



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 Easter - YEAR C 08 May 2022

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

Fr Tom writes

Dear Friends in the Parish Family,

This weekend, the parish says "A Thousand Thanks" to Fr. Erick at our 10.30 Mass. Fr Erick wants this to be a "See You Soon" not a "Goodbye".



We know we will see him again often, as we do all our previous priests and sisters on the parish team. Yet these special almost-seven years of time together with Erick has meant so much to us all.

As Provincial of the Passionist Congregation, I thank Erick for so generously and courageously accepting the HUGE responsibility for leadership of this flagship parish of the Passionists, one of the busiest parishes in Sydney. Erick accepted this responsibility when only two years ordained and has grown into the role and responsibility with incredible dedication and selflessness. I am filled with admiration for him. Erick, though, will tell us that he has received far more from you, the parishioners, than he feels he was able to give. That is not quite the case, though it is true we

have been there for one another.

And it is such a credit to you the parishioners that you guided, supported, nurtured, and protected Erick, with your friendship and love, and especially through the collaboration of the Parish Team, the Parish Council and the other parish committees.

Erick often quoted the African saying, "I am because of you". We can truly say this of Erick's gift to us.

"Thank You Erick, we are because of you"

What a truly grand celebration last weekend for the blessing and consecration of our Grand Pipe Organ.

The choir gallery was magnificently adorned with flowers by Fr. Thomas, the choir was in extraordinary voice, and Valerian unleashed the glory of the Organ.

I could see him jostling on the organ stool, I could see Connie Cloran -organist for 70+ years, Joan the sight-impaired organist for the Italian choir for over 40 years,



Nancy Lippari - Connie's right hand, July Carr & Mary Cloran as pre-teens, one doing keyboard the other pedals - all of these previous organists overjoyed for the feast of music we had at that mass. Overjoyed, knowing what a gift this will be for coming generations of parishioners.



Especially touching for me during the blessing, was the



installing and blessing of the Statue of Mary in its beautifully crafted display case. Absent for over 20 years, after water damaged the previous display case, and in her own month of May, our Blessed Mother again watches over the Choir once more.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to everyone who has made the restoration and the celebration possible.

And so to **MOTHER'S DAY** and our thanks & prayers for you women who have given us life and formed us from the womb to the present day. Our relationship with our mums, and their formative role in our love never ends. Even when they go from us to God, that personal, emotional, spiritual umbilical cord connects us still. Even in the womb we learn to love and be loved, we begin learning who we are, and how we can't be who we are, without them.



Of course as our relationships with our mum have their moments as we grow, and as our mums learn how to 'mum' on the job (babies, children and teenagers don't come with 'how to manage' manuals). At times there are 'sorries' on both sides.

Sometimes the 'sorries' only come later, as we become more mature and understanding, and forgiving.

So let's make this Mother's Day truly special for our mums, with our presence, our presents and our prayers.

Finally does anyone else find it disturbing how quickly this year is already passing? I am amazed that we are almost half way through 2022. And there are so many things we want to achieve here in the parish. Covid interrupted a lot of things, but it taught us how much our faith and our parish mean to us.

So let's get to it!!!

Fr Tom CP

The Young Beacons gathered last week to prepare gifts for Mother's Day. Thank you to all who attended.



Pilgrimage to Vietnam 2023

Join us for ten days in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) as we serve the poor and disadvantaged people of Vietnam

Dates: Arrive by the evening of Sunday January 8th, 2023 & concluding evening of Thursday, January 19th.

Costs: \$1500 per person, twin share. A single supplement will be charged. Costs include: Accommodation, donations to the various organisations we partner with, team meals, team expenses, and team travel to our partner organisations. Group Cap and Polo Shirt
Any money left over will be donated to our partner organisations. It does not include: Travel to and from HCMC Travel Insurance, visas, and associated costs of travel, Personal expenses

Expressions of interest will close on June 12th, 2022.

For further information, or to support this work, please email Fr Peter Gardiner at: cppilg2023@gmail.com

As we will be working with minors and vulnerable adults, you will be required to present a police clearance or Working with Children documentation.

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Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney | Live Online Saturday 28 May 2022 | 10 – 11:30am

Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.'

