



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
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Fr Giltus Mathias CP	Fr Wilbard Sambati CP
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Mona El-Khoury	Pongia Fenukitau
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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

10th March, 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 Wilbard

Music Director:

Frank Mafi

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,

Its already the 4th week in Lent, as each week passes, we are deeply aware of the enormous sufferings in/of the world. When all of us look out at a landscape of considerable wreckage and ruin, the immeasurable human suffering in all forms and the long-term effects yet to be seen, we may feel quite helpless and powerless. We may feel hemmed in, locked down not only in our physical lives (hard enough) but in our interior lives and essential human freedom of action and being. Even when those disintegrative forces become extreme and our suffering may seem overwhelming, however, a singularly important spiritual journey always remains open for us. We are not powerless in the face of all that suffering and evil. We have the power of prayer, and we have the power of love. The power of prayer and love is the very power of Jesus Christ, and that is the full power and might of God Almighty in this world.



While we may have begun Lent with many commitments, such as giving up a favorite food or doing an extra good deed, get in better physical shape, dedicate more time to spiritual reading or other holy exercises. One thing you can be certain that the deepest desire of our Lord for you this Lent is that you pray. It can help us answer the insistent spiritual urgings of the human heart, longings that can only be authentically fulfilled by God's loving presence.

In the beginning of the year, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of Prayer starting on Jan. 21 and in one of his Angelus address said that it will be "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." "Prayer cannot be captured in a preestablished pattern because it is a manifestation of the believer's personal relationship with God himself within that intimate and exclusive relationship that distinguishes our faith," he said. The Year of Prayer, then, can help believers strengthen their relationship with God,



"offering moments of genuine spiritual rest," he said, likening it to "an oasis sheltered from daily stress where prayer becomes nourishment for the Christian life of faith, hope and charity."

Pope requests as he said "I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of

Prayer." "Bringing God's salvation to everyone was for Jesus the greatest joy, his mission, the meaning of his existence ... And in every word and deed with which we join with him in the beautiful adventure of giving love, light, and joy multiply not only around us but also within us,".

The Funder of the Passionists St. Paul of the Cross, as a man of great prayer, inculcated its importance most forcefully by word and example. He wished his followers to pray without ceasing and desired our communities to become real schools of prayer, leading to a deep experience of God (Passionist Rule and Constitutions, #37.)

At the heart of our prayer is the Crucified Christ. Prayerful contemplation on Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection enables us to bring the fruit of that contemplation to those who are Christ Crucified in today's world by standing in solidarity with those who suffer.

As we journey the holy season of Lent, reflect upon your practice of prayer, you make a commitment to discover more. There is no limit and no end to the depth to which God wants to draw you through prayer. True prayer is never boring. When you discover true prayer, you discover the infinite mystery of God, and your hearts deepest yearning.

God bless

Giltus CP



PARISH FUNDRAISER

Save the date!
Sunday 5th May

Raffle Tickets will be on sale
after weekend Masses

Raffle prizes:

- 1 x 52" Smart TV
- 1 x St George Illawarra Dragons NRL signed jersey
- 1 x Western Sydney Wanderers FC signed jersey
- 10 prizes in total

Tickets 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5

Drawn on Sunday 5th May
in the Shrublands Hall

Get in early - limited tickets available



Mass Schedule

We will be adding an extra mass every morning from the 4th March. Mass will be celebrated at 6.45am and 9.00am from Monday to Friday.

If you are a sacristan, minister of communion or Lector and can help at any of these masses please see Fr Giltus or contact the parish office.



St Brigid's

Lent Program

Come join the parish team every Monday at 7pm during Lent in the parish.

Stations of the Cross

will be celebrated every Friday at 4.30pm during Lent



All Welcome

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.

St. Brigid's Young Beacons

Parents and Families



When: Sunday 31st of March 2024, Mass at 10:30am immediately followed by an Easter Egg Hunt after Mass.

Where: St Brigid's Church and afterwards in gardens to the side of the Church (weather permitting).

