



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

Sixth Sunday of Easter –Year B Mothers Day 9 May 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

LIVING FOR OTHERS

Along the path of life, we come across both selfish and unselfish people. To which group do you and I belong? Perhaps we are a mixture of both generosity and selfishness. But to the extent that we may still be partly selfish, self-centred and self-indulgent, we are not living the message of Jesus: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (Jn 15: 12-13).

Jesus lived his entire life for God and for others. Speaking God's love to people, showing them God's love, and living God's love for them, that's what Jesus of Nazareth was all about. He practised no racism, no apartheid, and no discrimination. To rich and poor, powerful and powerless, he reached out with unstinting love. Nobody was excluded from the love burning in his great heart. Then he died just as he had lived—with love and generosity, kindness, compassion and forgiveness.

Ever since, thousands of his followers have lived his example and commandment. I'm thinking of so many good mothers and fathers, who have given everything they could to care for their children, friends, neighbours. I'm thinking of so many religious, women and men, who have laid down their lives in the service of others, and even more particularly of religious Sisters. Recently in the media, here and overseas, there was an outpouring of love and appreciation for the lives and work of religious Sisters. For the way they have befriended people on the margins. For the way they have educated, often completely free, the countless number of children from poorer families. For their care of people in hospital. For their visits to gaols. For their shelter and support to abused and hurting mothers and children. The example of their humble and generous service leaves us in no doubt that the meaning of life is to be a loving, caring person.

Two great examples—the first is Maximilian Kolbe, born in Poland in 1894. He was killed by Nazis in 1941 and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Ordained in 1918, he went to Japan in 1930 and founded a monas-

tery, a Japanese newspaper and a seminary on the outskirts of Nagasaki.

Back in Poland during WW11 he provided shelter to refugees, including 2000 Jews whom he hid in his friary residence from Nazi persecution. Gestapo arrested him in 1941 when he was thrown into Auschwitz, starved for two weeks and killed on 14 August. John Paul named him 'the patron saint of our difficulty (20th century).' He is honoured with a statue along with nineteen other 20th century martyrs on the façade of Westminster Abbey in London.

The second is the Australian Sister of St Joseph, Irene McCormack. She may be recognised as Australia's next Saint. On her mission to the Pueblo people of Peru, she was martyred by Marxist guerrillas on Tuesday 21 May 1991. Irene left Australia for Peru in 1987. Her aim was to keep bringing God's love and literacy to poor and marginalised persons, just as she had done in Australia. In a village called Huasahuasi, pop 5,000, high in the Andes mountains she ran a simple school and library for the local children and supervised a community kitchen for poor families. This helped to supplement nutrition from the potatoes and maize they grew themselves. But the thugs who shot her sentenced her, so they said, for 'pushing "Yankee food" and bringing books to push "Yankee ideas.'

To know these saints of our times is to be inspired to imitate them in their constant generosity. This of course, is a big ask. But with God on our side, surely we can do better and become better persons than we already are.

For this to happen, let us make our own again and again St Ignatius Loyola's famous **Prayer for Generosity**:
'Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward but that of knowing your will. AMEN'

Rev Dr Brian Gleeson CP
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CHARITABLE WORKS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND, 2021

Thank you to all who contributed to the CWF Appeal last weekend.

Every dollar you give will help to reduce any shortfall from our Parish target which has to be made up from Parish funds.

**Donations of \$2.00 or more are
TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

**If you have not yet done so, please give generously in
the special envelopes provided.**

HELP WANTED!

Planned Giving (Weekly Envelopes)

As we come closer to the end of the financial year 2020-2021, we are reviewing details of some members in our Planned Giving data base.

If you are **currently contributing** via the following envelope numbers, please phone OR e-mail the Parish Office at your earliest convenience:

Env 12, Env: 105

Phone: 8577 5670 (9.30am-4.00pm, M to F) OR

E-mail: parish@stbrigid.org.au

St Brigid's Seniors' Group: Important Change of Date

Commencing from NEXT weekend, the Seniors' Group will meet on the **THIRD Sunday of each month at 2.00pm** in the Parish Office Meeting Room

Private Prayer at St Brigid's

St Brigid's Church is open from 7-8.00pm each Monday evening for private prayer and reflection in the Pieta Chapel, including Exposition, Adoration, Divine Mercy Chalet and Novena of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Under COVID regulations, please sign in as you enter the side door to the chapel.

