



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 Lent - Year A

19th March, 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.

The Blind Man Who Wanted for Nothing

The Psalm says, "The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want."

But the Gospel Reading tells the story of a man born blind. How is the Psalm supposed to be made consonant with the Gospel Reading? Doesn't the man born blind have something that he lacks?

The disciples of Jesus are anxious about this blind man too, and they try to ally their anxiety by finding some explanation for his blindness.

"Why was this man born blind?" they ask Jesus. "Did this man sin or was it his parents?" If it was anybody's sin, then they can reasonably hope that such suffering won't come to their families, at least if they all try hard not to sin.

But this is an appalling way to think about suffering, isn't it? It is terrible to suppose that all suffering is punishment for sin. What kind of God inflicts blindness on a newborn as a punishment for sin?

Jesus dismisses their attitude entirely. This man's blindness has nothing to do with the sins of anyone, Jesus says. It's something about the future, not something about the past, that explains his blindness. God let this man be born blind that the works of God might be manifest through him.

But Jesus' explanation looks at least as bad as the thought of the disciples, doesn't it?

What kind of God inflicts blindness on a newborn so that the works of God can be manifest in him later?

But think about that blind man himself.

At the outset of the story, he is an impoverished, outcast nobody of a beggar. Then the mighty works of God are manifest in him, and he takes the Lord as his Shepherd. The result is that he himself becomes glorious. When the story ends, he has become an icon of faith and courage. He has stood up to the worldly power of his world and witnessed to the goodness of God in very challenging circumstances. He has become an example to us all.

Who would not want to be like him?

And that is why it was true for him that the Lord was his shepherd, even though he was born blind. In the end, the Lord was his Shepherd, and there was nothing he did want, just as the Psalmist says.



Church renovations

The church will be closed for renovations from May 22 to June 10. Masses will be celebrated in the parish hall during this time

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please keep our 2023 candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your prayers.
23 March at 7pm



St Brigid's Parish - Lent Program

Come join our Passionist Family for our 2023 St Brigid's Parish Lent Reflection Program.



We will follow the theme, **'God is on the journey too'**

explored in the companion booklet, written by Passionist Priest, Fr. Christopher Monaghan, CP.

The booklet also includes reflective text and beautiful photographs by the author.

Week 4: Monday 20th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Theme - 'To see as God sees'

Week 5: Monday 27th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Theme - 'Faith in the Resurrection'.

All sessions will be held in the Parish Meeting Room

St. Brigid's Young Beacons

Parents and Families



*You are invited to join us for
The preparation for Palm Sunday*

When: **Sunday 26th of March**, after 10:30am Mass.

We will make small palm and wooden crosses to share with our community on Palm Sunday.

Where: St Brigid's Church and afterwards in the Monastery.



Activities include Prayer, morning tea, small wood and palm cross making.

Mums, Dads and families are all welcome!

RSVP: christopher@stbrigid.org.au or just show up!

Please donate to
Project Compassion 2023.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



**The Organ Music Society of Sydney
proudly presents an afternoon of spectacular
organ music performed by
Sydney's brilliant young organ scholars**

Callum Knox - St James King Street

Bailey Yeates - St Paul's Burwood

Aleks Mitsios - St Stephen's Macquarie Street

Cynthia Bui - First Place Junior Division Sydney Organ Competition 2022

On the recently restored Bryceson organ at
St Brigid's Church

Monday April 10 2023 (Easter Monday), 2pm

Music by JS Bach, Frescobaldi, Mendelssohn, Mozart,
Gigout and Widor

Tickets can be booked online at www.trybooking.com/CGNDC or purchased at the door
Enquiries: 0410 490 710

*As this is a free event for St Brigid's Parishioners,
please call office to register.*



JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING SYSTEM

As we settle into the new year and begin our routines again, we ask that you consider joining our Planned Giving Envelopes system. This is a great way to support the parish financially and also claim a 30% tax deduction. The rising cost of maintenance with a parish this grand, and so utilised, the outgoings out-way our income - so we encourage you to join.

First option is to ask for a set of envelopes, the amount given is at your discretion, just place your envelope in the second collection, and receive your tax receipt after 30 June. The 2nd option is to join the monthly credit card system, where you nominate a monthly amount to debit from your credit card, again a tax receipt will be issued.

