



St Brigid's Marrickville

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

5th 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 Long Haul

"Go forth ... I will show you." (Gn 12:1)

God had called us: so says St. Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy. And Jesus is the call. Hence the voice from the clouds on the mount of transfiguration says, "Listen to him."

But what are we called to? What happens if we listen to Jesus? Most of us have been listening for years. Supposedly that is one of the reasons we still show up in church. It's his call we are heeding. He is our new Moses, our lawgiver. He is our greatest prophet, more glorious for us even than old Elijah. We've been listening to him. Now what?

We can understand why Peter, James, and John wanted to build a tent. At least they've had a mountain experience. They saw Jesus in his glory standing with the mightiest prophet and the greatest lawgiver. No wonder they wanted to stop things right there. Surely it would be all downhill after the mountaintop. Surely there was not much more glory to see and savor.

Those of us who don't have a mountain experience tend to settle down, too. If you're 65 you might well expect that there are not many more journeys to take or conversions to make. What was going to happen has pretty much happened. Even some of us who are only 40 or 50 might be inclined to believe that we have finally "arrived" at the person we were becoming. Abraham was 75. At 75 you've pretty well seen the landscape. Not much more is to be expected.

But for Abraham it was the beginning. There was yet another call: "Go forth from the land of your

kinsfolk, go away from your parents' house. I will show you. You'll know the place when you get there. I'll make a great nation of you out of nothing." As unrealistic as these are, this great old man stirred to the voice of God. He gathered his family and things and hit the road.

When Abraham heard a new call in his eighth decade, it was before the great famine and the tragedy of Lot and his wife, before he shared the bread and wine of Melchizedek, before he ever reached Egypt or Canaan. before the birth of Hagar's Ishmael, before he would plead on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah.

It would take twenty-five years more for the promised covenant even to take shape, when he would be one hundred and his wife would change her name. This was all before Isaac, his prize child, long before Sarah's death and his second marriage to Keturah. It was, in fact, one hundred years before he would die. It's a good thing he hadn't settled down permanently in his seventies.

Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, remind us that it is not so much a matter of when this life's journey ends, as it is a matter of where the great hike of hope takes us. The joys we might endure, the sheer exultation in life that is available to us. There is always more. There is always a further call as long as we tread this earthly road. We believe, after all, in the resurrection of a body far more glorious than our present meager skins. We need not build the tent here and now.

Abraham knew as much. He is our father in faith. Thank God Sarah had the faith as well.



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 2: Monday 6th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'Being sustained in our journey of faith'

Week 3: Monday 13th March, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Theme - 'Jesus, Saviour of the World'

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



2nd Session: 26 Feb

3rd Session: 5 March

4th Session: 12 March

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
23 March at 7pm



Sessions are held in the shrublands hall starting at 9.00am

*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>

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.

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC



- ◆ Do you know or someone you know wish to become a Catholic?
- ◆ Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◆ Are you Baptised Catholic, but never been confirmed or received the First Eucharist?

Let us walk this journey with you!

Come every 2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.

If you are interested, please email Sr. Rosana at rosana@stbrigid.org.au

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

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



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VIRTUAL LENT SERIES

Once again we are delighted to present a series of Lent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week.

Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP
- Dr Janina Hiebel



This is a perfect opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey.

WHEN: Tuesdays via Zoom

March 7, 14, 21 & 28 2023

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm COST: Free

Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded after registration.

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SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



The Sisterhood National Catholic Women's Conference is a weekend for women aged 18+ to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith.

The vision of the conference is to support and nurture women in their spiritual life and is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops and is in keeping with the magisterium of the Church.

The conference begins at 7pm on **Friday 17th March** and runs until 2pm on Sunday 19th March. The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is a live in weekend

Cost: \$320.00 incl. accommodations and meals.

Register online.

Email info@sisterhood.org.au
or call Ally 0423 429 203.

Places are limited.

For more information visit www.sisterhood.org.au

24 hour for the Lord Event at Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

Come and spend some time with
Our Lord and Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine:

Friday 17 March

6pm Mass, then Reconciliation 7:15 - 10.00pm.

Saturday Reconciliation

10am - 12pm, & 3pm - 4.45pm and Vigil Mass at 5pm.

The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome.

Contact paulandramani@gmail.com

Jesus Light of the World Communities

HEALING RECOLLECTION

Fr Rey Sentillas, MI

Saturday, 11 March 2023

9am – 5pm (includes Mass)

St Joseph's Parish Hall - Walz St, Rockdale
(Parking Entry at Parker St.)

Bookings Essential

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFURP>

Enq: Helen - 0433455114 Ida - 0424 267 500



Enrolments are still open for Semester 1 at the Catholic Theological College. We have many areas of study that may be of interests such as John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options. For more information contact registrar@ctc.edu.au or visit ctc.edu.au

The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS 5 March

- Migration rules will separate Catholic family
- 'Existential threat' to religious schools
- Museum to honour sisters' service during HIV epidemic
- NSW won't ban prayer says Perrottet, Minns
- A doctors call to discernment
- Hundreds of RCIA candidates to become Catholic

SPECIAL LIFTOUT INSIDE—Schools Open Days

Recently Deceased: Luis Camacho, Quang Hong Ho, Jose Luis Martins, John Howard

Death Anniversaries: Alfredo Errichiello, Bishop Joseph Thong Duy Vu, Froctoso Kilat, Dalal Touma William Robert Matthews, Pietro Genovese, Anthony Casey, Ludwig Johann, Gregoria Latagan, Patricia Lowe, Joachim Rong Van Ta, John William Nicholas, Joseph Toan Nguyen, Thomas Joseph O'Connor



Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, 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, Des & Pat Patsfield, Joe & Josephine Farah

Mass Texts: Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Gen 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Response:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun



Parish Calendar 2023

March

5th	Sun	9.00am	Second Sunday of Lent Sacramental Session # 3
6th	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
12th	Sun	9.00am	Third Sunday of Lent Sacramental Session # 4
19th	Sun	2.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent 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

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
	4/5 March	11/12 March	4/5 March	11/12 March	4/5 March	11/12 March	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Liz B Lec: Michael S	Com: Michael H Lec: Margaret H	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole O Paul C Ofa T Kelelia A	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G Lec: Geoffrey L	Com: Sabina A Lec: Mary L	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: Sue K Reader: Terry R It:	Com: John M Reader: Robert G	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N Tony C Giuseppe S	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Lec: Vanessa	Com: Arthur K Lec: Elizabeth D	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R 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 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.