



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 NATIVITY of the LORD - YEAR A

25th December 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

Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

We this Sunday begin to celebrate not just Christmas Day, but the whole 12 Days of Christmas - more than French hens, turtle doves and partridges in pear trees as the carol celebrates. As our other carols sing, we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Christ the Lord, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, Baby in the manger, Little Lord Jesus.

And on the feast of Epiphany, the coming of the three kings, symbolic of all the nations recognising the hope of all the world born in time, the future of all creation already present.

We celebrate on New Years Day the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Normally the first Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. And in between we celebrate the feast of John the Evangelist, the Beloved Disciple and a model for us all, and then the Holy Innocents slaughtered by King Herod, and St Stephen - these were the first to be martyred for Christ.

And in all this we also celebrate our love and family, innocence and joy, gifts and presents, Santa, reindeers and sleighs. Families come together, and tell each other through their presence and presents how much we mean to one another. And for some, the experience is of the sorrow for loved ones who have passed and are remembered; for others the sorrow for divisions and lost relationships that haven't and perhaps can't be healed.

Such a rich and blessed time Christmas time is - and not just Christmas Day. So, don't take down the

decorations too quickly, or pack away the Christmas tree too soon, or re-box the Christmas crib.

Take the time to re-read the Christmas cards, and emails before they get re-cycled. And, most importantly, remember that the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay, is the center of our lives, our hope for the future and the healing of our hearts.

Kind regards

Tom cp



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th

6.00pm - Christmas Pageant
Livestreamed

11.30pm - Carols

Midnight Mass - Livestreamed

NB: No morning Mass



Christmas Day - Sunday 25th

8.00am - English Mass

10.30am - Christmas Pageant,
Livestreamed

4.30pm - Vietnamese Mass

NB: No evening Mass



Boxing Day - Monday 26th

9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 24th - 4.30pm

Free Audio Tour of the Passionist Saints



What better way to celebrate the Centenary of the Passionists - Holy Spirit Province, than with a Free Audio Tour of our Passionist Saints! Narrated by Fr. Tom McDonough and Mr. Jim Yeo, this 15 minute walking audio tour provides prayerful and interesting insights into our Passionist Saints.

Hover your smartphone camera over the QR code located at the front of the St. Joseph's Chapel. Then follow the link to the audiocast. Move through the tour as you gaze at the images and holy relics of each Saint.

Please turn your phone to low volume or use earphones. Please avoid completing the tour during Mass or other formal occasions. Thank you and Happy Centenary - Holy Spirit Province!



There will be no livestreaming over the Christmas break. Livestreaming will return on the 7th January

Mass Texts: The NATIVITY of the LORD

First Reading: Is 9:1-7

A Son is given to us

Response:

Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord



Second Reading: Heb: 1:1-6

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 2:1-14

Today a saviour has been born for you.

Piety Store

The Catholic Columban calendars for 2023 available.
Also weather statues of Our Lady of Fatima in all sizes.

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC



- ◆ 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

Please pray for:

Recently Deceased: Anne Callaghan, Kathleen Jacobson, Talanoa Lemoto Fenukitau, Faye Williamson

Death Anniversaries: Christopher Howard, Teddy Lakiss, Guise Bui Van Dan, Michaela Bodycote, Nora Kelly, Juliet Pastor, Monica Bugeja

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, Marie Thompson, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, George Clavigo, Buena Ong, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Teresa Faborito Mazzeo

Other intentions: Fatima Pereira, Wendy Lamb

The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 25 December 2022

- Prue Car: MP. Believer in bigger things
- Lambs among Wolves: Aussie Catholics take their faith to the streets
- Darkness at Christmas
- Anna Walsh: Start a spiritual reading book club
- Ladies! Go on retreat!
- When dying is about living

Only \$2.00 at the church doors

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES MARRICKVILLE

Vinnies Marrickville would like to thank you all for your generosity to last weeks Christmas Appeal. Your financial support is an integral part of our ministry and outreach and from every one of our clients a huge **THANKYOU.**

We would also like to acknowledge Casimir Catholic College for the amazing special hampers they provided us this year for the families we visit and also Financial Services Council who gave up their day of work to assist us in delivering Christmas hampers.

Have a safe and happy Christmas from all of us at Vinnies Marrickville.

St. Brigid's Outreach

AOK – Acts of Kindness
Community Outreach

You are invited to 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

Willoughby Antioch 40 years Reunion.
Spread the word. 21st January 2023
St Thomas' Willoughby.
Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com



Share joy this Christmas with a gift that can change a life

If you would like to give the gift of hope this Christmas, why not buy a Global Gift?

Global Gifts are Caritas Australia's charitable Christmas cards. The funds raised from these cards go towards supporting vulnerable communities around the globe, including right here in Australia.

Whether you purchase your Global Gift for a family member or friend, each gift reflects real items that will help assist the world's most vulnerable people in their fight against poverty and injustice.

This Christmas, please consider buying a gift that changes lives.

Visit www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413 toll free to browse our range of Global Gifts cards today.



You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts.

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home: Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas: Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Parish Collection 18/12/2022

First Collection \$1,450.00

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests & brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives.

Second Collection \$1,730.75

The Second collection, which includes our Planned Giving program, is for the Parish. It supports the maintenance and costs in running the parish.



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

Thank you for supporting St Brigid's Parish

Parish Keyboard looking for new home.
If interested please tell a staff member



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**
Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30pm (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. 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 .

Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries Roster

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	24/25 Dec	31 Dec/1Jan	24/25 Dec	31 Dec/1Jan	24/25 Dec	31 Dec/1Jan	
Saturday 5:00pm	NB 6pm Liz B Michael P	1st: Kelelia A C: Paul C	NB 6pm M. Dillon Vinh N Shelly H Ofa T Gabriele B	M. Dillon Vinh N Liz B Shelley H Thu H	NB 6pm M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Mary L Joseph F	Mary L Jim Y	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M Vinh N F. Seufale Margaret K	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Dennis M. Vihn N. Agustine E.	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Angie C Sue	John McG A. Sciavo Catherine V	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N Frank C Maria B	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	NO MASS	Adrienne H John S	NO MASS	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	NO MASS	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.