



## St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia  
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### Parish Team:

|                          |                                  |
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| Fr Tom McDonough CP      | Fr Giltus Mathias CP             |
| Sr Elenita Flores CP     | Fr Paul Kien Nguyen Ba CP        |
| Fr Wilbard Sambati CP    | James Yeo - Safeguarding Officer |
| Sr Rosana Estoque CP     | Pongia Fenukitau                 |
| Dcn Joseph Sy Ho Doan CP | Jenny Solo                       |
| Elena (Len) Di Perna     | Mona El-Khoury                   |

### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

21st January, 2024

*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 Schiano

#### 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:

Fr Kien CP

#### Safeguarding Officer:

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group:

John Freeman/Richard  
Gonsalves

#### Youth & Young Beacons

Jenny Solo &  
Kristen Roehrig



*Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,*

*Papua New Guinea is close to Australia but a long way from Sydney. However our parish has always had close links with our Passionist communities and mission on Vanimo on the far northern coast -on the border of West Papua-Irian Jiya, and at St Joseph's in Port Moresby, the largest parish in Papua New Guinea.*

*Frs John Curtis, Aidan Kay, Tim O'Toole, Fr Kevin Dance and myself have all been parish priest of St Joseph's. In our community here in St Brigid's, Br Jim Coucher, Br Martin Lusk, Br Damian Byrne, Fr Ron Davoren, Fr Kevin Tuitu'u, Fr Peter Gardiner have all loved and served the people in Vanimom over periods ranging from 45 years to 4 years. Others members of the parish in the past like our present Superior General and parishioners, Fr Joachim Rego, Fr Peter Gaughan, Fr Jacob, Fr Tony Simbel, Fr Joseph Liaia, Fr Paul Merceica and Br Jeff Daly have also worked there.*

*For many years, the 'candle money' each year was sent to support the students and priests - often amounting to \$20,000 annually.*

*This week, PNG has been in the news again, with the recent violence. But also with the Religious Profession of two of our young Passionist novices, Edward Linden and Christopher Kaire. In the full church of St Joseph's., despite the curfews, Our Provincial, Fr Denis, received the first vows of these two newest passionists for our Congregation.*

*They now proudly wear our Passionist Sign on their breast, and write CP (Congregation of the Passion) after their names.*

*We are blessed that these two men wish only to love Jesus Crucified, to serve and care for the poor, and live community life within our Passionist community.*



*The death of Mrs Carmel King*  
At the beginning of last week, we heard of the death of Mrs Carmel King, Carmel is the mother of Fr David King, presently living here in our St Brigid's Community, and former deacon and priest on the parish. Carmel and her husband Merv only recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. The funeral will be celebrated on Jan 25th, in St Kieran;s Manly Vale

*Fr Kien CP (Paul Nguyen Ba Kien)*  
A few weeks ago, we learned that Fr Kien is being appointed to our community in Adelaide. Fr Kien came to the parish early in 2023. Along with the general parish activities, Fr Kien has been chaplain to Casimir College; with Sr Rosana, he has been ministered to the various aged care homes in the parish, and, naturally enough, been so helpful in assisting our Vietnamese parishioners. An exact date for his departure is yet to be set, but on behalf of all our parish, we extend our thanks to Fr Kien for leaving homeland, family and our Vietnamese communities to serve here in our St Brigid's parish.

Kind regards  
Tom cp

### Refugee Family

Just wanted to thank you for all your generous prayers and support for our refugee family. 13 members of the family have arrived in Australia and are now in the care of the Australian Government.

St Brigid's generously raised over \$11,500.00, to help care for the family. Thank you for all your help and support in caring for the family.

There are still 6 family members waiting to be transported to Australia. When the family settles into Australia, perhaps we can share a meal with our new friends at a welcome picnic or B-B-Q.

Thank you again and God bless the St Brigid's community.

Pauline R

### Seasons of Renewal – Lent and Easter: How to evangelise throughout the year

Join the Parish Renewal Team online to explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during Lent and Easter so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Christ can give.

All welcome!

DATES:

Tuesday 30 January, 10 – 11 am

Thursday 1 February, 3 – 4 pm

Wednesday 7 February, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

To register for the workshop, visit [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

### Sacraments for 2024

Parent Information Night  
for the



**Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 7pm in the Hall.

Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be advertised once confirmed with the Archdiocese.

### Calling all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion



Please join us for an inservice on Saturday 3rd February at 9.15am in the church.

This invitation is also for those wishing to, or thinking about joining this ministry. (Please note a WWC check will be needed if not already applied)

For further information please contact Sr Rosana

### Are you New to St Brigid's.

Please note your best contact details on the clipboard at the back of the church so one of our staff members can contact you and share the many ways you can be more involved in our many ministries.

*We want to get to know you & want you to get to know us.*



Are you aged 18 and over, looking for an exciting way to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded individuals, and make a meaningful impact? Join the Sacred Pathways Collective, your gateway to spiritual adventure and personal growth!

To take the first step on this incredible journey, simply follow the QR code. Answer a couple of quick questions, and you'll be on your way to an enriching experience with fellow young adults at our parish.

## The Sisters of the Cross and Passion



We know well, our Passionist Sisters in the parish. However another congregation of our Sisters, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, also work with us in Australia.

Founded by Ven. Elizabeth Prout in the mid 1800's, the Sisters work in Melbourne and now are growing in Vietnam, alongside our Passionist men there. See something of the spirit of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion through this link to a presentation made by Sr Brigid CP and Sr Karen CP in Melbourne.

