



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Palm Sunday - YEAR C

10th April 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,

We enter this weekend the most solemn and beautiful time of the year for all who follow Christ. As the Liturgy says for Palm Sunday, we have spent the five weeks of Lent preparing for this holiest of weeks. We have been searching our hearts and minds, looking again at the way we live, all the time seeking ways to be more loving, more compassionate, more thoughtful, more faithful. And so, this week, we will have the opportunity to experience all over again the height, and length and depth of Christ's love for us. The Cross, which we will venerate on Good Friday truly is the most overwhelming sign of God's love.

At the Easter Vigil, on this coming Saturday night, we watch the catechumens, drenched with the waters of baptism, and anointed with the Holy Spirit. As they experience for the first time, so we are reminded, yet again, of the very life and heart of Jesus we have been so incredibly blessed to share. In the darkness of Easter night, standing in the light of the Easter Candle, we will sing: "How truly blessed is this night, for we remember that to ransom a slave, God gave away his only Son". Those words always make the hairs on my neck stand up and a shiver run down my spine.

This Lent has been very different for us all. As we celebrated Ash Wednesday five weeks ago, the first bombs were falling on Ukraine, the heartless bombings of people's homes, hospitals, aged care homes, maternity hospitals. Scenes we thought in 1945 we would never see again. Every day, and after every mass we have gathered in Our Lady's Chapel, where the statue of Mary holding the dead body of her son, brings home so graphically the horrors and sufferings and hopelessness. -The meaninglessness of what is happening in too many places. -The heartbreak and trauma and loss, the wounds. And we have prayed for something, anything, to break this cycle of suffering. Mary washed, anointed, and touched the wounds of her Son, and so we pray

she will do this for all our wounded world.

In a special way we express our thanks to our school communities as they begin a well-earned holiday. Teachers, students, and staff have had such an enormously demanding time our schools and colleges functioning with ten, twenty and more staff out of action each day, and so many students. Along with our nurses, medical and health care nurses in the hospitals and aged care homes - where would we be without these totally giving people. For all of them we pray for Easter graces and blessings. - and above all refreshing rest to restore the depleted reserves of energy.

And we remember too all the choirs, musicians, acolytes, altar servers, parish team members, organisers, and planners of our coming week of prayer, liturgy, and celebration. we are blessed every year of having one of the most high quality, stand-out celebrations Holy Week. So many parishes would give anything to have the beauty, gifted talents, and beauty we enjoy at our Easter services.

Enter this week, humbly, gently, prayerfully. Give some extra time each day to looking at the Cross, at Jesus Crucified. Let your heart speak, don't try to find words to say. Just gaze on Jesus Crucified and allow Jesus to gaze upon you.

We thank Fr Thomas, Pongia, and the Marrickville Vietnamese community for their generous donation of the potted plants outside the church entrance.

The Catholic Weekly has an article on our very own Jim Yeo, who received a papal award last week at the Cathedral for his exceptional service to the Church. Please get a copy on your way out of mass today.

The parish tap n go machine, which can be found at the entrance of the church, has been reduced to \$5 per tap to enable families that would like to donate to the parish. If you would like to increase your donation, just tap your card again and again.

Please note the Parish office will be closed over the Easter period to the 19th April.

Fr. Tom.

A PEP TALK FOR PALM SUNDAY

We are beginning today the best week of the whole liturgical year. Centuries ago it was called the 'Great Week.' Nowadays we call it 'Holy Week.' We follow Jesus every step of the way. We have started with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where he is welcomed, applauded, and acclaimed, by a big crowd of followers. On Thursday we will join him at his table and receive the gift of himself in bread and wine. After dining with him, we will walk with him along the path that leads from the Upper Room to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him falling to the ground in fear and anxiety over the cruel death that awaits him. Friday will find us standing beside his mother Mary at the foot of the cross and feeling compassion for him in both his physical agony and his mental torment.

We will be feeling especially some of his sense of being alone and abandoned, betrayed, and deserted, not only by friends and followers but even by God. On Saturday we will be quiet and silent around his tomb, as we remember the injustice, hostility, and cruelty, of all those evil men who murdered him. Then, late on Saturday, we will move from the darkness of our journey to the place of the brightly burning fire. There we will join the procession of the great Easter Candle, representing the risen Christ, as he lights up the darkness of our church and lives.

