



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
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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 of Advent - Year B

24th 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

#### 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,*

*A Blessed and Merry Christmas to each and all of you. As we celebrate the coming of Christ in Bethlehem, we also celebrate his coming each and every day, - for wherever two or three are gathered in love, Christ is there in the midst. Our celebration doesn't end on Monday night, of course. The feast continues through Boxing Day, the 3 feasts of St Stephen, St John & Holy Innocents immediately following Christmas Day, the feast of the Holy Family next Sunday, Mary the Mother of God on New Year's Day; then, on the following Sundays, the feasts of the Epiphany-the coming of the three Kings, and then the Baptism of the Lord. We have had four weeks of Advent waiting and preparing, so let's not shut down Christmas on Monday night, and too quickly put away the tree and Crib.*

*An enormous thank you to everyone who has prepared the Church - the building and the people - for the feast. The Christmas Cribs inside and outside, the Advent Liturgies, Advent Wreath and Candles, Advent music and video clips, and our four Advent Reflection nights. Thanks again to all who worked to prepare and perform, feed and clean up after our marvelous Carols Night. And then those who decorated the Altar area with Christmas flowers, and tree. Thanks to all the readers, commentators, pray-ers, our extraordinary, wonderful, lift-the-roof choirs and musicians, the children who led us in the two Christmas pageants, and those who prepared them. And to Mrs Elena Di Perna, Srs. Elenita and Rosana, Frs Giltus, Kien, Wilbard and Dcn Doan, Pongia, Mona El-Khoury, Jim Yeo and Jenny Solo on the parish team.*

*Christmas is special in every parish of course, and each parish has its own ways of celebrating the feast. After 137 years, our parish has such a blessed tradition and much loved customs. So, in a special way, we remember all those who have gone before us and on whose shoulders we stand.*

*With all our parish team, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed time, refreshing and renewing for you all. We pray everyone will be kept safe, on the roads or wherever. We pray especially for loved ones and parishioner who will be in hospital, rehabs or assisted care. We remember our beloved family members and friends with God, and whom we miss so much at Christmas. May you and may our parish truly be a Holy Family into which Christ is born anew each and every day.*

*Finally we would be remiss, especially on Christmas Day and on the feast of the Holy Innocents (Thursday) if we forget the too many in the Middle East, Myanmar, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere, the homeless refugees and the just plain homeless, all whose lives are touched by poverty and violence, and all whom the angels themselves remembered on Christmas night as they sang: Peace on earth to people of good will. 'Let there be peace on earth' is our prayer this Christmas time*

#### **Christmas Reconciliation**

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God. Priests will be available on Saturday 23rd from 3.30pm.*

*The parish office will be closed from Thursday afternoon, 22 December and reopen on Monday 8th January, 2024.*

*Kind regards  
Tom cp*



### **The Catholic Weekly**

- Christmas 2023. 800 Years of the Nativity scene
- Big hearts, big tree: Christmas with the Abdallahs
- Archbishop Fisher: Jesus brings light to world in conflict
- New deacons a gift to Sydney church
- Christmas at the Cathedral dazzles
- Celebrating our HSC superstars

#### **HELP NEEDED**

We have an urgent need to support the extended family of one of our neighbours, an Australian citizen, who's family is in grave danger in one of the world's trouble spots.

This family of 19 have all been granted Australian visas and will, with your help, be leaving danger to join us here in the Newcastle region.

We are seeking to raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of transportation to and visas for a relatively safe neighbouring country, where the family will be able to access the Australian diplomatic mission for the region. Some of the funds raised will also be used to house and feed the family in the safe country, while documentation is complete and flights to Australia are arranged. We have not identified the countries involved to avoid exposing the family who are in hiding.

We are deeply appreciative of any support you are able to offer, and look forward to one day soon sharing a meal with our new friends at a welcome picnic.

Please contact Pauline on 0490 141 196 if you have any further queries

## **Christmas Mass Times**

Reconciliation - Saturday 23rd at 3.30pm



### **Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th**

9.00am

4.00pm (Vietnamese)

6.00pm Vigil with children's pageant

Carols at 11.30 followed by Midnight Mass



### **Christmas Day - Monday 25th**

8.00am

10.30am with children's pageant

4.00pm (Vietnamese)

### **Don't forget to check out our PIETY STALL**

Columban Holy calendars for 2024 featuring a painting of St Brigid. Stoles and candles for Baptism, Baby Jesus, big range of statues and bibles.

Large variety of cards for all occasions.



Open after weekend Masses

### **SACRED PATHWAYS COLLECTIVE**



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.



