



## St Brigid's Marrickville

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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 C

29th May 2022

***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***

### MAKING SENSE OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

**Acts 1:1-11; Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53**

In our Creed today we will be saying of Jesus: 'He ascended into heaven.' What picture comes to mind when we think of Jesus ascending into heaven? Do we picture him going far away to outer space like a spaceship at Cape Canaveral? If we do, we show that we don't realize that the words of scripture about this are not to be taken literally. They are a poetic way of saying that Jesus is no longer on earth in a fleshly, physical and material way. The words of scripture mean that he has gone to God in his risen body and lives with God in light and glory. What they mean is that God who raised him from the dead has therefore affirmed, honoured and exalted him.

Does his being with God mean he is no longer with us? No! He is with us more strongly, more powerfully than when he walked the lanes, streets, and roads, of Palestine. He is present to us in spirit, i.e., in his gift to us of the Holy Spirit, his other-self. He acts on us in all the ways the Spirit influences us.

So, we don't go looking for him on the clouds or in the sky but in all the down-to-earth ways in which he told us we would find him? We find him in our reading, hearing and heeding of the scriptures, which speak of him. We find him in our celebration of the sacraments. Each of the seven sacraments is a sign of his presence and action. This is especially true of the Eucharist, which is specifically the sign and presence to us of his now glorified and spiritualized body. We find him in our concern and care for our neighbours, and especially for our fellow human beings who are poor, neglected, sad, sorrowing, confused, afraid, or despairing.

But if Jesus is no longer visible in the old familiar ways, how will people come to know of his presence? The answer is that he wants to make himself present through his disciples. So, on this Feast of the Ascension, we also remember the mission he gave his followers, you and me included before he went home to God. This is to go and tell everyone everywhere the good news that Jesus is alive, and that he is our Saviour, the one who changes people for the better through his gift of the Holy Spirit. So, before he disappears, he says to his followers of every century, including our 21st: "You are my witnesses," and that to witness to him, we will be "clothed with the power from on high," the pow-

er that is the Holy Spirit.

On the subject of witnessing, it's worth remembering that Pope Paul VI said that "the world needs witnesses more than it needs teachers." In fact, the world is full of both true and false teachers but has far fewer witnesses, i.e., people who speak with their lives. Between the two roles, there is the same difference that exists between saying and doing. A well-known proverb underlines this difference: "Actions speak louder than words," more recently put by the rappers as, "Walk the walk, not just talk the talk."

Being witnesses to Jesus is a very important role for parents of children, especially when they are asked to help with the teaching of their children getting ready for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. The words which parents say about meeting Jesus and belonging to the Church in each of these steps will mean nothing if the parents don't practise what they preach. What will the children think if their parents don't go to Mass on Sunday, don't ever make the sign of the cross with them, and don't ever pray with them? The souls of children are like sheets of photographic film. Everything they see and hear in their childhood years leaves a trace, an imprint. One day the "film" will be "developed" and it will have its effects, good or bad.

So, in summary, in ascending to heaven, Jesus has not left us. He has merely disappeared from our sight. This is similar to what happens in the Eucharist. So long as the host is outside us, we see it, we adore it. After receiving the host that is Jesus, we no longer see it. It has disappeared, but it has disappeared so that Jesus can be within us, and so that he can be present to us in a new and even more powerful way than when he walked our earth in the flesh. So, like the first disciples, we are not sad that Jesus has disappeared but glad, because he is still with us and still loving us in so many ways.

At our Eucharist today, then, let's make a point of thanking God with joy, that Jesus is not only risen and exalted into glory with God but that he is also still with us, in many powerful and loving ways, through his gift of his Spirit, his alter ego, his second-self!



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# St. Brigid's Young Beacons

Parents and Families



## Altar Training Day

St Brigid's Parish needs your help.



