



# St Brigid's Marrickville

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### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## The Presentation of the Lord 2 February 2025

*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  
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#### 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:

Sr Rosana

#### Music Director:

Frank Mafi

#### Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group:

John Freeman & Richard  
Gonsalves

#### Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Ryan-Cook &  
Lina Elias



*Dear sisters, brothers, and friends in the parish family,*

*The Church celebrates World Consecrated Day on the weekend of February 1-2. In 1997, Pope St. John Paul II instituted the World Day for Consecrated Life, which flows from the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We are invited to recognise the gift of Jesus to the world, then and now, just as consecrated women and men today are called to share the gift of Jesus' Life and Love with our world.*

*On the Feast of the Presentation, we recall how Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, dedicating Him to God in accordance with the law. This moment, rich in symbolism, reminds us of the call to consecrated life—a life wholly offered to God in service and love. Simeon, upon seeing the Christ child, proclaimed Him as a 'light to enlighten the nations.' This same light continues to shine through the women and men of consecrated life who have shaped and enriched our parish community.*

*For generations, the presence of consecrated religious orders has been a beacon of faith, education, and service. At **St. Brigid's**, we are privileged to have had religious orders such as the **Good Samaritan Sisters, Carmelites, De La Salle Brothers, Mercy Sisters, Josephite Sisters, Marist Sisters, Passionist Sisters,***

***Brothers and Priests** have played a vital role in shaping the spiritual and communal life of our parish. Their contributions span Catholic education, social outreach, faith formation, pastoral care, and sacramental ministry.*

*The dedication of these religious orders has greatly influenced the foundation and development of our parish schools, ensuring that faith and learning remain at the heart of education. Their commitment to social justice and caring for the marginalised has inspired many parishioners to engage in charitable works and outreach programs. Through pastoral care and spiritual guidance, they have enriched the prayer life of our community, ministered to the sick, and provided ongoing faith formation.*



*These men and women responded to God's call in ways that transformed lives, showing us that the light of Christ is not meant to be hidden but to shine in the service of others.*

*As we celebrate this Feast of the Presentation, let us give thanks for the gift of consecrated life. Let us pray for those still faithfully living out their vocation and for new generations to answer God's call. May we, too, be inspired to present our lives to God in love and service, carrying forward the light that so many before us have kindled in our parish community.*

*On behalf of all consecrated Passionists and other religious in the parish, thank you for your continued prayerful support and encouragement, assuring you all of a daily remembrance in our prayer and good works.*

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

*We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to all students, staff, and families of St Brigid's Primary School and Casimir College. We pray that this year will be one of growth, learning, and faith-filled experiences for all.*

*At St Brigid's Primary School, we joyfully anticipate the return of students and staff. The school will open with the kindergarten students beginning their journey on Monday, 3rd February. The entire student body from Kindergarten to Year 6 will return on Tuesday, 4th February. This year, St Brigid's welcomes 378 students, supported by a team of 37 teachers, including the Leadership Team, four Amadeus tutors, and eight Learning Support Officers, bringing the total staff to approximately 49. Their dedication and commitment continue to foster an environment where students are nurtured in faith and encouraged to achieve their full potential.*



*Casimir College continues to flourish, with enrolments reaching 840 students in 2025, a significant increase from 680 in 2020. The College has approximately 90 dedicated staff members who work tirelessly to support students in their academic and personal growth. Over the past three years, Casimir's HSC results have shown tremendous progress and achievement, with the College securing 1st in the state for two consecutive years. The learning environment has been further enhanced with newly refurbished classrooms and state-of-the-art technology across all learning areas. The College's music program ensures that all students in Years 7 and 8 learn an instrument, with the option to specialise in later years. Additionally, the Creative and Performing Arts department continues to thrive, now offering a full range of Stage 6 HSC subjects.*

*As a parish, we are grateful for the presence of both schools within our community. Their dedication to faith-based education and their commitment to excellence enrich the life of our parish. We pray for a year filled with success, joy, and new opportunities, and may God's blessings guide us all in our shared journey of faith and learning. Welcome back!*

## **St BRIGID COMMUNITY DAY - SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY**

*Mark your calendars for St Brigid Community Day on Sunday, 16 February; a celebration of faith, culture, and community! The day will begin with Mass at 10:30am, bringing us together in prayer and thanksgiving.*

*Following Mass, the festivities will continue with a vibrant showcase of cultural foods, entertainment, and activities for all ages.*

*Bring your friends, extended family, and neighbours along to share on this special day. It's an excellent opportunity to connect, celebrate our diverse parish community, and enjoy the richness of our shared traditions.*

### **Senior's Group**

Please note change of date.  
February meeting will be 23rd February 2025  
from 1.30pm to 4pm

**All welcome**

### PIETY STALL

Baptism candles and stoles available. Also a variety of cards such as Communion, Baptism and Sympathy etc and other religious items.

### ST BRIGID YOUTH MASS - RESTARTING AT 6pm ON SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

To all our young parishioners, we encourage you to be part of our Sunday night Youth Mass and get together. For more information, please contact [youthministry@passionists.com](mailto:youthministry@passionists.com)

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Parents, if you feel your child is ready to continue their sacramental journey, please visit our Parish Office or website to receive information and an application form.