## Free Audio Tour of the Passionist Saints

Try our Free Audio Tour of our Passionist Saints! Narrated by Fr Tom McDonough & Mr Jim Yeo, this 15 minute walking audio tour provides prayerful and interesting insights into our Passionists Saints.

Hover your smartphone camera over the QR code located at the front of the St. Joseph's Chapel. Then follow the link to the audiocast. Move through the tour as you gaze at the images and holy relics of each Saint.

Please turn your phone to low volume or use earphones. Please avoid completing the tour during Mass or other formal occasions.



## St Mary's Cathedral spectacular Christmas celebrations in Sydney.

December 14 - 25th  
Theme: The Twelve Days of Christmas

Christmas market stalls, musical acts and activities in the special, free family event open to everyone.

The cathedral will also be open each night until the extended time of 10pm, with traditional Christmas displays, including a Nativity scene, a towering real Christmas tree and displays explaining the true Christian teachings and origins of the 12 days of Christmas.



## ST VINCENT de PAUL - CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Dear Parishioners,

We would like to thank you for your generous donations towards our Christmas Appeal this year. We have received \$29,000, and around 100 hampers which will go a long way towards assisting our community.

A special thanks goes to St Brigid's Primary School and Casimir Catholic College for the amazing Christmas hampers that have already been delivered to families also Financial Services Council who volunteer every year to help us deliver.



Have a Happy Christmas!

## Mass to mark the Anniversary of the Death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

Following the Mass, you are invited to morning tea in the parish hall. There will then be an opportunity for private prayer at Eileen's tomb in Dudley Street, Coogee.  
All are welcome.

**DATE:** Wednesday 10 January, 2024.

**TIME:** 10 am

**VENUE:** St Brigid's Church, Coogee  
Cnr Brook and Waltham Streets, Coogee.

**PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT:**  
Bishop Emeritus Terry Brady

**Recently Deceased:** Jack Jackson, Kerry Wood, Beverley Hodder

**Death Anniversaries:** Christopher Howard, Teddy Lakiss, Guise Bui Van Dan, Michaela Bodycote, Nora Kelly, Juliet Pastor, Monica Bugeja

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Buena Ong, Phil Drew, Steven Para, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, 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, Laurice Sassine

**Other intentions:** Joe Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond



## Mass Texts: Fourth Sunday of Advent

### **First Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16**

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

### **Response: Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29**

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### **Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27**

The mystery kept for endless ages is now revealed.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

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

### **Gospel: Lk 1:26-38**

You will conceive and bear a son.



## PARISH CALENDAR 2023

### **DECEMBER**

24th	Sun		Fourth Sunday of Advent
		9.00am	Christmas Eve
		4.00pm	Vietnamese
		6.00pm	Vigil with children's pageant
		11.30pm	Carols followed by Midnight Mass
25th	Mon	8.00am	Christmas Day
		10.30am	Mass with children's pageant
		4.00pm	Vietnamese Mass

26th Tues 9.00am Boxing Day

### **JANUARY**

1st Mon 9.00am New Years Day Mass

## Liturgical Timetable

<b>Mon - Wed - Fri:</b>	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by <b>Mass at 9.00am</b> and Rosary
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>Mass at 6.45am</b>
<b>Thurs:</b>	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass at 8.00am</b> followed by Holy Rosary
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Reconciliation:</b> 4.30pm. <b>Mass: 5.00pm</b> (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese) <b>Mass at 8.00am   10.30am</b> (bilingual)   4.00pm (Vietnamese)   <b>and 6pm.</b>

### 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
	23/24th Dec	30/31st Dec	23/24th Dec	30/31st Dec	23/24th Dec	30/31st Dec	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Robert W Reader: Elizabeth	Com: Jim Y Reader: Michael S	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: Mary L Reader: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G Reader: Margaret T	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: Bernadette 2nd: Italian	Com: Angie C 1st: Frank C 2nd: Italian	Sue K Jenny O Bernadette S Albert N	Bernadette Y Guiseppe S Tony C Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Margaret H Reader: Laura N	Com: Arthur K Reader: Olivia V	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

**Midnight Mass:** Com: Mary L; Reader 1: Marco G; Reader 2: Gabrielle B **P of F:** 1&2. English - Paul C; 3. Viet - Thu; 4. Arabic - Bernadette Y 5. Tongan - Lelelia; 6. Filipino - 7& 8. English - Liz B 9. Italian - Tony C

**Dec 25 - 8.00am** Comm: John S Reader: Stephen O  
10.30am Com: Angie C Reader: Frank C