*"Offer Jesus your hands, your thoughts and your time, and he will not fail to reward you, granting you true joy." Pope Francis 2021.*

There will be a very special Altar Training Session for those wishing to become an Altar Server as well as those experienced servers who would like to increase their knowledge and skills, to act as role models for our newer servers.

If you have not yet made your First Holy Communion, you are still welcome to attend the training session and you will be able to serve once you have received the Blessed Sacrament. Those Young Beacons who might be a little bit too young for altar training are still very welcome to join us for all or part of the event!

All families are very welcome to join!

**Date:** Saturday 11th June 2022

**Altar Training:**  
2:00 - 5:00 pm in St. Brigid's Church

**Mass:** 5:00 pm in St. Brigid's Church

**Dinner and Prayer:**  
6:00 pm in the Shrublands Hall

**Please RSVP:** [christopher@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:christopher@stbrigid.org.au)



St Joseph's Enfield

**June Healing Mass**

Friday 3rd June, 2022



Celebrant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Rosary: 7pm, Mass: 8pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm,  
Prayer and Praise: 7.30pm, Exposition after Mass

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
126 Liverpool St, Enfield

For more information contact  
Rose 9642 2359 or 0412 115 961  
Email: [rosetwymansydney@gmail.com](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)

## Pilgrimages to Cambodia & Vietnam 2022/2023

Following our wonderful and successful pilgrimages to Vietnam in 2011, 2014, and 2016, and Cambodia in 2016, we will be offering two pilgrimages in the New Year.

We will be working in **Cambodia** from December 28th 2022, until January 5th, 2023. With our partners, Volunteer Building Cambodia (<https://www.volunteerbuildingcambodia.org/>), we will build two houses for poorer families in rural Siem Reap. Our work will further help the VBC Community School, which provides education for disadvantaged rural students.

We will also be in **Vietnam** from January 8th to 19th, 2023. We will be working with disabled orphans, children born HIV+, and other disadvantaged children and families.

The cost for each of these pilgrimages is \$1500 per person, twin share. This will include accommodation and costs of working with our partners (houses, donations etc.). Any money left over will be made as donations to our partners

Expressions of interest close on June 15th, 2022

You will be responsible for travel, visas etc

For further details, don't hesitate to get in touch with Fr Peter Gardiner CP at [cppilg2023@gmail.com](mailto:cppilg2023@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VietnamPilg23/> and <https://www.facebook.com/CambPilg23/>

### Walk with Christ

You are invited to celebrate our Faith by Walking with Christ...the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019



**Sunday 19th June 2022**

Entertainment in Martin Place from 1.30pm  
Procession begins at 2.30pm sharp  
Cnr Martin Place & Pitt St

[www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist)

### Mass Texts: 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: Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23;**

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

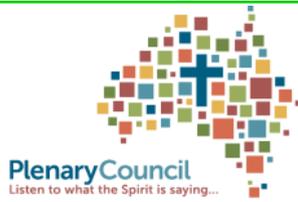
**Gospel Acclamation: Lk 24:46-53**

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

## INVITATION

Second Assembly Meeting

Bishop Terry Brady invites you to attend a meeting for members of the Plenary Council and Parish Ambassadors to discuss the Agenda for the Second Assembly



On Wednesday June 15, 2022

6.00 -7.30pm at the Catholic Schools Building

38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt.

Light refreshments served from 5.30

Please advise of any dietary requirement

RSVP June 3 2022

Sr Jo Brady RSJ at [jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org)

## **Didaskó** Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation

The Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, *Didaskó* seeks to respond to Christ's Great

Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev.

Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland.

Cost: \$25 per course.

**Bishop Umbers** will present the first *Didaskó* course on **Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism."

Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/).

For more information, contact Helen Wagner at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org).

## 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 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.

## The Catholic Weekly - only \$2.00 at the Church doors

PULPIT POINTS 29 May 2022

- Euthanasia: Leaders' failure a drop dead disgrace
- How euthanasia will affect Palliative Care
- Election 2022: Times toughen for Christians
- North Korea: A church of silence
- Book reviews
- Heavenly hymns - Richard Connolly

## Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney | Live Online Saturday 28 May 2022 | 10 – 11:30am

Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.'

