



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887

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Parish Team:

Fr Tom McDonough CP	Fr Giltus Mathias CP
Sr Elenita Flores CP	Fr Paul Kien Nguyen Ba CP
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Sr Rosana Estoque CP	Pongia Fenukitau
Dcn Joseph Sy Ho Doan CP	Jenny Solo
Elena (Len) Di Perna	Mona El-Khoury

One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

14th January, 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 Kien CP

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,

Summer holidays continue for some, back to work for many. Our Parish Office opened this week, and the regular routines are getting back underway.

The Christmas decorations have come down; the Christmas cribs will be dismantled this coming week. The Church begins what we call 'Ordinary Time', and it seems Christmas is over for another year.

But Christmas is never 'over' !!

Christ come to dwell among us, Jesus come to share our lives, to live in our hearts, to make all this world the 'tabernacle' of his presence. Emmanuel, God-with-us. No, Christmas is never over. And there is no such thing as 'Ordinary' time. The presence Jesus makes every moment of every day something extraordinary, pregnant with possibilities and potential.

We say of our Passionist saint, St Gabriel, who died still a student at age 24: "He did nothing extraordinary, but he did the ordinary things extraordinarily well! This gift, of Christ's presence is the most important and the best Christmas gift. And Christ's presence makes new this new year 2024, and each and every day.

So for the Parish, baptism, weddings and funerals are all being celebrated again. Communion and visitation to the sick and housebound has begun again, as have masses and anointings in our various aged care facilities.

Sr Elenita is preparing the rosters and schedules for the Scripture on the Government schools, and the sacramental programs for 1st Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Sr Rosana and the RCIA team are beginning shortly to continue preparing adults for baptism and confirmation. Jenny Solo is getting the Youth ministry underway.

Work has begun on modernising and refurbishing the facilities of Shrubland Hall. This has happened through the generosity of the many who attended our fundraising functions, and the generosity of our parishioners. We are in the process of replacing the ageing kitchen and catering facilities of the hall.



Work continues getting Council approval for the removal of the dead palm trees beside the Church. We also hope soon the Blue Cross will be shining fully again. So, lots of activities seemingly small and ordinary, but all of them helping to make our parish ready for another extraordinary year.

Kind regards
Tom cp



Many hands make light work

If you have some free time on Wednesday 17th after 9.30am morning mass please help us to dismantle the Christmas crib.

It would be much appreciated.

The Sisters of the Cross and Passion

We know well, our Passionist Sisters in the parish. However another congregation of our Sisters, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, also work with us in Australia.

Founded by Ven. Elizabeth Prout in the mid 1800's, the Sisters work in Melbourne and now are growing in Vietnam, alongside our Passionist men there.

See something of the spirit of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion through this link to a presentation made by Sr Brigid CP and Sr Karen CP in Melbourne

<https://youtu.be/LLdsbggVV0Y>



HELP NEEDED

We have an urgent need to support the extended family of one our neighbours, an Australian citizen, who's family is in grave danger in one of the world's trouble spots.

This family of 19 have all been granted Australian visas and will, with your help, be leaving danger to join us here in the Newcastle region.

We are seeking to raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of transportation to and visas for a relatively safe neighbouring country, where the family will be able to access the Australian diplomatic mission for the region. Some of the funds raised will also be used to house and feed the family in the safe country, while documentation is complete and flights to Australia are arranged. We have not identified the countries involved to avoid exposing the family who are in hiding.

We are deeply appreciative of any support you are able to offer, and look forward to one day soon sharing a meal with our new friends at a welcome picnic.

Please contact Pauline on 0490 141 196 if you have any further queries

Theology of the Body: Love & Responsibility In-Person Immersion Course Program

A not-to-be-missed 5-day immersion course opportunity to participate and learn St John-Paul's classic work from Dr. Christopher West here in Sydney!

This course is devoted to St John Paul II's classic pre-papal work Love and Responsibility and examines the philosophical foundation of the TOB. Themes include the dignity of the person as the being that must never be used; sexual attraction and emotion as the raw material of love; integrating sexual attraction and emotion with the dignity of the person; male and female differences; the swallowing of shame by love; and the nature of chastity as a virtue that celebrates the true dignity and goodness of the person and of sexuality.

Date: 21-26 January 2024

Location: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Cost: \$1900. Partial subsidies available for approved students

Inclusion: Immersion Course with all materials, five nights (single occupied) accommodation and meals

To download the prospectus and find out more, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-love-responsibility/>.



