



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

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### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## The ASCENSION of the LORD - Year A

21st May, 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.*

Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

From Monday May 22nd until Saturday June 10, the Church will be closed for some maintenance works. All weekday masses and weekend masses will be in the Shrubland hall behind the Church. We are sorry for the inconvenience. The church will be reopened in time for the 1st Communion masses.

The Australian Bishops met in conference last week and published a media release encouraging those of us who have not read the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander "Uluru Statement from the Heart" to do so. The Bishops want all Australians and all Catholics to make an informed decision for the coming referendum on Voice to Parliament.

### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE STATEMENT REGARDING AN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have lived in this land for many thousands of years. Their custodianship, however, is not recognised in the Australian Constitution. This is an omission which needs to be rectified. A constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this.

We acknowledge that a Voice is not the only possible way of recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in our Constitution, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru. This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia.

The wording to change the Constitution and establish the Voice is currently being discussed. We will soon have the opportunity to examine the

precise wording and we will be asked to vote on the proposal towards the end of the year. We want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice.

This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It also offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We urge all Australians to engage in the debate productively, respecting each other and accepting that people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives. We are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples.

We ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.

To guide all Australians at this important time, we encourage everyone to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which we endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022.

In particular, we recommend that Catholic parishes, schools and agencies arrange opportunities for people to come together to read and discuss the Uluru Statement. Access the Uluru Statement at: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/> May 11, 2023

Fr Tom CP





### An Evening with Sherry Weddell

Join international speaker and author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus', Sherry Weddell for an evening dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit .  
Wednesday 24 May 2023 (Strathfield)  
Cost: \$30 plus booking fees. Refreshments served from 6:00pm – 6:45pm. Registrations open at <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

### St Joseph's Prayer Group

Saturday 27th May 2023 9.45am - 3.30pm

*Gifts of the Holy Spirit?*

Speaker: Fr John Puliparambil

Cost: \$15.00. Please bring your bible with you and a plate to share for lunch. Coffee & Tea provided.  
Rose: 0412 115 961 Email: [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)  
St Joseph's. 126 Liverpool Road, Enfield  
Parking at Rear, Enter from Baker Street

### WALK with CHRIST 2023

Sunday 11 June

Martin Place from 1.00pm  
Procession begins at 2.30pm sharp.

Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist)



### 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](mailto:outreach@stbrigid.org.au)

**Would you like to receive our newsletter by email.  
Just email the parish office to subscribe.**

**Church renovations:** The church will be closed for renovations from May 22 to June 10. Masses will be celebrated in the parish hall during this time. Unfortunately livestreaming will not be possible during this time.



### INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?



- ◆ 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](mailto:rosana@stbrigid.org.au)

Embrace Society a multicultural communications agency that has been employed by the DSS (Department of Social Services) to help raise awareness about Carer Gateway.

We are looking for carers from an Italian background Those who take part will be reimbursed \$250 for interview, participation in photo shoot including videoing short testimonial statement, and use of case study content and image through traditional media – press radio and online, social media channels and photographic exhibition, and any other uses of image and voice as necessary.  
A fee of \$250 will be paid once candidate has been selected for interview

A police check will need to be undertaken which we will pay for and organise. If you don't want a police check, then you are unable to participate as this is a condition of DSS. This includes young people.

If the carer has no experience of CG, would they be interested in using CG and then being interviewed about their experience?

Please contact for more information Maria Moroney  
Embrace Society  
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mob: 0411781752  
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Garratt Publishing, together with Opening the Doors Foundation invite you to

### An Indigenous Voice to Parliament WEBINAR

Join Fr Frank Brennan, SJ, AO and Vicki Clark OAM as they explore the planned referendum suggesting an alteration to the Australian Constitution that establishes a First Nations Voice. This webinar is ideal for all Australians seeking to understand what an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 'Voice to Parliament' will actually mean. Join us and make an informed decision at the referendum.

**Date:** Wednesday 24 May 2023 **Time:** 5.00pm  
**Where:** Via Zoom **Cost:** Free  
To register:  
<https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/r1x118y90n2ngje/>

Jesus Light of the World Communities  
27 May 2023 (Saturday) 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

**“Day of OUTPOURING”**

Ron Maldigri - Speaker  
Catholic Lay Evangelist in Sydney

St Joseph’s Parish Hall  
Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.)  
Booking Essential, FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea

Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114  
Email: jlowcommunity@gmail.com

**In The Footsteps of Mary MacKillop**

An Australian Pilgrimage led  
by a Sister of Saint Joseph and  
the inaugural Director of the  
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre  
Melbourne

17 - 28 October 2023

Melbourne, South Australia and Sydney

For more information :  
E: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au  
T: 02 8912 4818



Caritas Australia is pleased to invite your parish community  
to our Sorry Day Webinar with survivors from Kinchela Boys  
Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with  
the Stolen Generations.