There and then, the pain and sadness of our journey with Jesus to Calvary will give way to the hope and joy that comes with our awareness. Jesus Christ is not dead and gone. No, he is alive, strong, and powerful, alive in himself, and alive in us. And so, we will be hearing in our hearts those assuring words that the mystic Juliana of Norwich, in her vision of Christ crucified, heard from his lips: 'All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well.'

Do we believe all that?

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St. Brigid' Outreach AOK - Acts of Kindness Community Outreach



You are invited to join us to serve people in need in 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 7:15, 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



Congratulations to our Catechists who were acknowledged for their service at St Mary's Cathedral last week





AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

During the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones.

These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses

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. Please pray that this Bill will not be passed, and that the dignity of every individual will be upheld.



Mass Texts:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Gospel: Lk 23:1-49

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (11-13 April) 9:30 – 10:00am after 9am Mass

Good Friday (15 April) after the 10am Stations of the Cross

Holy Week @ St Brigid's

Holy Thursday

**7pm
Mass of the
Lord's Supper**



Good Friday

**10am Stations
of the Cross**

**3pm Liturgy
of the Passion**



**7pm Good
Friday
Procession**

Holy Saturday

**7pm
Easter Vigil
Mass**



Easter Sunday

**Mass at
8:00am
And
10.30am**



Recently Deceased: Bernadette Anne Lowe (**Funeral on Wednesday, 20th April at 10:30am at St. Brigid's**), Pamela Jones, Froucina Khoury, Alice De Oliveira, Silvana Ermani, Kathleen Russell

Death Anniversaries: Maria Sgro, Melita Schemlui, Grace Raby, Francesco Cappadona, Sarah Ann Marshall, Yvonne Togia Lafo, Phero Hoang Dinh Rong, Emmy Salie, Kathleen Margaret Kenny, Anna Le Thi Chung, Giuseppa (Maria) Calvano, Patrick Collins



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

Other Intentions: Kristian & Frank Faktor, Mary Rende, Mehmet & Nedime Rende

Holy Thursday 2022

Vigil at the Garden Pieta Chapel

7.00 - 8.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper
8.30 - 9.00pm	Silence
9.00 - 9.30pm	Italian
9.30 - 10.00pm	Vietnamese
10.00 - 10.30pm	Tongan
10.30 - 11.00pm	Silence
11.00 - 11.30pm	Youth
11.30 - 12.00am	Silence
12.00 - 12.30am	Lebanese Youth

Church closes at 12.30am

Parish Calendar 2022

April

10th Sun	Palm Sunday Seniors Group - 2pm
14th Thu	Holy Thursday
15th Fri	Good Friday
17th Sun	Easter Sunday
26th Tue	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7pm

May

2nd Mon	Bereavement Meeting 6:30pm
3rd Tue	Outreach Core Group Meeting 7pm
5th Thu	Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
6th Fri	Anointing of Sick - 9.00am Men Club - 7.30pm
8th Sun	Charitable Works Fund Collection Mother's Day
13th Fri	Marian Concert 7pm

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: Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday -Year C

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	9/10 April	16/17 April	9/10 April	16/17 April	9/10 April	16/17 April	
Sat 5:00pm	Liz Buchel M. Sciano	NO 5pm Mass Easter Vigil at 7pm	M. Dillon Carole Price Paul Cloran Ofa Tupola	NO 5pm Mass Easter Vigil at 7pm	M. Dillon	NO 5pm Mass Easter Vigil at 7pm	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	P. Jennings M. Turner	M. Turner Mary Leask	D. Maher F. Seufale Vinh Nguyen M. Turner	D. Maher F. Seufale Vinh Nguyen P. Jennings	D. Maher	D. Maher	Peter H. Maria M.
Sun 10:30am	John McGrath Italian Diana Perin	Terry Reyes Italian Frank Cowell	Albert N. Anthony N. Tony Cipolla G. Sciamana	Albert N. Anthony N. B. Yammine A. Chiapocco	Albert N. Anthony N.	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S.
Sun 6:00pm	Arthur Kassis Maria Fuller	NO MASS	Tony Hayek K. Roehrig	NO MASS	Tony Hyek Charlene E. Alexis H.	NO MASS	Arthur K. Jackie K.