<https://youtu.be/LLdsbggVV0Y>

## A Lenten Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

Women of all ages are invited to join the Sisters for a Lenten Retreat Day. This day will focus on renewing the foundations of the spiritual life as we strive to live the Paschal Mystery throughout the year. The retreat day will include Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, talks by the Sisters, personal testimony, a Holy Hour, and discussion groups. Morning tea and lunch are included. A \$20 fee assists with covering retreat expenses.

### Saturday, 16 March at St Mary's Cathedral Hall

From 10am to 4pm, doors to open at 9-9:30am.

Morning tea and lunch included.

All day adoration (in the crypt) and confession.

For more information on the evening and to register to attend, visit: <https://bit.ly/3RRAKfa>.

For questions, please contact the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

## Carmelite Retreat Program 2024



**Day Retreats**  
**Feb 3rd, 2024**  
Fr Gerard Moran OCD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:  
A Preparation for Easter?

The presentation of Jesus in the Temple foreshadows his Passion. The last of the "Christmas Feasts" prepares us for Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

10am - 4.00pm Cost: \$30/pp (BYO lunch)  
Call 8795 3464 or 0481 035 989  
for registration or enquiries

Carmelite Retreat has provided brochures for their retreats this year, which can be found at the back of the church Please take one home.

Please join us in honouring  
Our Lady of Good Success  
in prayer and procession.

**2 February 2024**

**St Joachim's Lidcombe**



**Mass at 7pm followed by Procession**  
**Concluding with refreshments at the Parish Hall**

Bridget Sakr from the Heartfelt Community has invited the Sydney community to join her in procession at St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe devoted to Our Lady of Good Success.

The procession will take place on Our Lady's feast day, 2nd February 2024 and will be preceded by a Novena to Our Lady, which will commence on 24 January and conclude on 1 February.

Bridget is hoping to pledge 20,000 participants to pray the novena. Please spread the word to your family and friends.

**Recently Deceased:** Jamie Para, Carmel King, The Cuong Pham, Beverly Hodder, Patricia Masson

**Death Anniversaries:** Chong Leong Mou, Gioan Baotixita Nguyen Van Hung, Ilario Inzitari, Thomas Joseph O'Connor, Giuseppe Otera, John Kerpan, Philip Christy, Joachim Hoang Van Bau, Joseph Hoang Quoc Thai, Teddy Lakiss, Antonietta Consalvi, Noeline Therese Killalea, Irene Thompson,

**Carrying Severe Illness:** Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misi, Buena Ong, Phil Drew, Steven Para, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, John Love, Penelope Lincoln, Paul Darbyshire, Leonardo Sofi, Mely Siasat, Carmel King, Maria Caccamo, Roma & Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine  
Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Sharon Micallef, Paul Massi

**Other intentions:** Joe & Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Pam Desmond



**Mass Texts: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

**Response: Ps 24:4-9**

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31**

The world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

R. Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mk 1:14-20**

Repent, and believe the Good News



**PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

**JANUARY**

21st Sun 10.30am RCIA candidates  
12.00pm St Niño  
23rd Tue 7.00pm PPC meeting  
26th Fri 9.00am Australia Day  
28th Sun 12.00pm Baptisms

**FEBRUARY**

1st Thur 7.00pm St Brigid Feast Day  
PFC meeting  
2nd Fri 9.00am The Presentation of the Lord  
4th Sun Catechist Sunday  
11th Sun 12.00pm Baptisms  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
14th Wed 9.00am Ash Wednesday  
6.00pm Vietnamese Mass  
7.30pm Mass

**Liturgical Timetable**

**Mon - Wed - Fri:** Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am** and Rosary  
**Tues:** **Mass at 6:45am**  
**Thurs:** Mass at 6.45am followed by 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) | **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 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 Jan                                    | 27/28 Jan                                   | 20/21 Jan   | 27/28 Jan                                   | 20/21 Jan  | 27/28 Jan  |                       |
| Saturday 5:00pm | Com: Gabrielle<br>Reader: Kelelia            | Com: Paul C<br>Reader: Leila W              | Kelelia A<br>Gabriel B<br>Elizabeth B<br>Vinh N   | Paul C<br>Michael H<br>Margaret H<br>Vinh N | M. Dillon<br>Vinh N.<br>Sophia N.                | M. Dillon<br>Vinh N.<br>Sophia N.                | Jim Yeo<br>Michael P. |
| Sunday 8:00am   | Com: Marco G<br>Reader: Margaret T           | Com: John S<br>Reader: Stephen O            | Joseph F<br>Geoffrey L<br>Mary L                  | Stephen O<br>Margaret R<br>Dennis M         | Dennis M.<br>Vinh N.<br>Agustine E               | Dennis M.<br>Vinh N.<br>Agustine E               | Peter H.<br>Maria M.  |
| Sunday 10:30am  | Com: Angie C<br>1st: Frank C<br>2nd: Italian | Com: Sue K<br>1st: Robert G<br>2nd: Italian | Bernadette Y<br>Giuseppe S<br>Tony C<br>Anthony N | Joanne M<br>John M<br>Peter J<br>Albert N   | Albert N<br>Anthony N                            | Albert N<br>Anthony N                            | Tony C.<br>Giuseppe S |
| Sunday 6:00pm   | Com: Charlie E<br>Reader: Lina E             | Com: Arthur K<br>Reader: Olivia V           | Arthur K<br>Jackie K                              | Kevin B<br>Tony H                           | Tony H.<br>Charlene E.<br>Celina E.<br>Alexis H. | Tony H.<br>Charlene E.<br>Celina E.<br>Alexis H. | Arthur K.<br>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.

