



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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### Parish Team:

Fr Tom McDonough CP	Fr Giltus Mathias CP
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Sr Rosana Estoque CP	Pongia Fenukitau
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### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

10th December 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.*

### 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 Baacons

Jenny Solo & Kristen  
Roehrig



*Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,*

#### *75th Anniversary - Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

*At the end of World War II after the atrocities of war and the Nazi horrors, the Allied 8 nations united to declare four fundamental freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom to worship.*



*Over the next 3 years, these freedoms became transformed and embedded as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the newly formed and now expanded members of the United Nations. Of the then 58 members, 48 voted in favour. Those voting against being the Soviet Union and her satellite countries.*

*Australian had a significant involvement in the Declaration, being one of those original 8 allied countries. Our influence was significantly due to the role of Dr. Herbert Evatt, who headed the Australian Delegation involved in drawing up the Declaration, and was Secretary General of the United Nations in 1948 when the Declaration was adopted. The Universal Declaration has been added to over the years with Conventions and Protocols concerning, women, the disabled, children, against torture and more.*

*It begins:*

*Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.*

*Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind.*

*Now, therefore, The General Assembly proclaims this Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society.*

#### *School Holidays*

*This week has seen the Graduation mass for Year 6 from Lewisham CBHS, the Yr 6 Graduation mass for St Brigid's Primary, the End of Year mass for*

Casimir College and also for St Brigid's Primary.

Each celebration was a joyous and beautiful occasion - celebrating quality education, wonderful children, fantastic teachers, generous volunteers, committed families, and the presence of Jesus Christ as the heart of each of our schools.

We also celebrated an End of Year Mass for our Catechists. During this mass each catechist was able to share a special memory of a child they taught at Marrickville West, Marrickville Primary, Ferncourt and Wilkins. What precious stories they told.

We wish everybody a rest-filled, re-energising and joyful holiday break. The staff of our two schools continue their work for a few more days yet. But they have earned a good holiday.

The Boarding House Christmas party. Many new faces turned up, young teenagers and schools kids with musical instruments, parishioners with plates of goodies, and plenty of gifts for the boarding house residents. The best gift of all, of course, was our parishioners, adults and kids, sitting and talking to the residents. Many thanks to the many who donated gifts to be given to the residents.



#### Celebration of Cultures

A highlight of this week was also the annual Celebration of Cultures in our Primary School. After much preparation, there was singing and dancing and excitement from the children, and food from many, many countries. So congratulations to all involved.

#### Our Synod's Vietnamese Sunday Morning Food Stall



Our generous parishioners on the food stall are having a break after Christmas. We thank the team who arrive so early and prepare everything each week. Their efforts are much appreciated by the many who crowd the tables afterwards

#### Christmas Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God. Priests will be available on Saturday 23rd from 3.30pm. (please note the earlier start time)

Kind regards  
Tom cp



Inviting parents and their children to join our Christmas pageant for Christmas day  
10.30am Mass.

Practice will be on:

18th December 3.00 - 4.30pm

20th December 3.00 - 4.30pm

22nd December 4.00 - 5.00pm

Help is needed by parents for the practice sessions.

If you can help or your child is interested in participating in the pageant please see Sr Elenita or email your interest to [elenita@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:elenita@stbrigid.org.au)

*The more the merrier!!!!*

#### Don't forget to check out our PIETY STALL

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards now available

Stoles and candles for Baptism, donated crocket items and baby Jesus for Christmas, Columban Holy calendars for 2024.



Large variety of cards for all occasions.

Open after weekend Masses



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.



Aid to the Church in Need has supplied **prayer cards for peace** in the holy land. They are at the back of the church so please take some to share around. *"Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war."*

Pope Francis

Sydney Archdiocese is set to transform the **St Mary's Cathedral** forecourt into the spectacular centre of **Christmas celebrations** in Sydney.