St Brigid's Piety Store

New range of statues including St Joseph in (the year of St Joseph) and Divine Mercy. A variety of St Benedict rosary beads and Baptism candles available now at the Piety Store at very reasonable prices. Credit Card facility available.

PALMS Australia

Seeking Volunteer Bookkeeper at Petersham Office.
E-mail: kevin @palms.org.au if able to help.

COVID—19 UPDATE as at Wednesday 8 April 2021 NSW Health Directives

The **MAXIMUM** attendance at any celebration at St Brigid's, including **weddings, baptisms and funerals**, is now **350 people**. Families can sit together but if not from the same household, must observe 1-5m social distancing. ***1.5 m is also required when singing in the congregation, and when lining up for communion.***

For ALL persons attending church services, the wearing of a facemask continues to be strongly recommended.

QR codes are now compulsory for churches .

St Vincent de Paul Society Schools and Youth Engagement Team

This is the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth April 2021 Newsletter:

<https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2021/04/Vinnies-Metro/-Schools-Youth-Newsletter-Term-2-2021.pdf>

Enquiries regarding any of the articles in the newsletter should be addressed to Christina Gilio, Metropolitan Schools Engagement Officer on 0477 440 567 or Christina.Gilio@vinnies.org.au

Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia

Sydney Procession—Sunday 23 May 2021 at 3.00pm. Commencing at St Peter's, Surry Hills at 3pm with pilgrim blessing and then on to St Mary's Cathedral for 5.00pm Solemn Choral First Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Passion for the Earth—A Laudato Si Camp for Adults

"The spirit of life dwells in every living creature and calls us to enter into relationship with him"

It is meant for leaders of Laudato Si groups and Social Justice Groups, for people wanting to explore an ecological commitment for religion, and anyone seeking to link science with God's creative action.

Date: Tuesday 6 July (10.00am) to Thursday 8 July (2.00pm) 2021

Place: Gutawang Catholic Youth Centre, Wooglemai
45 Sheehys Creek Rd, Oakdale.

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 Safeguarding enquiries @ sydney-catholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

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 Kassis; 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 Kassis.
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

2/5/2021

1st(Passionists): \$ 1,310
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,544

Cash & Envelopes: \$ 2,428
Credit Cards: \$ 1,116

25/4/2021

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,115
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,853

Calendar

May 2021

8/9 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Mothers Day: (Family Groups
Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass)

15/16 **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

First Communion Preparation(2):
8.45am in Shrubland Hall
Mass incl P/School : 10.30am followed by
Morning Tea
St Brigid's Seniors: 2.00pm in Parish
Meeting Room

22/23 **PENTECOST**

First Communion Preparation(3):
8.45am in Shrubland Hall

24 **Our Lady Help of Christians' Mass** **(incl Yrs 5,6 and 8) : 9.00am**

25 **First Communion Reflection Night (1)** **(Hall & Church) : 6-8.00pm**

29/30 **MOST HOLY TRINITY** **First Communions at 5pm (Saturday)** **10.30am and 6.00pm (Sunday)**

June 2021

1 **First Communion Reflection Night (2)** **(Hall and Church) :6-8.00pm**

5/6 **CORPUS CHRISTI** **First Communions at 5pm (Saturday)** **10.30am and 6.00pm (Sunday)**

Recently deceased: Maria De Jesus.

Anniversaries : Sr Mary Brigid Rafferty RSM; Mary Coorey; Gaetano Tesoriero; Anna Duong Thi Nhat; Otera family; Vincent Vu Viet Chieu; Fawzi Tahar; Maria Pham Thi Sau; Kevin O'Sullivan; Kevin Turner; Kevin Conroy; Catherina Arulanandam.

Carrying Severe Illness: Renato Di Perna; Mely Siasat; Juliana Cipolla; Rocco Tropea; Lydia Obeid; Giovanna Cipolla; Nat Russo; Geoffrey Leask.

Mass Texts: Easter 6: 9/5/21

First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26,34-35,44-8
Response: The Lord has shown salvation to the nations
Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10
Gospel: John 15: 9-17
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Mass Texts: Ascension : 16/5//21

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11;
Response: God goes up with shouts of joy, alleluia!
Second: Eph 4: 1-13 :
Gospel: Mk 16: 15-20
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 .