In this fourth part of the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series, Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day.

Please register at

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

Inquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

## Sydney Archdiocese Retreat Day- LET THE FIRE FALL

Saturday 4 June - 9am to 4.30pm

Guest Speakers: Marina George & Ron Maldigri.  
Where: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Parker St, Rockdale  
Booking essential: [www.trybooking.com/BYXKO](http://www.trybooking.com/BYXKO) or  
call Helen 0433 455 114 Lunch will be served

## St. Brigid' Outreach -

### AOK - Acts of Kindness Community Outreach

You are invited to join us to serve people in need in Woolloomooloo.

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Leaving around 5:00pm from Shrublands Hall. Serving the homeless starts at 6:00pm and finishes around 7:15, return to Shrublands hall at approximately 7:30pm. Transport provided to and from Shrublands hall.

Spaces are limited to 4 people per session.

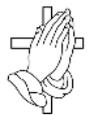
**RSVP:** [outreach@stbrigid.org.au](mailto:outreach@stbrigid.org.au)

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Xerri, Victims of shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas

**Death Anniversaries:** Rosalia Bacchetto, Amy Alice Cloran, Anna Hoang Thi Ngan, William (Bill) Edwards, Annie Collins, John Michael Bell, Deolinda J Simoes, Elizabeth Rose Matthews, Joy Matthews, Rosa Batista, Antonia Farrugia, Vilma Vella

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Mely Siasat; Renato Di Perna; George Turchi; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Falakiko Sevelo Kama; Joseph Chaina; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas, James Misingongo, Fr Rob Egar, Mary Angela Thomas; Kevin Boyce

**Other Intentions:** Wendy Lamb, Francis "Frank" Dunlea



**Parish Collection 23/5/2022**

**First Collection \$1,300.00**

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests, and brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives. A portion of this collection is passed to the Archdiocese, to support the ministry of the Archbishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

**Second Collection \$1,362.00**

The Second collection, which includes our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission, including the administration costs in running the parish. This collection goes towards our building maintenance costs, including insurance, utilities, cleaning & rubbish removal.

**Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish**



Please scan the QR code to be directed to our donations page

**Parish Calendar 2022**

**June**

- 3rd Fri Men's Club
- 5th Sun Pentecost Sunday
- 6th Mon Bereavement Meeting 6.30pm
- 7th Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7.00pm
- 9th Thu Fellowship meeting 12.30pm
- 12th Sun St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal  
Holy Trinity  
St Anthony Feast Day
- 19th Sun Corpus Christi  
Sacrament of First Holy Communion (1)  
Senior's Group 2pm
- 26th Sun Sacrament of First Holy Communion (2)
- 28th Tue Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm

**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**
- Saturday:** Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
- Sunday:** **Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.30pm (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 the First Friday of each month .

**Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries: 5th and 6th Sunday of Easter -Year C**

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	28/29 May	4 & 5 June	28/29 May	4 & 5 June	28/29 May	4 & 5 June	
Sat 5:00pm	Michael P. Liz B.	.Pau Cloran Gabriel B.	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Carole Price Paul Cloran	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen Shelley H. Thu Hoang	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Peter J. Sue King	Margaret T. Mary Leask	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Matgaret K.	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Peter J.	D. Maher Vihn Nguyen	D. Maher Vihn Nguyen	Peter H. Maria M.
Sun 10:30am	Primary school	Rosita N. Italian Frank C.	Albert N. Anthony N Joanne M. Angie C.	Albert N. Anthony N Tony Cipolla Giuseppe S.	Albert N. Anthony N.	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S.
Sun 6:00pm	Kristine R. Pedro M.	Adrienne H Arthur K..	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Jackie K. John S.	Tony Hayek Arthur K. Kristine R. Jackie K.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.