Activities include Looking for Easter eggs to share with friends and family!

Mums, Dads and families are always welcome!

RSVP: Just show up!



Concordia Ensemble
Presents
Easter Revelry with JS Bach
ST BRIGID'S CHURCH
10th March at 2pm



Ella Briggs - Soprano
 Sophie Blades - Soprano
 Amelia Bland - Alto
 Thomas Bruce - Tenor
 Heather Kim - Violin

Antonia Touma - Violin
 Po Wang - Viola
 Amayah Ryan - Viola
 Lily Innis - Violoncello
 Gahyun Lee - Oboe
 Courtney Cousins - Flute
AND MORE

Courtney Cousins - Music Director and Conductor



Scan for tickets

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon

Sydney Catholic Singles meetup group

ALL AGES WELCOME!



Please scan QR code to join the group or search 'Sydney Catholic Singles' on Meetup.com



Young Adults Gathering
18 and Over

Join Us Every Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month!

TIME: 7:00 PM (AFTER MASS)	LOCATION: ST BRIGID'S PARISH OFFICE	DURATION: 1 HOUR
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MARCH UPCOMING MEETINGS:
SUNDAY, 10TH
SUNDAY, 24TH

COME AND CONNECT WITH OTHER YOUNG ADULTS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

WHAT TO EXPECT:
ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS
FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP
SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Don't Miss Out on this Chance to Grow Together in Faith and Fellowship!
 For More Information, contact Jenny at youthministry@passionists.com
 Follow Us on Social Media for Updates and Events



Facebook



Instagram

Praying with the Mystics - (Cottage Retreat) 23 - 25 Feb

In the framework of Centering Prayer, this weekend retreat will pray with the mystics who teach us that it is when we return within that God is met.

Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

For more information, go to: <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs/>

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Recently Deceased: Maria Cristovao Silva , Maria Luisa Quintal

Death Anniversaries: Dalal Touma, Ludwig Johann, Gregoria Latagan, Patricia Lowe, Joachim Rong Van Ta, John William Nicholas, Joseph Toan Nguyen, Eric Whitby, Thomas Joseph O'Connor, Victor Jauco, Bishop Paul Doc Van Nguyen, Rodney Bayliss, Sid Fitzalan, Herbert John Britter, Maria Naoum, Kathleen Wenham, George Calleja, Mario Perin

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Phil Drew, Steven Para, John Love, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Paul Massi, Maria Caccamo, Greg Glass, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Joise Gomes, Fr Laurence Freeman OSB

Other intentions: Joseph Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Tina Barbalace



Mass Texts: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Response: Ps 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

9/10th		Project Compassion appeal
	12.00pm	Baptisms
11th Mon	7.00pm	Lent Session
12th Tue	7.00pm	Viet Reconciliation
15th Fri	9.00am	Reconciliation Reflection Day
	4.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Tongan Mass
16th Sat	2.00pm	Senior's group
17th Sun		St Patrick's Day
	12.00pm	Baptisms
21st Thur	7.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
22nd Fri	4.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Italian)
23rd Sat	2.30pm	Easter Reconciliation
24th Sun	10.15am	Palm Sunday - Procession

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Fri: 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) | **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
	9/10 Mar	16/17 Mar	9/10 Mar	16/17 Mar	9/10 Mar	16/17 Mar	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Gabrielle B 1st: Laura N 2nd: Paul C	Com: Kelelia A 1st: Leila W 2nd: Michael H	Elizabeth B Leila W Kelelia A Vinh N	Michael H Margaret H Paul C Ofa T	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Margaret T Joseph F Joanna V	Dennis M F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Frank C 1st: Bernadette S 2nd: Italian	Com: Joanne M 1st: Susan K 2nd: Italian	Aiden K Tony H Angie C Bernadette Y	Guissepe S Tony C Jenny O AlbertN	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Charlene E 1st: Arthur K 2nd: Lenore D	Com: Kevin B 1st: Rex H 2nd: Charlie E	Charlie E Kevin B Alexis H	Lenore D Arthur K Alexis H	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 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.

