



# St Brigid's Marrickville

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### Parish Team:

Fr Giltus Mathias CP	Fr Joseph Sy Ho Doan CP
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### One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

## Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

15th December, 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

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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

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#### 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,*

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **Announcing St. Brigid's Community Day: Celebrating Our Uniqueness.**

*Our parish community is blessed with a rich cultural diversity - a beautiful mosaic of traditions, languages, and heritage that reflects the universality of God's love. As we approach **St. Brigid's Feast Day in February**, a time of renewal and shared devotion, our **Cultural Ministry Team** has prayerfully discerned a wonderful opportunity to bring us together in celebration.*

*We are excited to host our first **St. Brigid's Community Day on Sunday, 16th February**, starting with **Mass at 10:30 AM**, followed by a vibrant gathering that truly embodies the spirit of our parish.*

*This day is not only an occasion to honour **St. Brigid**, known for her generous hospitality and care for others, but also to recognise and celebrate the diverse gifts we each bring to our community. From the many ethnic foods that connect us to our roots to the songs, dances, and activities that reflect our shared joy, **Community Day** promises to be a heartfelt celebration of who we are as a faith family. **Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!***

*This initiative is the fruit of the hard work and discernment of the **Cultural Ministry Team**, whose dedication has been inspired by our parish's mission to be alive in Christ. Through their efforts, this event aims to strengthen bonds within our parish and create a space where all can feel welcome, appreciated, and inspired.*

*Let us come together to honour our patron saint, share our unique cultures, and celebrate the love of Christ that unites us all. **Mark your calendars for this special event on 16th February**, and join us in making it a memorable occasion for everyone! We can't wait to see you there.*

#### **Wishing a Wonderful Summer Holiday!**

*As both **St. Brigid Primary** and **Casimir College** close for summer this week, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all the staff and students. May this holiday season be a time of rest, joy, and rejuvenation, preparing everyone for an exciting and fruitful year ahead.*

*We also want to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the*

*teachers and other staff for their hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the year. Your efforts truly make a difference. Have a safe and happy break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!*



***Thought for the week.***

*Many of you might be familiar with Stephen Sondheim, the renowned American composer and lyricist. Most critics of Sondheim's work say his art is unconventional, capricious, edgy, and even bizarre. I particularly appreciate a conversation he had several years ago with the New York Times. Sondheim is speaking of musical theatre, of course, but I think his words could easily translate to homiletics, whether giving or receiving: "I like to change styles. That's one of the things that appeals to me about story is if I've never done anything like it before. It has to be some unknown territory. It's got to make you nervous. If it doesn't make you nervous, then you're going to write the same thing you wrote before."*

*In other words, as a people of faith, not only are we not to rest on our laurels, but I would define faith as "allowing God's Word to penetrate us ... TODAY." I must repeatedly be AVAILABLE, OPEN to the current outpouring of God's grace. It is what Jesus meant, I believe, by "reading the signs of the times".*

*You've probably noticed how the liturgical readings recently ("end of year" readings often focus on "end of time") have been drenched with frightening and apocalyptic imagery. Saint Luke, for example, envisions a time when the world will be turned upside down, signaled by cosmic events in the sun, moon and stars. Cosmic convulsions will accompany the coming of the divine one known as the Son of Man. Life as it is known will be changed, judgment and redemption occurring simultaneously. But we are not talking about pie-in-sky religiosity or insisting that we should suddenly all be reading an astronomer like Carl Sagan so that we know what to expect!*

*Rather, the kind of TRANSFORMATION or REDEMPTION described is probably best understood in what we often hear about as "random acts of kindness" — assisting the hungry, the homeless, the hopeless. "By their fruits you will know them," Jesus says (Matthew 7:20).*

*My takeaway is that I hope this Advent is new, and perhaps I must be "nervous" as Sondheim illustrates. If you know me, you know how I seem on the go, yet I don't want to be lulled into drowsiness (Luke 21:34), either. That is why Jesus keeps saying, "Stay awake!" or "Be prepared"; and being attentive is my call to holiness this Advent season. Life as it is known will be changed.*

*Fr Giltus*

### Piety store

Columban Catholic calendars for sale at \$11 each. Those people who ordered a copy of "God's Word daily reflections for 2025" can pick them up at the piety store. There are a limited number of extra books which can be purchased for \$20 each.