Are you aged 18 and over, looking for an exciting way to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, and make a meaningful impact? Join the Sacred Pathways Collective, your gateway to spiritual adventure and personal growth!

To take the first step on this incredible journey, simply follow the QR code. Answer a couple of quick questions, and you'll be on your way to an enriching experience with fellow young adults at our parish.

The Christian's Final Journey:

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on 13 February 2024. It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant) and how to support the grieving. It will be held at Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW.

Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am).

Registration is essential by 7 February.

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

Enquiries: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au or 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to

www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

An Evening with Christopher West – Male and Female He Created Them

Following Dr Christopher West's Made for More presentation earlier this year, he returns to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not-to-be-missed one-night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of our creation's original and glorious meaning as male and female.

DATE: Saturday, 20 January 2024

VENUE: All Saints Liverpool Catholic Parish, 48 George Street, Liverpool

TIME: 7:00pm - 9:30pm. (Doors open at 6:30pm)

PRICE: \$20 general admission. \$15 concession

For more information on the evening and to purchase tickets, visit:

<https://sydneycatholic.org/summer-series/>.

Carmelite Retreat Program 2024

Day Retreats

Feb 3rd, 2024

Fr Gerard Moran OCD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:
A Preparation for Easter?

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple foreshadows his Passion. The last of the "Christmas Feasts" prepares us for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

10am - 4.00pm Cost: \$30/pp (BYO lunch)
Call 8795 3464 or 0481 035 989
for registration or enquiries

Carmelite Retreat has provided brochures for their retreats this year, which can be found at the back of the church Please take one home.

IGNITE CONFERENCE
SYDNEY 26-29 September



Our flagship event, this national conference brings together a network of young people, students, young professionals, teachers, priest, religious and more to experience four days of encounter, transformation and renewal.

For more information see www.igniteyouth.com or email hello@igniteyouth.com

JOIN THE ALTAR SERVICE MINISTRY

If you are 11 years old and have celebrated your First Holy Communion please contact Sr Rosana

on

rosana@stbrigid.org.au



Recently Deceased: Beverley Hodder, Rafael Gomes, Patricia Masson

Death Anniversaries: Leslie Devine, Peter Kelly, Fouad Tannous Kareh, Therese Sippel, Paul Lowe, Mary Ellen Bell, Paul Schembri, Grace Wan, Caroline Yousiph, Sr Maureen Keogh OSU, Robert Driscoll, Leif Ahlin.

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misi, Buena Ong, Phil Drew, Steven Para, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, John Love, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Mely Siasat, Carmel King, Maria Caccamo, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Sharon Micallef, Paul Massi

Other intentions: Joe Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond Joseph and Mary Semrani



Mass Texts: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19
 Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Response: Ps 39:24, 7-10
 Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20
 Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:
 R. Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah:
 Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42
 They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.



PARISH CALENDAR 2024

JANUARY

14th Sun 12.00pm Baptisms
 21st Sun 12.00pm St Niño
 23rd Tue 7.00pm PPC meeting
 26th Fri 9.00am Australia Day
 28th Sun 12.00pm Baptisms

FEBRUARY

1st Thur 7.00pm St Brigid Feast Day
 PFC meeting
 4th Sun Catechist Sunday
 11th Sun 12.00pm Baptisms
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 14th Wed 9.00am Ash Wednesday
 6.00pm Vietnamese Mass
 7.30pm Mass

Liturgical Timetable

Mon - Wed - Fri: Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am** and Rosary
Tues: **Mass at 6:45am**
Thurs: Mass at 6.45am followed by 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
	13/14 Jan	20/21 Jan	13/14 Jan	20/21 Jan	13/14 Jan	20/21 Jan	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Robert W Reader: Elizabeth	Com: Gabrielle Reader: Kelelia	Michael P Carole P Leila W Ofa T	Kelelia A Gabriel B Elizabeth B Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Mary L Reader: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G Reader: Margaret T	F. Seufale Margaret K John S	Joseph F Geoffrey L Mary L	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Peter J 1st: Bernadette 2nd: Italian	Com: Angie C 1st: Frank C 2nd: Italian	Sue K Jenny O Bernadet S Albert N	Benradette Y Giuseppe S Tony C Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Kevin B Reader: Lenore D	Com: Charlie E Reader: Lina E	Kevin B Tony H	Arthur K Jackie K	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.

