



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

22nd January, 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

A New Era of Hope

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17

In Matthew's Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Up until this point, Matthew's Gospel presented us with Jesus' genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus' baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus' forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus' life, we enter into His public ministry.

Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John's words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it's important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old

Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus' public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.

Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach.

Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the

Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message.

Lord, as You began Your public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven, You instilled hope and a holy curiosity in the minds and hearts of Your first hearers. Please continue this good work and use me as You will to be an instrument of this hope in those I encounter every day. Jesus, I trust in You.

Piety Store

The Catholic Columban calendars for 2023 still available.
Weather statues of Our Lady of Fatima in all sizes.
Come visit!!

St. Brigid's Young Beacons Parents and Families



St. Brigid's Feast Day Preparation

Calling all St. Brigid's Young Beacons and Families
We need your help to prepare for the Special Occasion of the Feast of St. Brigid.

WHEN: Sunday 5th February after 10:30 am Mass

WHERE: In the Monastery

ACTIVITY DETAILS:

Prayer, Morning Tea (please bring something to share if you can). We will add some more paper squares to our St. Brigid's Cloak and we will also complete an additional craft activity.



RSVP: christopher@stbrigid.org.au

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

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

Free Audio Tour of the Passionist Saints

Hover your smartphone camera over the QR code located at the front of the St. Joseph's Chapel or below. Then follow the link to the audiocast. Move through the 15 minute audio tour as you gaze at the images and holy relics of each Saint, while you enjoy prayerful and interesting insights into our Passionist Saints.



Please turn your phone to low volume or use earphones. Please avoid completing the tour during Mass or other formal occasions.

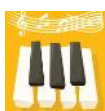


Donation for Passionist Mission in Vietnam

If you can donate and help support our mission please do so by donating to the following:

Trustees of the Passionist Fathers

BSB: 062784 Account: 100002347



KEYBOARD LOOKING FOR NEW HOME
One of the parish keyboards is looking for a new home. If you are interested please let one of the staff know.

Parish Collection 15/1/23

First Collection \$1,560.00

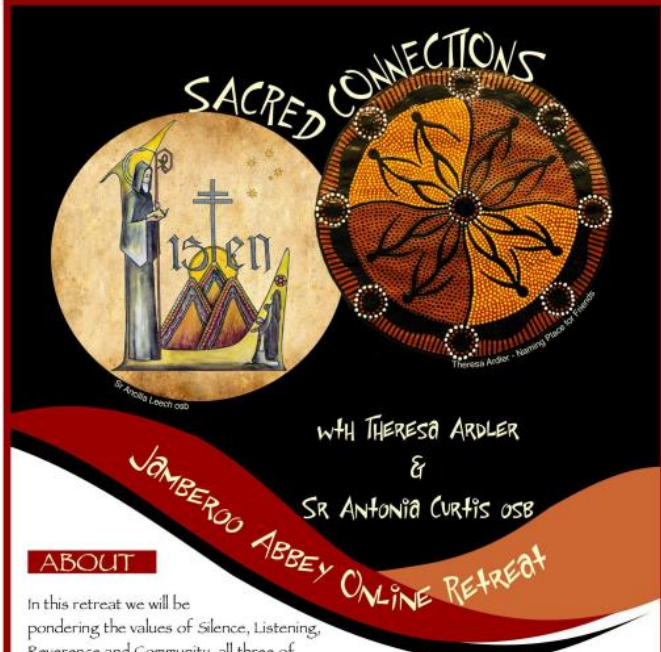
First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests & brothers who are part of the St. Brigid's community and whose ministry nourishes our lives.

A portion of this collection is passed to the Archdiocese, to support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired

Second Collection \$1,694.00

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 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



SACRED CONNECTIONS

WITH THERESA ARDLER & SR ANTONIA CURTIS OSB

JAMBEROO ABBEY ONLINE RETREAT

ABOUT

In this retreat we will be pondering the values of Silence, Listening, Reverence and Community, all three of which are integral to both Aboriginal Spirituality and Benedictine Spirituality. In bringing this retreat to you we are stretching out our hands in friendship toward each other - honouring both ways and striving to live in harmony and peace. We hope you will join us.

DETAILS

There are 6 conferences in this retreat plus a video recorded conversation between Theresa and Sr Antonia at the end of the retreat. There will be one conference each Sunday as well as questions for reflection.

COST

The cost of the retreat is \$300. If there is a problem with the cost please do not hesitate to contact us.

CONTACT Register online at: jamberoobbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats You will also find many other online retreats on our website.

DATE

Retreat begins February 12th 2023
All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

We are increasingly recognising and accepting, respecting and celebrating, our cultural diversity. Julie Bishop

The Catholic Weekly

PULPIT POINTS 22 January 2023

- Pope presides at farewell for Cardinal Pell
- Archbishop Fisher reflects on Cardinal's life
- Homily for a former pope
- Monica Doumit: the myths they told
- Those who loved George Pell
- A life of extraordinary achievement

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the Late George Cardinal Pell AC 2 February

The Funeral Mass for our late Archbishop will be held on Thursday 2 February at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral. Members of the public are invited to attend.

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Archbishop.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY (28th August - 19th September, 2023):

CONTACT-US-ASAP for details:

Fr Emmanuel tv

(SpiritualDirector): fremmanueltv@gmail.com;
holyspiritp@gmail.com; 0417999553, 0893413079;
Coordinator: Dax: 0420643949

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell

Death Anniversaries: Paul Schembei, Grace Wan, Caroline Yousiph, Sr Maureen Keogh OSU., Robert Driscoll, Leif Ahlin, Chong Loong Mou, Gioan Baotixita Nguyen Van Hung, Ilario Inzitari, Thomas Joseph O'Connor, Joseph Obeid

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Mary Angela Thomas, George Clavigo, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, Buena Ong, Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Teresa Favorito Mazzeo, Fr Thomas Thanh, Santa Battaglia, Maria Guilfoyle, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Fr Brian Gleeson

Other intentions: Wendy Lamb, Peter Tuong

Mass Texts: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 8:23 - 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Parish Calendar 2023

January

22nd Sun	4.00pm	Viet New Year Mass
23/24 M/T	6.00pm	Viet New Year Mass
26th Mon	9.00am	Australia Day

February

2nd Thur	7.00pm	Parish Finance Meeting
3rd Fri	7.30pm	Men's Club
5th Sun	10.30am	Young Beacons
6th Mon	6.30pm	Bereavement Meeting
7th Tue	7.00pm	Outreach Meeting
12th Sun	10.30am	St Brigid's Feast Day
15th Wed	7.00pm	Reconciliation Parent Information night
19th Sun	1.30pm	Senior's Group

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
	21/22 Jan	28/29 Jan	21/22 Jan	28/29 Jan	21/22 Jan	28/29 Jan	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Pat O'R Lec: Laura N	Com: Kelelia A Lec: Michael S	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelley H Ofa T Gabriele B	M. Dillon Vinh N Carole P Michael P Liz B	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	M. Dillon Vinh N. Sophia N.	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Peter J Lec: Sue King	Com: Sabina A Lec: Mary L	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	Com: Terry R Lec: John M Ital: Rosetta N	Com: Bernadette Lec: Dana T Ital: Franklin C	Albert N Anthony N Maria B Terry R	Albert N Anthony N John Mc Joanne Mc	Albert N Anthony N	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Com: Robert G Lec: Dianne M	Com: Katrina F Lec: Patricia T	Tony H Arthur K Kristen R Jackie K	Tony H Arthur K Jackie K John S	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 or 9390 5810. You may also to 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.