In this fourth part of the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series, Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day.

Please register at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

Mass Texts: Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch.

Response:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second: Revelation 7:9-17

John sees people of every race before the throne.

Gospel : Jn 10:14

Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:22-30

The gift of eternal life.

Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide bill

The debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide has resumed in NSW Parliament. A petition against this Bill can be signed by using the QR code and also paper petitions are available in the back of the church. Please pray that this Bill will not be passed, and that the dignity of every individual will be upheld.



The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 14th .

Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon.

Further enquiries please contact us on - 0403578994.

Ave Maria, I Greet You Mother Mary Concert

13th May 2022

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

At St Brigid's church
Marrickville

To celebrate Marian's day, there will be Hymns performed by different choirs from our community. We invite you to celebrate with us on this day as a Fundraising concert for St Brigid's church.

Recently Deceased: Maria Aveiro, Fausto Busato, Maria Frendo

Death Anniversaries: Sr Mary Brigid Rafferty RSM, Dominso Mejia, Mary Coorie, Gaetano Tesoriero, Maria Casamento, Anna Duong, Thi Nhat, Vincent Vu Viet Chieu, Fawzi Tabar, Maria Pham Thi Sau, Orsola Otera, Kevin Joseph O'Sullivan, Maria Hien Thi Bui, Kevin Turner, Kevin Conroy, Caterina Arulanandam

Carrying Severe Illness: Mely Siasat; Renato Di Perna; George Turchi; Kevin Boyce; Peter Hatchinson; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Falakiko Sevelo Kama; Adelia Candi; Joseph Chaina; Margaret Kelley; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas, James Misingongo, Fr Rob Egar

Other Intentions: Wendy Lamb



Parish Collection 24/4/2022

First Collection \$1,520.00

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests, and brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives. A portion of this collection is passed to the Archdiocese, to support the ministry of the Archbishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

Second Collection \$1,482.00

The Second collection, which includes our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including the administration costs in running the parish. This collection goes towards our building maintenance costs, including insurance, utilities, cleaning & rubbish removal.

Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish

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 obli-

Parish Calendar 2022

May

- 8th Sun Mother's Day
Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. Erick 10:30am
- 13th Fri Marian Concert - 7pm
- 15th Sun Charitable Works Fund Collection
Senior's Group - 2pm
- 18th Wed Maintenance Meeting - 7pm
- 24th Tues Parish Council Meeting - 7pm

June

- 3rd Fri Men's Club
- 5th Sun Pentecost Sunday
- 6th Mon Bereavement Meeting 6.30pm
- 7th Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7.00pm
- 9th Thu Fellowship meeting 12.30pm
- 12th Sun St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Holy Trinity
St Anthony Feast Day
- 19th Sun Corpus Christi

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**
- Saturday:** Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
- Sunday:** **Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.30pm (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 the First Friday of each month .

Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries: 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Easter -Year C

| | Lectors/Commentators | | Communion Ministers | | Acolytes / Altar Servers | | Collector In-charge |
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| | 7/8 May | 14/15 May | 7/8 May | 14/15 May | 7/8 May | 14/15 May | |
| Sat 5:00pm | Gabrielle B. Michael Price | Paul Cloran Liz B. | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Liz B. Paul Cloran | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Shelley H. Thu Hoang | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen | M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen | Jim Yeo Michael P. |
| Sun 8:00am | Sue King Mary Leask | Peter J. Margaret T. | Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale | Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Mary L. | D. Maher Vihn Nguyen | D. Maher | Peter H. Maria M. |
| Sun 10:30am | Rosetta N. Italian Bernadette Y. | B. Sara Italian A. Chiapocco | Albert N. Anthony N John M. Joanne M. | Albert N. Anthony N Tony C. Giuseppe S. | Albert N. Anthony N. | Albert N. Anthony N | Tony C. Giuseppe S. |
| Sun 6:00pm | Adrienne H Arthur K. | Maria F. Paul P. | Tony Hayek Anthony K. Maria F. Paul P. | Tony Hayek Kristine R. Arthur K. Jackie K. | Tony H. Charlene Alexis H. | Tony H. Charlene Alexis H. | Arthur K. Jackie K. |