



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 of Easter - YEAR C
01 May 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

The Blessing of the Restored Pipe Organ and Refurbished Choir Gallery

1 May at 10:30 am Mass



The Grande Pipe Organ and its Restoration



The Restoration



Organ builders Darrell Pitchford and Matt Richards



The Refurbishment of the Connie Cloran Choir Gallery



The Organ Committee

Thank you dear Parishioners and Friends of St Brigid's who contributed financially and in numerous other ways.



UPS AND DOWNS OF FOLLOWING JESUS: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Let me tell you a true story about a young girl, who said to her father one day: 'Dad, I would like to play the harp.' Her father was sympathetic but tried to discourage his daughter from pursuing that dream. 'They cost a lot of money,' he said, 'and your mum is very sick. 'But I'll work my holidays and Saturdays,' she answered. 'It's impossible, you're only 14.' her dad retorted. But with dogged determination, she stuck to her plans until with her mother's illness she could work no longer. She had saved \$1200, but where do you find a harp for \$1200? It seemed like a busted dream. But then the impossible happened. Call it coincidence or call it divine providence? A harp teacher told her of an older woman who had a very good harp and no longer played it. The teacher said she would ask on the girl's behalf. That very day the lady with the harp happened to be home for the first time in three years. 'Yes,' she said: 'I still have the harp and I will sell it to the young girl for what she can afford.' She also offered to teach her how to play it without the usual fees. Soon the girl's family home was echoing to the beautiful sounds of the harp.

We human beings are full of purpose and plans, goals, objectives, and targets. The possibility of achieving them leads us to make far-reaching changes in our lives. This is illustrated by our decision, renewed on Easter Sunday, to reject sin and evil and to follow Jesus in a life of unselfish loving.

Experience suggests that involvement in the life of the Church and its goals is mostly an experience of fulfillment and hope. Experience also suggests that this is not always the case, since sometimes we may have frustrations and failures, disappointments and discouragement. At such times we might come face to face with our frailty and inadequacy.

For the sake of continuing our commitment, it will help to reflect on the situation of the disciples in today's gospel reading. Seven of them are mentioned. To their credit they had previously responded to the invitation of Jesus to be his companions, to share his mission of making the kingdom of God happen on earth, and to share his activities of teaching, helping, and healing for the kingdom. In their shared life and work, they have known times of elation, excitement, and high achievement. But right now, it has all come to an abrupt end. Jesus their beloved Master, has been arrested, sentenced, and killed.

It's within this situation of disappointed hopes and broken dreams that Jesus comes back into their lives. Not simply as Jesus of Nazareth this time, but as the Risen Lord, powerful and empowering. The details of the story of this meeting suggest that Jesus is forgiving them for abandoning him and his mission, that he is re-commissioning them to continue his life and work, and that he is strengthening their resolve to re-commit.

Their human weakness is dramatized in their failure to catch any fish. But the encouragement and assistance of Jesus change their failure into success. We learn that they haul 'the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty three of them.' This dramatically represents Jesus re-commissioning them to their previous calling to be 'fishers of people.' It also symbolizes Jesus working with them to ensure the success of their work.

We note also the significance of the breakfast on the beach which Jesus provides. It may be seen as 'a communion breakfast,' in which the presence of Jesus provides nourishment, sustenance, and support to his friends.

The story of the first disciples and their encounter with the Risen One is our story too. We can easily identify with their weaknesses and failures, their despondency and discouragement, their disillusionment and despair. We too can sometimes be feeling, 'I didn't think that my life would work out like this. I thought people would be more appreciative, and be more ready to make allowances. I expected more satisfaction and more meaning than what I'm getting. Is that all there is? So, will I keep belonging to Jesus Christ and keep striving to follow him and work for him?'

When we are thinking & feeling like that, it's clear we have lost heart. On the other hand, it's a signal, as the saying goes, 'to let go and let God.' Thinking and feeling like that is a signal to let the Risen Christ come to us and to give us that new heart, that new Spirit, that new meaning and purpose, and that new energy which they received, and which we need so much. In our Holy Communion with the Risen Jesus today, let's share with him whatever we may be thinking and feeling about our friendship with him!

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Mass Texts: Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.

Response: I will praise you, Lord,

Second: Rv 5:11-14

John hears the voices of angels.

Gospel

Alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 21:1-14

The Risen Jesus and the disciples catch many fish.

All are invited to a thanksgiving Mass for Fr. Erick for his 6 years dedicated service as St. Brigid's.



See You Later

Fr. Erick Niyiragira CP

Sunday, May 8th

10.30 am Mass

Followed by Morning Tea

Fr Mike Schmitz to Address the Archdiocese of Sydney Live Online | Saturday 28 May 2022 | 10 – 11:30am

Fr Mike Schmitz, presenter of the 'Bible in a Year' podcast, will address the faithful of Sydney on the topic, 'Why make disciples? What our Tradition tells us about calling and forming disciples.'

