



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

One Family, Alive in Christ

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B **18 July 2021**

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

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

There are at least three kinds of hunger. There is a hunger for bread, for the food and drink that satisfy physical hunger and nourish physical health and life. There is emotional hunger, a hunger for acceptance and welcome, affirmation and affection from others. And there is spiritual hunger. For Christians, this is a craving for Christ and his company.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta has spelled out well these three kinds of hunger:

Your poverty is greater than ours ... the spiritual poverty of the West is much greater than the physical poverty of the East. In the West, there are millions of people who suffer loneliness and emptiness, who feel unloved and unwanted. They are not the hungry in the physical sense; what is missing is a relationship with God and with each other.

In our gospel today, we meet people who are experiencing those three kinds of hunger. Their greatest hunger is for the company of Jesus, for the enlightenment and truth of his teachings, and the warmth and comfort of his understanding, kindness, and compassion. They are also feeling the pangs of physical hunger and hoping he can relieve those as well.

Looking for a little rest and recreation, Jesus sails away with his friends for the eastern shore of the lake. But seeing where the boat is heading, the crowds hurry along the shore and are already waiting for them at the other side. You can imagine what you and I might have thought and even said about this. Jesus too might easily have felt annoyed and resentful. He might easily have moaned and groaned: 'Why won't they leave us alone for a while?

Why won't they let us have a bit of time to ourselves? Why won't they give us just a little peace and quiet?'

But Jesus thinks no such thoughts. He thinks only of them, of their need for him, and for the love and assistance he can provide as their Good Shepherd. Sensing their longing to be with him and seeing so many sick and troubled persons among them, his heart overflows with compassion. And so, he goes from one little group to the other - listening to them, talking to them, comforting them. In this way the longing they have felt to be with him, and their need for acceptance and welcome, affirmation and affection, are satisfied.

All this has much to say to us as the disciples of Jesus in the world today. We must face, first of all, the physical hunger of millions of our fellow human beings. Can we any longer feel indifferent concerning so much conspicuous consumption and so much waste in our Western world, when so many persons are deprived of the necessities of life and are even starving to death?

In the second place, there are all around us so many deprived and lonely people who are craving for even a little bit of affirmation, acceptance, and affection. The widespread problems of so many runaway and homeless children, of drug addiction, of domestic violence, of suicide, are but symptoms of deep unsatisfied longings to be loved and to love. Can you and I be at least a little more sensitive, a little more responsive, a little more active and caring towards so many lost and lonely persons? And will we want Jesus to say to us: 'I was a stranger

and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me (Mt 25:36-37)?

Jesus has identified himself with people in physical, emotional, and spiritual need. To meet them is to meet him. 'In truth I tell you,' he says, 'in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40-41) and 'in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me' (Mt 25:45). I

t's the same Jesus whom we meet today in our celebration of the Eucharist, as the Jesus who took pity on the crowd of hungry people on the shore of the lake. He will shortly be nourishing our friendship with him in the signs of bread and wine, to empower us to become more and more like him. And at the end of our celebration of him and his teachings, he will be sending us back into the world as a source of nourishment to others, by reaching out to them with our words and actions of acceptance and welcome, affirmation and affection. Fed, then, by our holy communion with him, may we do more than ever before to satisfy the physical, emotional, and spiritual hunger of all those needy persons out there, whom God keeps putting on our paths, to nourish them with practical signs of God's own compassionate and caring love.

Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP
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Donations to St Brigid's Parish may be made by scanning the code below:



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CONFIRMATION 2021 **at St Brigid's.**

Sunday 12 September 2021

Enrolment Procedure

Please e-mail completed and signed

Enrolment form to:

Sr Elenita Flores CP at:
elenita@stbrigid.org.au

NO later than

Friday 23 July 2021.