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

**REFLECTION - MAY 2021 St Joseph
the Migrant Worker**

Have you ever imagined St Joseph as a migrant worker? Would he have taken with him as many tools of trade as he could carry when he fled with Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt? What would it have been like for him trying to find work in a foreign land to support his family? Would anyone help them, or would these 'outsiders' be exploited or left to fend for themselves? During the COVID-19 pandemic temporary seasonal workers have had a very difficult time. Many came to Australia for jobs that disappeared because of the pandemic. None the less, these workers found themselves ineligible for the Jobseeker allowance. Many could not go home. They became stranded in Australia because of closed borders. Without work or

access to government support, they were forced to rely on charities. Those who did find work were often exposed to risk of infection with the virus – for example in the coronavirus outbreak that centred on the meatworks in Colac in mid-2020, or in food delivery or cleaning. Sadly, the exploitation of migrant workers is not something that only happens in other countries.

Before the pandemic, over a million overseas workers on temporary visas came to Australia each year. Even in the best of times, temporary seasonal workers are more vulnerable to exploitative working conditions than workers who have Australian citizenship. Fair-Work Australia says that “employees under the [Pacific Labour] Scheme have the same workplace rights as other employees in Australia”. But temporary seasonal workers might not know that. They are less likely to know what their rights are, and to be able to effectively assert them. It is not uncommon to hear stories of unreasonable accommodation charges and other levies being imposed. There have even been reports of passports being held by employers. Migrant workers often lack friends and allies who can help them. Can we see in the faces of temporary seasonal workers the face of St Joseph, seeking work in a foreign land, trying to support his family? Can we see migrant workers as our sisters and brothers in need of our care? Can we welcome them into our homes, communities and churches and defend their dignity and rights? Let us entrust temporary seasonal workers in Australia to the protection of St Joseph the Worker.

By: Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv is Bishop of Parramatta and chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service

Weekend Mass Ministries: 5th & 6th Sunday of Easter

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Acolytes/Altar Servers

Mass Time	8/9 May	15/16 May	8/9 May	15/16 May	8/9 May	15/16 May
5 pm Sat	.Liz Buchel 2. Michael Schiano	1.Paul Cloran 2. Kelilia Apikotoa	-Priest -Philip Carolan -Michael Dillon -Gabriele Bietola - Ofa Tupola	- Priest -Philip Carolan -Michael Dillon -Michael Price -Carole Price	Philip Carolan Michael Dillon Phoenix Kokontis Ava Moonen Tova Belanger Raquel Paulino	Philip Carolan Michael Dillon Phoenix Kokontis Ava Moonen Tova Belanger Raquel Paulino
8 am Sun	1 Carolan Ibbotson 2. Sabina Aunedi	1.Margaret turner 2. Sabina Aunedi	--Priest -Dennis Maher -Margaret Turner - Sabina Aunedi	--Priest -Dennis Maher	Dennis Maher Amelia Wild	Dennis Maher Amelia Wild
10.30 am Sun	1.Bernadette Yamine 2. Alberto Schiavo C -John MGrath	Primary School Students	-- Priest - Albert Naticchia - Anthony Na ticchia - Maria Barlow - Joanne McGrath	- Priest - Geoffrey Lean - Deacon chris - Judy Hanna - Antonella Mazzucco - Melly Siasat	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia Albert Naticchia Jr Cristita Latu	Geoffrey Lean Cristita Latu
6 pm Sun	1. Kristine Roehrig 2. Arthur Kassis	1.Adrienne Harverson 2. Kevin Boyce	--Priest -Tony Hayek -Michael Ward -Therese skinner - John Skinner	-Priest -Tony Hayek -Arthur Kassis -Jackie Kassis	Tony Hayek Alexis Hirang Amelia Papadopoulus Ava Moonen Charlene Kokontis Aiden Pestana Raquel Paulino	Tony Hayek Alexis Hirang Amelia Papadopoulus Ava Moonen Charlene Kokontis Aiden Pestana Raquel Paulino

If any of you is rostered and not available please contact the following:

= Lector or commentator (Mary Leask on 0404 019 962 or Sr. Elena on 0447 637 064)

= Communion Minister, Acolytes /Altar server (Sr. Elena on 0447 637 064)