In this fourth part of the *Reclaiming Evangelisation* series,

Fr Mike will examine the great adventure of calling and forming disciples which saints and sinners have been living from the apostles until the present day.

Please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

**St Joseph's Enfield
March Healing Mass**



Friday 6th May, 2022

Celebrant: Fr Yacub Barkat

Rosary: 7pm, Mass: 8pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm,
Prayer and Praise: 7.30pm, Exposition after Mass

St Joseph's Catholic Church

126 Liverpool St, Enfield

For more information contact

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The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May, 14th .Honouring our Lady and intercede for peace in the World and the welfare of Australia. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (inside the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (with the Immaculate Heart) Rosary, Litany of Loreto & Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary followed by Holy Mass at Noon. Further enquiries please contact us on - 0403578994.

**Ave Maria,
I Greet You Mother Mary
Concert**

13th May 2022

From 7:00pm – 9:00pm

At St Brigid's church

Marrickville

To celebrate Marian's day, there will be Hymns performed by different choirs from our community. We invite you to celebrate with us on this day as a Fundraising concert for St Brigid's church.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Eliza Pricolo, Adelia Volpato, Mardi Doyle

Death Anniversaries: Marie Castell, Anna Nu Thi Nguyen, Jose Ferreira Dos Santos, Evelyne Yamine, Franciscus Yuwono, Jamileh Doueihy, Fr John Pearce CP, Regina Camarro, Desmond James D'Silva, Hamid Dahdah, Saverio Anastasi, Paul Thomas Griffin,

Carrying Severe Illness: Mely Siasat; Renato Di Perna; George Turchi; Kevin Boyce; Peter Hatchinson; Josephine (Deacon Christopher's mother); Falakiko Sevelo Kama; Adelia Candi; Joseph Chaina; Margaret Kelley; Elizabeth Pizzuto; John Thomas, James Misingongo, Fr Rob Egar

Other Intentions: Wendy Lamb



Parish Collection 24/4/2022

First Collection \$1,520.00

First collection supports the Passionist community, all the priests, and 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 the ministry of the Archbishop, and support priests in remote areas across Australia and those who are in ill-health or who have retired.

Second Collection \$1,482.00

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 the 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

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 obli-

Parish Calendar 2022

May

- 5th Thu Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
- 6th Fri Anointing of Sick - 9.00am
Men Club - 7.30pm
- 8th Sun Charitable Works Fund Collection
Mother's Day
Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. Erick 10:30am
- 13th Fri Marian Concert - 7pm
- 15th Sun Senior's Group - 2pm
- 18th Wed Maintenance Meeting - 7pm
- 24th Tues Parish Council Meeting - 7pm

June

- 3rd Fri Men's Club
- 5th Sun Pentecost Sunday
- 6th Mon Bereavement Meeting 6.30pm
- 7th Tue Outreach Main Group Meeting 7.00pm
- 9th Thu Fellowship meeting 12.30pm
- 12th Sun St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

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**
- Saturday:** Reconciliation: 4.30pm. Mass: 5.00pm (Live-streamed) & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
- Sunday:** **Mass at 8.00am; 10.30am (bilingual); 4.30pm (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.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after 9.00am Mass on the First Friday of each month .

Sunday Mass Liturgical Ministries: 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Easter -Year C

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers		Collector In-charge
	30 Apr/1 May	7/8 May	30 Apr/1 May	7/8 May	30 Apr/1 May	7/8 May	
Sat 5:00pm	Paul Cloran Liz B.	Gabrielle B. Michael Price	M. Dillon Jim Yeo Kelelia A. Ofa Tupola	M. Dillon Liz B. Paul Cloran Thu Hoang	M. Dillon Vinh Ngu- yen	M. Dillon Vinh Nguyen	Jim Yeo Michael P.
Sun 8:00am	Sue King Margaret T.	Peter Jennings	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale Peter J.	Dennis M. Vinh Nguyen F. Seufale	D. Maher Vihn Ngu- yen	D. Maher	Peter H. Maria M.
Sun 10:30am	Catherine V. Italian John M.	Rosetta N. Italian Bernadette Y.	Albert N. Anthony N Terry Reyes Joanne M.	Albert N. Anthony N	Albert N. Anthony N.	Albert N. Anthony N	Tony C. Giuseppe S.
Sun 6:00pm	Kristine R. Arthur K.	Adrienne H.	Tony Hayek Anthony K. Maria F. Paul P.	Tony Hayek Kristine R.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Tony H. Charlene Alexis H.	Arthur K. Jackie K.