First Preparation Session:
Sunday 1 August 2021, 8.45am

COVID—19 UPDATE **as at 14 JULY 2021** **NSW Health Directives**

NO BOOKINGS
for Baptisms OR Weddings
will be accepted until further notice

The only bookings which may be
made are for FUNERALS
(10 people ONLY)

ST BRIGID'S
PARISH OFFICE
CLOSED until 30/7/21 owing
to LOCKDOWN

Please communicate
via E-MAIL :
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Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am

Presentation: 2nd Weekend of Baptism month
at Parish Masses

Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12.30pm

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm

Preferably 6 months notice

Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments: Sr Elena
Bereavement Ministry: Sr Elenita/Michael Schiano
CCD in State Schools: Sr Elenita
Children's Sacraments: Sr Elenita
Ecumenical & Interfaith: Jim Yeo
Family Groups Contact: Adrienne/Jonathan Harverson
Finance C'tee: Adrienne Harverson
Justice & Peace Network: Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries: Mary Leask, Sr Elena
Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau
Media Ministry: Sr Elena/Pedro Moreira
Men's Club: Arthur Kassiss; John Skinner, Mick Ward
Ministry of Care: Fr Dominic CP
Outreach Ministry: Dcn Christopher/Pauline Roach
Parish Safeguarding Support: Jim Yeo
Pastoral Council Co-chairs: Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassiss.
Seniors' Group: John Freeman/Richard Gonsalves
Women's Spirituality Group: Paige Bullen/Pauline Roach
Young Adults: Katrina Fuller/Maria Fuller
Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo (on leave)

Parish Collection

11/7/2021

1st(Passionists): \$ CHURCH CLOSED

2nd (Parish): \$
Cash & Envelopes: \$
Credit Cards: \$

4/7/2021

1st (Passionists) : \$ CHURCH CLOSED

2nd (Parish): \$

Calendar

JULY 2021

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH
and

ST BRIGID'S PARISH OFFICE

are currently

CLOSED UNTIL JULY 30 2021

as a result of the continuing

LOCKDOWN

owing to the **COVID 19 PANDEMIC.**

Please communicate with us vis e-mail at

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during this time

Recently deceased: Jose Marciel; John Wells (brother of Fr Mark Wells CP); Robyn Shepherd; Sr. Valerie Mayo Modiri, CP

Anniversaries : Maria Teresa Anastasi; Joaquim Ribeiro; Mantoura Yammine; John Jack Shanon; Victoriano Latagan; George Elia; Chris Lane; Helen & Peter Buchel; Ibrahim Yammine; Gia Kim Am Van Nguyen

Carrying Severe Illness: Lea Nigro; Helen Eid; Maria Guilfoyle; Meriam Daher; Renato Di Perna; Mely Siasat; Giovanna and Juliana Cipolla.

Mass Texts: Sunday 16 Yr B: 18/7/21

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel: Mark: 6: 30-34

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Sunday 17 Yr B : 25/7/21

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Response: You open wide your hands, O Lord, you grant our desires.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: John 6 : 1-15

Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Wed—Fri: Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.**

Tues and Thurs: **Mass at 6.45am**

Saturday: **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only

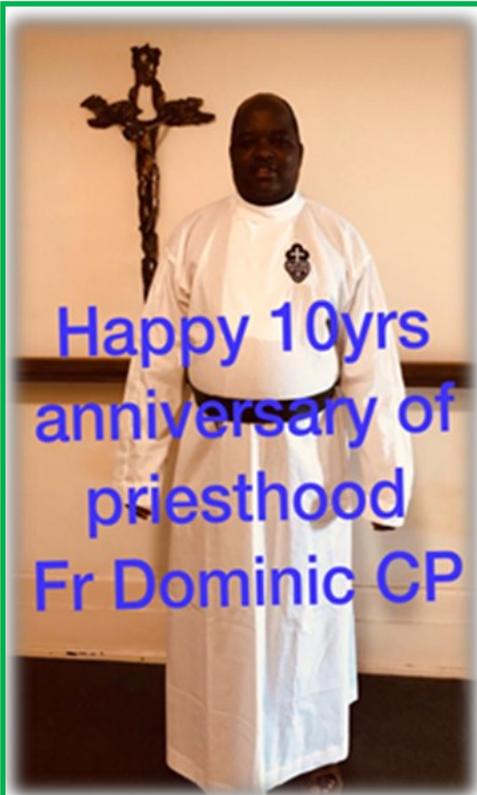
Saturday: Marriages 10-3 pm;
Reconciliation 4-30pm Mass:5 pm; & 7.00 pm (Vietnamese)

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.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after 9.00am Mass on First Friday of each month .



