

# St Brigid's Marrickville

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#### **Parish Team:**

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# One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

# **SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER - Year B**

7th April, 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,

Over the next six weeks, we will celebrate Christ's resurrection and God conquering sin and death. After journeying with discipline and devotion through our own desert places during Lent and walking alongside Christ through the realms of darkness, uncertainty, and betrayal evoked during Holy Week and the Triduum, the light of Easter morning brings the assurance of resurrection and redemption.

We get 50 whole days to celebrate the glory of Easter. And we need it. It's not easy to grasp the mystery and majesty of what happened when Jesus walked out of the tomb on Easter morning. In the church, we often spend a lot of energy on Lent and then celebrate Easter as if it were a single day. But Easter isn't just a day. In the Christian Calendar, the season lasts 50 days! In other words, the 50 days should be celebrated as a single joyful feast. The celebration shouldn't temper down; rather, it's only just begun.

Let's remember that Jesus didn't rush to ascend but spent time with his disciples, preparing them for Pentecost. This extended time is a joyful celebration of the resurrection, a transformative event that changes everything. As St. Paul writes, If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14). Easter is a significant event, as St. Pope John Paul II reminds us, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.'

I wonder, if Lent has intentional spiritual disciplines that accompany the season, why don't we have practices that accompany the season of Easter? We are well known for our observance of Lent. The practices are a powerful witness for the world to see. But what does the season of Easter say to the world?

Let's focus on the joy of Eastertide, a unique joy in the resurrection. How about issuing a direct challenge to ourselves and our community, 'The 50 Days of Joy Challenge'? During Eastertide, let's think about the practices we can incorporate into our lives to cultivate more joy. Our joy is as important for the world to see as our fasting and sacrifice. In a world filled with hopelessness and purposelessness, the unexpected joy of the resurrection is the antidote.

#### Thanks a tons.....

What a joy we have had celebrating the Holy Week; over the many years, the St. Brigid family have cultivated special ways of praying the Holy Week. The parish team, liturgy committee, music ministry team, and many others have given so much this year; I extend the deep appreciation of all of us to those who made this year's Holy

Week and Easter such a profound, prayerful, and beautiful experience.

A special mention to the students of Casimir who moved us deeply on their re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. Our Procession of the Dead Christ on Good Friday Night attracted throngs of people from and beyond our parish. Our planners and organisers worked strenuously; our readers, prayer readers, commentators, communion ministers, acolytes and servers, the RCIA Team, and the special Liturgy coordinators for each day of the Triduum – all did an exceptional job.

Thanks to those who carried the Oils, had their feet washed, carried the cross, the bier of the Dead Christ and the Sorrowful Mother, soldiers and women. A special thanks to all the Passionist priest and brother, Jim Yeo, Elena, Pongia, Sr Elenita, Sr Rosana, Deacon Doan, Jenny and the Vietnamese community who cared for the sanctuary, the altar of Repose, the running sheets, prepared the fire and did the data projecting & amp; live streaming. And finally, the Young Beacons who organised the great Easter egg hunt attended and loved by so many kids.

Congratulations to our 13 RCIA candidates who received the sacrament of initiation, making our Easter Vigil complete.

#### News!

You all would remember Fr. Wilbard, who arrived from Tanzania last year; he is assigned to our community in Oxley, Qld; we thank him for his generous service here at St. Brigid and send him with prayers and best wishes in his new assignment. Deacon James Cong, after his ordination in June, will join our parish team. He is a classmate of Deacon Doan and has been in Oxley for the last nine months. We are looking forward to welcoming him soon.

Thank you all, and may you live the Easter joy throughout this Easter season and beyond.

