



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
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Fr Giltus Mathias CP	Fr Wilbard Sambati CP
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Mona El-Khoury	Pongia Fenukitau
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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th February, 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,

This week, we will gather to celebrate the 1500th anniversary of St. Brigid's, our patroness and one of Ireland's best-known Irish saints. We welcome everyone who will be joining us for this family celebration. A few things about St. Brigid: she was born around 453 A.D. and died in 524. There are many stories and legends relating to her birth and early years. St. Brigid was born at a time of transition in Irish society. It is likely that Brigid became a Christian in her early teens. According to some accounts, she grew up in her father's household and is associated from an early age with dairying, taking care of the cows and the calves, making the butter, and brewing the ale.

She became famous for her charity, sometimes driving her father and step-mother to distraction by her prodigal giving to the poor and the needy. When she was in her late teens and of marriageable age, her father and stepbrothers wanted her to marry. She was beautiful and had a number of eligible suitors, but Brigid was resolute and wanted to live her life as a nun totally dedicated to God. In the face of her persistence and determination, her father relented and allowed her to consecrate her life to God.

Widely regarded as an icon of feminine strength and leadership, Brigid challenged and transcended traditional gender roles of her era. St. Brigid emerges through history as a woman of deep faith, a spiritual leader, a woman of the land, an advocate for the poor, a peacemaker, and a woman of legendary hospitality. She blazed the trail for female leadership in 5th century Ireland. We can still hear a female voice coming from an overwhelmingly patriarchal and hierarchical world. She is the source of inspiration and a model for many women and men of today in their efforts to promote the equal dignity of women and men in church and society.

Of all the values associated with Brigid, her outreach to the poor and needy of her time is a remarkable legacy. She has always been associated with those on the margins of society. In the earliest LIFE of St. Brigid (hagiography), written by a monk in her monastery named Cogitosus, he devotes twenty-three of the thirty-two chapters in the LIFE to Brigid's compassionate outreach to the poor and oppressed people of her day. Cogitosus asserts that Brigid was incapable of refusing a poor person any request, which often got her into trouble in the monastery. However, we are told her supplies of food for the poor were

miraculously replenished.

Brigid was also famed for her compassion towards animals. They often came to her assistance when she was in difficult situations.

Interestingly, Brigid's regard for her surroundings reflects many modern environmental concerns. Her compassion towards both humans and animals shows her respect for the interconnectedness of all creation.

St Brigid has left an inspiring legacy through the values she stood for in her day. Her life continues to speak to some of the issues that confront and challenge us in our world today, and that contributes to her relevance. We are proud to have our lives woven into her. Happy Feast!

Fr. Giltus CP



St Brigid's Lent Program
Come join the parish team
as we meet every Monday
evening during Lent in the parish
at 7pm, starting this Monday 12th

All Welcome



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.



Enrich your Marriage with The Marriage Kit by SmartLoving

An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit:
smartloving.org/marriage-kit
Marriage Week Sale - Ends 29 February.
For 50% off use coupon code: MarriageWeek24

Concordia Ensemble
Presents
Easter Revelry with JS Bach
ST BRIGID'S CHURCH
10th March at 2pm



Ella Briggs - Soprano
Sophie Blades - Soprano
Amelia Bland - Alto
Thomas Bruce - Tenor
Heather Kim - Violin

Antonia Touma - Violin
Po Wang - Viola
Amayah Ryan - Viola
Lily Innis - Violoncello
Gahyun Lee - Oboe
Courtney Cousins - Flute
AND MORE

Scan for tickets



Courtney Cousins - Music Director and Conductor

Come join us for a wonderful afternoon

Sacraments for 2024

Parent Information Night
for the



Sacrament of Reconciliation and
First Holy Communion

will be held on
Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in the Hall.

Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be advertised once confirmed with the Archdiocese.

Enquiries: elenita@stbrigid.org.au

**LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY,
BRUCE DOWNES**

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter.

Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful & prayerful.

This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Job Vacancy

**Diocesan Outreach Assistants -
Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**

Could you share the stories of suffering Christians? Are you looking for flexible part time work? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle

For more information and to view the full job go to www.aidtochurch.org/work or scan QR code



**A Lenten Retreat Day with the
Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia**

Women of all ages are invited to join the Sisters for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups.

Morning tea and lunch are included.

A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses.

Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall

From 10am to 4pm, doors to open at 9-9:30am.

Morning tea and lunch included.

All day adoration (in the crypt) and confession.

For more information on the evening and to register to attend, visit: <https://bit.ly/3RRAKfa>.

Praying with the Mystics - (Cottage Retreat) 23 - 25 Feb

In the framework of Centering Prayer, this weekend retreat will pray with the mystics who teach us that it is when we return within that God is met.

Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

For more information, go to: <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs/>

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CASIMIR MARRICKVILLE
Casimir Catholic College Marrickville
Unite and Grow in a Years 7-12 Co-educational Environment

OPEN DAY
FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2024
3:00PM to 7:00PM

All Welcome

Newman Selective GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Recently Deceased: John Thomas

Death Anniversaries: Maria Lieu Thi Mai, Donald Harkness, Marianna Tesoriero, Thomas Patrick Mahony, Rory Hughes, Pavlovic Jophef, Maria Trang Minh Thi Nguyen, Jaime Camacho, Tran Thi Anh, Tran Dien, Peter Nguyen Phoung Duy

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



Mass Texts: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean he must live alone, outside the camp.

Response: Ps 31:1-2, 5,11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31

Be imitators of me, as I am Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!



Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

PARISH CALENDAR 2024

FEBRUARY

11th	Sun	12.00pm	Baptisms
		4.00pm	Viet.2nd day New Years Mass
12th	Mon	6.00pm	Viet.3rd day New Years Mass
		7.00pm	Lent group
13th	Tue	7.00pm	Sacramental Information Evening
14th	Wed	6.45am	Ash Wednesday
		9.00am	
		6.00pm	Vietnamese Mass
		7.30pm	
18th	Sun		First Sunday of Lent Reconciliation Session 1
		12.00pm	Baptism
19th	Mon	7.00pm	Parish Lent program
25th	Sun	10.30am	Presentation of Candidates

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
	10/11 Feb	17/18 Feb	10/11 Feb	17/18 Feb	10/11 Feb	17/18 Feb	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Margaret H Reader: Jim Y	Com: Karen W R: 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: Mary L Reader: Geoffrey L	Com: Marco G R: Margaret T	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 M 2nd: Italian	Com: Joanne M 1st: Mely S 2nd: Italian	Sue K Jenny O Bernadette S Albert N	Bernadet Y Giuseppe S Tony C Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Charlie E Reader: Lina E	Com: Arthur K Reader: Olivia V	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.