If your child is preparing to celebrate their first sacrament of Reconciliation, you are asked to attend the Parent Information Evening at 7pm on Wednesday 12 February in the Stradbroke Hall. This evening is catered to the parents' faith and understanding. Children are not required to attend, but we would understand if they need to come along as well.

### ST BRIGID'S LITTLE CHURCH

St Brigid's Little Church will begin again this weekend at the 10.30am Mass. Little Church is the Children's Liturgy of the Word, when the Gospel is explained to the children and there are activities held that allow them to engage a better understanding of the message of the Gospel.

Please contact the parish office or see Sr Elenita if you can help for 30 minutes on a Sunday.



### Artes Christi Chamber Choir Presents Sacred Music for Lent

Experience the profound journey of Christ's passion through masterworks including Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, Bruckner's *Christus Factus Est*, and Byrd's *Miserere Meus*. This Lenten concert invites listeners on a musical pilgrimage from darkness to light, from suffering to hope.

Join us Saturday, 8 March 2025, 7:30pm - 9pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham.

Tickets: Adult \$35 | Concession \$25 | Family \$75  
For bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXXHA>

### The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- Senior Australian of the Year Br Oliver Pickett
- Theology of the Body deep dive inspires
- The Church's digital media awakening
- The limits of spiritual leaders: Philippa Martyr

### PLEASE BE ALERT, BUT NOT ALARMED

We recently had an incident in the Ladies toilets where someone tried to set fire to toilet rolls. For the safety of everyone, if you see or know of any suspicious activity occurring in or around our church, please contact a member of the Parish Staff as soon as possible.

Parents, please ensure that children are always in the company of a trusted adult, especially when using the parish toilets.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney asks us *Is our community inclusive?* If you would like to take part in this survey, please fill in the form provided at the back of the church and leave it with the Parish Office by 16 June 2025.

### Please pray for:

**Recently Deceased:** Manuel Romao, Gertrude Pizzuto, Lucinda de Nobrega, Domenico Longo, Nelson Gomes, Paula Mauric

**Death Anniversaries:** Vincenzo Tesoriero, Siham Nader, Teresa O'Brien, Tat Dung Dang, Guise Xuan Phung Pham, Sidney Ernest James, Margaret Abbott, John Mahony, Gloria Randazzo, Linda El Tabar.

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, James Misi, Steven Para, John Love, Eileen McClement, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Laura Nolan, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Maria Caccamo, Paul Murphy, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Sharon Micallef, Nick Rizzo, Tina Schino, Rudi Presern, Antonios Gebrael, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Damia Roumie, Jose Gomes, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, John Lizzio, Louta Mafi, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances, George Baraket, Richard Hudson, Lia Naoumidis

**Other intentions:** Ken Walker, Wendy Lamb, Josephine Farah, Joseph Farah



**Mass Texts: The Presentation of the Lord**

First Reading: Mal 3:1-4  
The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

Response: Ps 23:7-10  
Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18  
He had to be made like us in all things.

Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!



Gospel: Lk 2:22-40  
My eyes have seen your saving power.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2025**

**FEBRUARY**

2nd	Sun	10.00am	Catechist Sunday
6th	Thu	7.00pm	Tongan Choir Practice
7th	Fri	10.00am	St Brigid's Primary School Feast Day
		5.30pm	Divine Mercy Mass
		7.00pm	Vietnamese Choir Practice
8th	Sat	7.30pm	Vietnamese Choir Practice
9th	Sun	10.30am	Presentation of Baptism Candidates
		3.00pm	Vietnamese Choir Practice
		6:00pm	Youth Group starts
16th	Sun	10.30am	St Brigid Community Day
18th	Tue	10.00am	Casimir College Opening School Mass
21st	Fri	10.00am	St Brigid's Primary School Opening Mass

**Liturgical Timetable**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY:** Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary. Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am and 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) | 6.00pm.

**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.

**DAILY MORNING MASSES**

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6:45	Vinh N	Jim Y
9:00	Mary T	Liz
Tue 6:45	Albert N	Viet
9:00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6:45	Albert N	Paul C
9:00	Liz	Buddy
Thu 6:45	Paul C	Michael P
9:00	Thom Thao	Joanna
Fri 6:45	Vinh N	Patricia
9:00	Tony C	Leila W
Sat 8:00	Jim	Judy

**WEEKLY ROSTER**

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
	1 / 2 Feb	8 / 9 Feb	1 / 2 Feb	8 / 9 Feb	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Aloysia S Michael S Michael P	Gabrielle B Elizabeth B Laura N	Gabrielle B Paul C Kelelia A Vinh N	Michael H Margaret H Leila W Ofa T	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Mary L Esther G Geoffrey L	Marco G John S Stephen O	Dennis M F. Seufale Margaret K	Geoffrey L Margaret T Joseph F	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Frank F Buddy M	Robert G Trang L	Peter J Tony H Anthony N Benadette Y	Giuseppe S Tony C Jenny O Albert N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Arthur K Charlene E Lenore D	Josh F Laura P Oscar O	Arthur K Lina E Charlene E	Arthur K Charlene E	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 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.