### Schedule for Children's Christmas Pageant



Friday 20th - 3.00pm  
Saturday 21st - 1pm  
(subject to change)  
Monday 23rd - 3.00pm  
(dress rehearsal)

### Christmas Lessons & Carols at St Peter's Parish, Surry Hills

Christmas Lessons & Carols at St Peter's Parish Surry Hills followed by BBQ in the Courtyard  
**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, 20 December 2024 at 6.30 pm

**VENUE:** St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

**COST:** \$5 donation per person to cover catering  
For more information, see the [Facebook Event](#)

### Parish Christmas Raffle Tickets

On sale after Mass

\$5.00 per ticket

or

5 for \$20.00

Great prizes



Lady looking for granny flat to rent in the local area. If you can help please call the parish office.

Free plush king size bed and base to give away.  
Please contact the parish office if interested

### The Catholic Weekly - Only \$2.00

- Maroubra...Not your ordinary parish carols
- Australia's newest Cardinal
- Carols at the Cathedral
- Notre Dame Cathedral reopens
- Go Make Disciples Wrap
- The Collegian: Issue 06 Liftout

**ADVENT REFLECTION**  
Week 04  
**TRUTH AND PEACE:**  
A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD  
**Peace**  
Slow down amidst the busy season, to listen, reflect, and prepare spiritually for the birth of Christ.  
Monday  
16 December 2024  
07.00 PM  
JOIN US  
Our Location  
St Brigid Parish, Marrickville

### CAROLS FOR PEACE:

Join Danny & Leila Abdullah, Mark Vincent, Gary Pinto & a Full Orchestra & Choir for this very special Carols ceremony to pray for peace. **FRI 20 DEC (5PM), Sydney Town Hall.** **ENTRY BY DONATION** in support of Aid to the Church in Need & its vital work in Lebanon, The Holy Land & Ukraine. Tickets strictly limited, bookings essential  
[www.carolsforpeace.org](http://www.carolsforpeace.org)

**Recently Deceased:** Isaura Estrela-Santa, Rita De Gois

**Death Anniversaries:** Mary Ellen Cleaver, John Joseph Matthews, Maria Neves Dos Santos, Kenneth Ignatius D'Silva, Fr Arturo Sardo, Pietro Bachetto, Peter Opack, Savelio Togia Lafo, Helen DeBono, Falaniko Tugia Lafo, Joseph Lahoud, Concetta Pirrello, Youssef & Nazha Ghosen, Anna Hoang, Thi Thoan, Edwin (Teddy) Edwards, Sigrid Piedad, Ethan Seng, Eduardo Alvarez

**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, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Damia Roumie, Jose Gomes, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, Antonios Gebrael, Louta Mafi, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, Sasha Dennis Rances, Marie Thompson, George Baraket, Richard Hudson, Lia Naoumidis, Paul Cloran

**Other intentions:** Josephine & Joseph Farah, Wendy Lamb, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Cáceres family, Rios family, Alonso family, Santa Cruz family, Felicitas Lozano Anonuevo



**Mass Texts: Third Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18  
With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Response: Is 12:2-6  
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7  
The Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation:  
Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18  
What, then, must we do?



**PARISH CALENDAR 2024**

**DECEMBER**

14th Sat	11.00am	Boarding House Christmas Party
	7.00pm	Carols on the Lawn
15th Sun	2.00pm	Senior's Group
17th Tue	7.00pm	PPC meeting
20th Fri	4.00pm	<b>Parish Office Closes</b>
22nd Sun	12 & 2pm	Baptism
	7.00pm	Youth Group
24th Tues	6.00pm	Mass with Pageant
	11.30pm	Carols
	Midnight	Mass
25th Wed	8.00am	Christmas Day
	10.30am	Mass with Pageant
26th Thur	9.00am	Boxing Day Public



**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
	14/15 Dec	21/22 Dec	14/15 Dec	21/22 Dec	This weekend	
Saturday 5:00pm	Gabrielle B Laura N Paul C	Leila W Thu H Aloysia	Elizabeth B Michael P Kelelia A Vinh N	Ofa T Margaret H Margaret P Michael P	Vinh N. Sophia N. Eidan S	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8:00am	Com: Esther G 1st: Mary L 2nd: Geoffrey L	Com: John S 1st: Marco G 2nd: Stephen O	F. Seufale Margaret K John S	Stephen O Margaret T Joseph F	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	Frank C Bernadette S Italian	Bernadette Y Peter J Italian	Bernadette Y Giuseppe S Tony C Jenny O	Joanne M Susan K Peter J Frank C	Albert N Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S
Sunday 6:00pm	Arthur K Karen W Robert W	Laura P Oscar P Landon O	Kevin B Rex H Lina E	Charlie E Charlene 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](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.