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‘I was born on 3 March 1976, one of 10 children to father Liberatus and mother Yuster in a village called Bahi Makulu, Tanzania. The inhabitants of this central region are mainly involved in pastoralism and agriculture. My family kept cattle, goats and sheep, while also cultivating crops like millet, maize and peanuts. I began working with my family as a child and from the age of six went out with others looking after cattle.

For this reason, my starting of school was delayed. I began school in 1986 and transferred to another school in 1990 where my uncle was teaching, and finished my primary education in 1992. At that time I went back to my parents to help on the farm. In 1993, as my father was on the local Parish Council, I was invited to do the exam to join the seminary. Also, I wanted to be a teacher, like my uncle.

Before doing the exam, our parish priest, who was a Passionist invited us to stay at the parish to prepare for the exam. We studied English, Mathematics and Religion. I had also told the parish priest that I wanted to join the congregation rather than become a diocesan priest. I managed to come first and the parish priest was very happy. He took us to visit the Passionist mother house in Veyula and introduced us to the Vocation Director, Fr Antony Mkaku. This is where I first saw an African priest—and my vocation began.

In 1997 I completed Form 4 and was encouraged to go on to Form 5 & 6 which I finished in 2000. During this time I felt strongly called to be a Passionist. In 2000 I joined the Passionist formation as a aspirant for one year. I then went to Arusha to study phi-

losophy for three years. In 2004 I joined the Novitiate together with nine other students.

In July 2005 I made my First Profession. The following month I started my studies for Theology in the Catholic University of Nairobi, Kenya, which I completed in 2009.

I began my pastoral experience from 2009-2011 in three different parishes—Mlowa parish, Itolo parish and Itiso parish where I stayed until my Ordination. On 5th March 2011, I was finally professed. The following day, 6th March 2011 we were Ordained as deacons. After this Ordination, I went back to Itiso parish where I continued with my pastoral experience as a Deacon until 7 July 2011 when I was Ordained as a Passionist priest at St Paul of the Cross Cathedral in Dodoma.

I was appointed to continue as an assistant priest to the Italian Parish Priest at Itiso parish. A year later he went back to Italy to care for his sick mother, but decided not to return. So, a new priest was appointed—and he was African.

I enjoyed my ministries in the parish which had 24 outstations, very poor roads, some outstations in very mountainous areas where we had to leave the car and climb the mountain for up to two hours.

My main problem there was finance as I was the bursar. With the previous parish priest we could get help from Italy, but after he left everything stopped as I was not known.

Once I got used to the office, I became more connected to Italy and began writing submissions for funds for projects including to provide more water and to start a school because the school in the area was very far away.

However, before this was completed, I was appointed to be Parish Priest of Veyula Parish. Shortly after, on October 10, 2017, was appointed by the Archbishop of Dodoma to be the Parish Dean who would lead a Deanery which included three parishes.

Then on January 13 2019, I was asked to come to St Brigid’s Parish, Marrickville, in Australia.

On 8 April 2019, I left Tanzania and was met at the airport in Sydney by Fr Ron Davoren CP, Community Leader, and Fr Erick Niyiragira CP, Parish Administrator.

St Brigid’s Community has been home for me ever since. I enjoy the brotherly care, the community life, and I feel really at home. Thank you.’

Fr Dominic Samamba CP

CONGRATULATIONS
FR. DOMINIC CP!