To join please cut off the slip below and return to the parish office or hand to one of the parish team

Name _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

I would like to join the Envelope system

I would like to join the Credit Card system

***Walking With Our Lady Through Holy Week
A Women's Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters
of Saint Cecilia***

Date: 1 April Time: 10am-4pm

St Peter Chanel Church, 62 Kingsland Rd, Berala
Along with talks and discussion, the day will include
time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An
opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will
be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided.
Register online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO>

The 2023 Liturgy Ritual Prayer Conference

Sunday 28 May – Tuesday 30 May 2023

St Joseph's Conference Centre, Baulkham Hills, Sydney



M: 0412 850 883 E: info@liturgyritualprayer.com

The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS 19 March

- God's Bootlegger: Margaret's Mission of support
- Housing crisis prompts evictions rethink
- Parish raises support for suffering family
- Celebrating women's achievements in the Church
- Election Guide 2023
- Women's survey's flawed focus

St. Brigid's Outreach

AOK – Acts of Kindness
Community Outreach

Join us in serving people in need at Woolloomooloo.

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Leaving around 5:00pm from Shrublands Hall.

Serving the homeless starts at 6:00pm and finishes
around 7:15pm, return to Shrublands hall at
approximately 7:30pm.

Transport provided to and from Shrublands hall.

Spaces are limited to 4 people per session.

RSVP: outreach@stbrigid.org.au

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased: John Howard, Anselmo Rendezo, Maria De Sousa, Victor Jauco, Thi Hong Nguyen,
Fr Peter Gaughan CP, Tina Barbalace, Luis Camacho, Maria Hong

Death Anniversaries: Mary Salerno, Giuseppe Consalvi, David Roger James, Maria Nhan Thi Vu,
Rose Borham, Lafomai Togia Lafo, Glen Trethowan, Irene De Sousa, Jose Carlos Caetano, Sentila Uhi,
Gertrude Jennings, Joseph Nguyen Van Bac, Joseph Tien Van Dinh, Phillip Joy Galvez., Adelia Volpato

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid,
George Clavigo, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, Buena Ong, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Fr Thomas Thanh,
Maria Guilfoyle, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Fr Brian Gleeson,

Other intentions: Wendy Lamb, Joe & Josephine Farah, Francisco Raul Gama, Cesaria Rodrigues, Josip Nikolas

**13 March 2023
marks
10 years of
Pope Francis'
papacy.**



A wonderful way to celebrate this anniversary is to explore Pope Francis' vision for the Church through his books, homilies, speeches and encyclicals.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

An Australian Group Reading Guide to
Pope Francis' Laudato Si RRP \$9.95

A unique Australian resource that provides a great
foundation and ways to explore and discuss the challenges
and opportunities presented by this encyclical

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

An Australian Group Reading Guide to Pope Francis'
Gaudete et Exultate RRP \$9.95

This easy-to-use guide will enable you to explore and
understand Pope Francis' message of Gospel joy, love and
peace, and how it can be applied to lives today

CHRIST IS ALIVE

Australian Reading Guide to Pope Francis' Christus Vivit
RRP \$9.95. FR CHRIS RYAN MGL, captures Pope Francis'
important message, and presents it in a way that is accessible
to all. The guide includes a summary of the original
exhortation's major points and reflections, and questions for
discussing key ideas – enabling the reader to understand
Pope Francis' takeaways from the Synod, and their role
in his vision

DEAR POPE FRANCIS

The Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World
POPE FRANCIS RRP \$19.95

Children have BIG questions. Some are fun. Some are
serious. And some will quietly break your heart. In Dear
Pope Francis, Pope Francis personally responds to 30
questions asked by children from around the world. With his
optimistic heart, he responds with an honesty that will impact
every reader – long after the final page is turned.

Archdiocese News

**Day of the Unborn Child
Feast of the Annunciation Mass & Procession**

Sunday 26th March at St Mary's Cathedral

- 10:30am Mass (Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
as Principal Celebrant)
- 12 noon Street Procession, 1:30pm Benediction



Mass Texts: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presences of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel

Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.



Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, word of god, lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Parish Calendar 2023

March

19th	Sun	2.00pm	Senior's Group
23rd	Thur	7.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
28th	Tue	7.00pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
31st	Fri	4.30pm	Italian Stations of the Cross

April

2nd	Sun		Palm Sunday
3rd	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
4th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach Meeting
6th	Thur		Holy Thursday
7th	Fri	9.00am	Good Friday
		10.00am	Stations of the Cross
		3.00pm	Adoration
		6.30pm	Rosary (pre liturgy)
		7.00pm	Good Friday Procession led by Bishop Brady

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
	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday:	Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.00pm (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. Blessing for the Ministers will be given after the Mass.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after 9.00am Mass on the First Friday of each month .

Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries Roster

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	18/19 March	25/26 March	18/19 March	25/26 March	18/19 March	25/26 March	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Paul C Lec: Lauren N	Com: Gabriela B Lec: Jim Y	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Michael P Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelley H Ofa T Gabrielle B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Margareth T Lec: Joseph F	Com: Sue K Lec: Marco G	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Angie C Reader: Peter J	Com: Jan R Reader: Franklin C	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Pedro M Lec: Kristen R	Com: Maria F Lec: Paul An P	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K Kristen R	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 to 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.