Starting on December 14 and running until Christmas Day, this year's Christmas at the Cathedral theme will focus on The Twelve Days of Christmas marking twelve tide, the festive Christian season celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

Once again, the Cathedral forecourt will come alive with Christmas market stalls, musical acts and activities in the special, free family event open to everyone.

The cathedral will also be open each night until the extended time of 10pm, with traditional Christmas displays, including a Nativity scene, a towering real Christmas tree and displays explaining the true Christian teachings and origins of the 12 days of Christmas.



### **HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (2024):**

Europe Pilgrimage and Tour To: Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024;

And Egypt and Jordan Pilgrimage from 26/08/2024-03/09/2024.

Following the footsteps of Jesus and Journey of Faith

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## **THE Catholic Weekly**

PULPIT POINTS 10 December 2023

- Cry out for peace in the Middle East (p1)
- Rosary Crusade's second anniversary (p2)
- Greg Sheridan delivers Labouré lecture (p4)
- Doumit: Gender inquiry now, or Royal Commission later (p17)
- Broken Bay deacon ordained (p5)
- Bishops join Sydney parishes to mark big milestones (p20-21)

### **ADVENT REFLECTION 2023**

Fr Tom along with Fr Giltus and the Liturgy Committee, are organizing a parish-wide Advent reflection.

This program is designed to help all of us gain a deeper understanding of the Advent season.

Come join us in the parish office on Mondays at 7.00pm and be a part of this parish journey.

The last session will be held on Monday 18th December.



**Recently Deceased:** Roma Natoloczny Giovanna Spataro

**Death Anniversaries:** Maria Neves Dos Santos, Kenneth Ignatius D'Silva, Fr Arturo Sardo, Pietro Bacchetto, Peter Opack, Save;io Togia Lafo, Helen De Bono, Falaniko Togia Lafo, Joseph Lahoud, Concetta Pirrello, Youssef & Nazha Ghosen, Anna Hoang, Thi Thoan, Edwin (Teddy) Edwards, Sigrid Piedad, Teresa Jennings

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

**Other intentions:** Maria Jose de Freitas

## Mass Texts: Second Sunday of Advent

### **First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11**

Prepare the way for the Lord.

### **Response: Ps 84:9-14**

Lord, Let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

### **Second Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14**

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



### **Gospel: Mt 1:1-8**

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

## PARISH CALENDAR 2023

### **DECEMBER**

<b>9th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Carols on the Lawn</b>
<b>10th</b>			<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>11th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Advent Reflection</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Ministers Fellowship meeting</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>Sun</b>		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
		<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>
		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Senior's group</b>
		<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Advent Reflection</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Viet Reconciliation</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Volunteers Thank you</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Thurs</b>		<b>Parish Office Closes</b>
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Christmas Reconciliation</b>
<b>24th</b>			<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>

## Liturgical Timetable

<b>Mon - Wed - Fri:</b>	Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by <b>Mass at 9.00am</b> and Rosary
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>Mass at 6:45am</b>
<b>Thurs:</b>	Mass at 6.45am followed by Rosary
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass at 8:00am</b> followed by Holy Rosary
	<i>Reconciliation:</i> 4.30pm. <b>Mass: 5.00pm</b> (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Mass at 8.00am   10.30am</b> (bilingual)   4.00pm (Vietnamese)   <b>and 6pm.</b>

### 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
	9/10th Dec	16/17th Dec	9/10th Dec	16/17th Dec	9/10th Dec	16/17th Dec	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Margaret H Reader: Jim Y	Com: Karen W Reader: Michael P	Kelelia A Gabriel B Elizabeth B Vinh N	Paul C Michael H Margaret H Vinh N	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: John S Reader: Stephen O	Com: Joseph F Reader: Ester G	Joseph F Geoffrey L Mary L	Stephen O Margaret T Dennis M	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vinh N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Bernadette S 1st: John Mc 2nd: Italian	Com: Joanne M 1st: Mely S 2nd: Italian	Joanne M John M Peter J Albert N	Angie C Frank C Peter J Tony H	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](mailto: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.