Fr. Giltus CP













DAILY MORNING MASSES - READERS & MINISTERS ROSTER								
Date	Lay Min	Reader	Date	Lay Min	Reader	Date	Lay Min	Reader
8-13 April			15-20 April			22-27 April		
Mon 6:45	Vihn	Jim	Mon 6:45	Vihn	Jim	Mon 6:45	Vihn	Jim
9:00	Tony C	Liz	9:00	Tony C	Liz	9:00	Tony C	Liz
Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet	Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet	Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet
9:00	Mary T	Viet	9:00	Mary T	Viet	9:00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6:45	Albert N	Jim	Wed 6:45	Albert N	Jim	Wed 6:45	Albert N	Jim
9:00	Liz	Buddy	9:00	Liz	Buddy	9:00	Liz	Buddy
Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P	Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P	Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P
9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna	9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna	9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna
Fri 6:45	Vihn	Patricia	Fri 6:45	Vihn	Patricia	Fri 6:45	Vihn	Patricia
9:00	Mary T	Leila W	9:00	Mary T	Leila W	9:00	Mary T	Leila W
Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy	Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy	Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy



St Joseph's Prayer Group, Enfield Parish Hall - enter via Baker Street

REFLECTION DAY Saturday, 13th April, 2024 9:45 am - 3:30 pm Speaker: Fr. Peter Guy MSC

'I AM THE RESURECTION"

Cost: \$15.00.
Please bring your bible with you.
Please bring a dish for our communal lunch. Coffee & Tea provided.

Contact: Rose: 80683845. M: 0412115961. email: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

# St Brigid's Youth Group

Next Meeting: Sunday 14th April



#### **Become a Greater Likeness of Christ!**

Join Friar Ben Johnson OFMCap online for a thought-provoking short course, titled

'Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology.'

DATES: Mondays 15, 22, and 29 April 2024 TIME: 7:30pm – 8:45pm MODE: Online via Zoom COST PER COURSE: \$35 for individuals

To find out more and to register, visit gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

# Senior's Group

Meeting in the Parish Centre 3rd Sunday of every month at 1.30pm.

All welcome

# Parish Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday 5th May

Purchase your tickets now \$60.00pp Raffle Tickets: **Tickets 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5** Drawn on Sunday 5th May

All tickets on sale after weekend Masses

Recently Deceased: Sr Angele Van Den Berghe CP, Paolo Di Fresco, Fr Paul Jennings MSC

<u>Death Anniversaries</u>: Francis Earl Guilfoyle, Ellen Alice Dawson, Pacita Sabitsana, Peter Hoang Binh, Bernadette Anne Lowe, Vicente Le Trung Van, Michael Apikotia, Katarzyna LaKoma, Kathleen Turner, Rev Joseph Tu Ngoc Nguyen, Juan Jovino, Denis Braybrook, Adelia Volpato, Wadad Harb, Falakiko Sevelo Kama

<u>Carrying Severe Illness</u>: 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, Susan King, Tina Schino, Nick Rizzo

Other intentions: Wendy Lamb, Josephine Farah, Joe Farah, Hazel Codd, Antoine Saade

## **Mass Texts: SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 4:32–35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Response: Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

# **PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

## APRIL

14th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptism
		7.00pm	Youth Group gathering
21st	Sun	12.00pm	Baptism
		1.30pm	Seniors Group
23rd	Tue	7.00pm	PPC meeting
25th	Thur	9.00am	Anzac Day
26th	Fri	7.30pm	Flute recital
28th	Sun	10.30am	San Lupo Piccolo Feast
		7.00pm	Youth Group gathering

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2nd	Thur 5.30pm	Concordia Concert 🌂 🎉
9th	Thur 7.00pm	PFC meeting
	7.30pm	Early Music concert
4/5th	n w/end	CWF Appeal

# **Liturgical Timetable**

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 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 6.00pm.

# 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
	6 / 7 April	13/14 April	6 / 7 April	13/14 April	6 / 7 April	13/14 April	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Thu H 1st: Elizabeth B 2nd: Gabrielle B	Com: Laura N 1st: Paul C 2nd: Kelelia A	Michael P Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Michael H Margaret H Leila W Ofa T	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L 1st: Esther G 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G 1st: John S 2nd: Stephen O	Joanna V Margaret T Mary L	Joseph F Dennis M F. Seufale	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Aiden K 1st: Angie C 2nd: Italian	Com: Robert G 1st: Trang L 2nd: Italian	Susan K Peter J John M Jenny O	Tony H Angie C Bernadette Y Giuseppe S	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Kevin B 1st: Rex H 2nd: Charlie E	Com: Charlene E 1st: Arthur K 2nd: Lenore D	Charlene E Arthur K Alexis H	Lina E Kevin B Rex H	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene E. Celina E. Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K



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.