On Thursday 25 May 2023 from 11am – 12pm AEST, we  
will be hosting a FREE online event to hear from Uncle  
Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of  
Kinchela Boys Home, to learn about the Stolen Generations  
and the continuing legacy of these experiences.  
Don't miss this unique opportunity to mark Sorry Day and  
learn about the impact of the Stolen Generations directly  
from survivors.

For further details contact us  
at caritasmedia@caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413

**Catholic Theological College**

Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays 17, 24  
June; 7, 14 October

Teaching Meditation and Prayer  
Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris  
To enrol or for further information:  
Dr Christopher Knauf  
Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au



The Ordinariate Parish of Saint Bede the  
Venerable invites you to Come and See the  
beauty of the  
**English Choral Tradition with Choral Evensong  
at Saint Joseph’s Newtown.**

Divine Worship: Daily Office is the newest form of  
the Divine Office, approved for use in the Personal  
Ordinariates established by Pope Benedict XVI.

4pm on the 4th Sunday of the Month,  
49 Bedford St, Newtown.

**The Catholic Weekly - PULPIT POINTS**

- Let there be light: Fatima procession illuminates St Mary’s
- ACT Government mounts takeover of Calvary Public Hospital
- Monica Doumit: Shutting hospitals and schools won’t keep them Catholic
- Sainly spray: Danny Mulyono brightens up Catholic schools
- Tassie Benedictine makes final vows
- Should we pray the Our Father with hands outstretched? Fr Flader weighs in

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS**

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in celebrating Pentecost 2023 with an uplifting, inspiring,  
encouraging Holy Spirit afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies, Hearing the Word of God, & Prayer Ministry  
on Saturday 27th May at the Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills. 2pm-5.30pm. Enq: 9810 2499.

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Edith Cassidy

**Death Anniversaries:** Kevin Turner, Kevin Conroy, Catherina Arulanandam, Florence Pearson, Peter Xuan Binh Nguyen, Catarina Le Thi Quy, Francis Dunlea, Felice Mandile, Leslie Mole, Gioan Nguyen Duy Mao, Joseph O’Brien, Kathleen Fountain, Ann Marie Forkin

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Buena Ong, Phil Drew, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Fr Thomas Thanh, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Huyen Nguyen, George Bugeja, Penelope Lincoln, Margaret Madden

**Other intentions:** Lorraine & Michael David, Edwidge Carver, Michele & Lindley Garancon, Katherine





## Mass Texts: The ASCENSION of the LORD

### **First Reading: Acts 1:1-11:**

Why are you standing here looking into the sky?  
Jesus has been taken into heaven.

### **Response:**

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### **Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23**

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Mt 28:16-20**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

## Parish Calendar 2023

### **May**

21st	Sun	9.00am	First Communion Session 3
	Sun	2.00pm	Senior's Group
23rd	Tue	7.00pm	PPC Meeting
25th	Thur	7.00pm	Finance Meeting
28th	Sun	9.00am	First Communion Session 4

### **June**

2nd	Fri	9.00am	Anointing of the Sick
8th	Fri	7.30pm	Men's Club
5th	Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
6th	Tue	7.00pm	Outreach Meeting
11th	Sun	11.30am	Sacrament of First Holy Communion
11th	Sun	12.00pm	Hospitality Lunch
16th	Fri	9.00am	Sacred Heart Mass
17/18			St Vincent de Paul Winter

## 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
<b>Sunday:</b>	Reconciliation: 4.30pm. <b>Mass: 5.00pm</b> (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese) <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 the 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
	20/21 May	27/28 May	20/21 May	27/28 May	20/21 May	27/28 May	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Margaret H Reader: Laura N	Com: Michael H Reader: Michael P	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole P Michael P Paul C	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelly H Ofa T Gabriele B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Marco G Reader: Margareth T	Com: Mary L Reader: John S	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Geoffrey L F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Com: Casimir Reader: Angie C	Com: Bernadette S Reader: Terry R	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Arthur K Reader: Kevin B	Com: Kevin B Reader: Vanessa P	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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide