword' says Cardinal Bychok in thanksgiving homily
- Tips for celebrating all 12 days of Christmas
- Pope Francis confers knighthoods on three Sydney Catholics

PIETY STORE

Columban Catholic calendars for sale at \$11 each. Those people who ordered "God Word for 2025" can pick them up at the piety store. Large Christmas statues available.

Parish Christmas Raffle Tickets

On sale after Mass

\$5.00 per ticket or 5 for \$20.00

Great prizes

Schedule for Children's Christmas Pageant



Friday 20th - 3.00pm

Saturday 21st - 1pm

(subject to change)

Monday 23rd - 3.00pm

(dress rehearsal)

THANK YOU
for making the Boarding House
Party a success.

To the parishioners who donated gifts & food, those who helped on the day, to the musicians and the organisers. The residents were extremely grateful for the celebrations & the presents.



Senior's Group

Meeting 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

All welcome

ST BRIGID YOUTH MASS -

SUNDAY 6PM

To all our young parishioners, we encourage you to be part of our Sunday night Youth Mass and get together.

youthministry@passionists.com

St. Brigid's Community Day

Celebrating Our Uniqueness

St. Brigid's Parish,
one family, many cultures,
alive in Christ

Sunday

16th February 2025

Started with Mass at 10:30 am

Followed by: *Family time*



*Celebrating
Cultures*

**FACE
PAINTING**

Music

Entertainment

KID ACTIVITIES

MAGIC

‘Writings of St John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family’ Immersion Course

Are you looking for a message of hope and healing in a time of confusion?

In partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and the Theology of the Body Institute, the Archdiocese of Sydney is proud to announce once again that we will be hosting another not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course experience:

At a time of great concern and confusion over the dignity of the creation of male and female, the sacred union of husband and wife, and the life-giving beauty of family, the Lord calls us to witness the Gospel now more than ever. If you are interested in learning more about TOB or feel you need to hear this transformative message, we strongly encourage you to register for this upcoming course in January 2025.

The course will be held at the beautiful Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, NSW.
DATES: Sunday, 19 January to Friday, 24 January
VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale,

To register and learn more about the course, please visit: tobi.sydneycatholic.org

For further questions, contact Simon Yeak simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0427 536 356

The Way of Wonder - Theology of the Body Family Event

The Theology of the Body Institute is coming again for one night only in January 2025. Don't miss this once-off opportunity to experience true beauty, wonder and awe!

Is this the times we are living in? Depressed and desensitised, over-stimulated and over-stressed, we need to return to living in child-like wonder! It is not an option, but an essential. Join Bill Donaghy, international TOB speaker, for a 2.5-hour immersive experience of the mind, heart, and senses as we explore a mosaic of classical and contemporary art, music, and theological reflections that will open us to wonder again!

Content is for adults and children 13 and above. Children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.

DATE: Saturday, 18 January 2025

TIME: 6:45 pm Doors Open & Registrations / 7:00 pm Event Start / 9:30 pm Event Close

VENUE: St Joachim's Parish - 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe

COST: \$20 Adult / \$15 Student/Concession
For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWNXL>

Are you a former chorister of St Mary's Cathedral Choir?

Join our Choir Alumni Network. Stay connected with us, and each other Learn about exciting developments, including the launch of the new Girls' Choir in 2025.

Attend a special luncheon: Sunday, 2 March 2025.

We want to hear from you.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity. Register now.

www.ourfaithourworks.org/pf

phone Tony Maricic 0422 099 576

Recently Deceased: Isaura Estrela-Santa, Rita De Gois, Alfred McGowan, Lilian Seklawy.

Death Anniversaries: Teresa Jennings, Hanneh El-Lakiss Farah, Vincenzo Lipari, Jackie Longley, Dominico Nguyen Van An, Br Rupert FMS, Francisco Caires, Netty Too, Maria Do Thi Bui, Antonia Cabida, Maria Nguyen Thi Thao, Fr Timothy O'Toole CP, Clare Fuller, Christopher Howard, Teddy Lakiss, Guise Bui Van Dan, Michaela Bodycote, Nora Kelly, Juliet Pastor, Monica Bugeja,

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Steven Para, John Love, Eileen McClement, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Laura Nolan, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Maria Caccamo, Paul Murphy, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Nick Rizzo, Tina Schino, Rudi Presern, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Damia Roumie, Jose Gomes, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, Antonios Gebrael, John Lizzio, Louta Mafi, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances, Marie Thompson, George Baraket, Richard Hudson, Lia Naoumidis

Other intentions: Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb



Mass Texts: Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4
Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

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: Heb 10:5-10
I am coming to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44
Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?



PARISH CALENDAR 2024

DECEMBER

20th	Fri	4.00pm	Parish Office Closes
22nd	Sun	12 & 2pm	Baptism
		4.00pm	Reconciliation
		7.00pm	Youth Group
24th	Tues	6.00pm	Mass with Pageant
		11.30pm	Carols
		Midnight	Mass
25th	Wed	8.00am	Christmas Day
		10.30am	Mass with Pageant (livestreamed)
26th	Thur	9.00am	Mass - Boxing Day Public Holiday



JANUARY

1st	Wed	9.00am	Mass - New Year's Day Public Holiday Mass
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Liturgical Timetable

MONDAY - FRIDAY: Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary. Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and 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) | 6.00pm.

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.

DAILY MORNING MASSES

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6:45	Vinh N	Jim Y
9:00	Mary T	Liz
Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet
9:00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6:45	Albert N	Paul C
9:00	Liz	Buddy
Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P
9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna
Fri 6:45	Vinh N	Patricia
9:00	Tony C	Leila W
Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy

WEEKLY ROSTER

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
	21/22 Dec	28/29 Dec	21/22 Dec	28/29 Dec	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Leila W Thu H Aloysia	Michael H Margaret H Ofa T	Ofa T Margaret H Margaret P Michael P	Elizabeth B Gabrielle B Paul C Michael H	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: John S 1st: Marco G 2nd: Stephen O	Com: Geoffrey L 1st: Esther G 2nd: Joseph F	Stephen O Margaret T Joseph F	Joanna V Mary L Dennis M	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Bernadette Y Peter J Italian	Frank C Bernadette S Italian	Joanne M Susan K Peter J Frank C	Albert N Giuseppe S Tony C	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Laura P Oscar P Landon O	Kevin B Arthur K Josh F	Charlie E Charlene E Alexis H	Rex H Lina E Lenore D	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 provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

