



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
Est 1886. Under the Pastoral Care of the Passionists since 1887

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One Family, Alive in Christ

We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

23rd April, 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.

Dear sisters, brothers and friends in the Parish Family,

After the busyness of the great Easter feast, it has been a quieter week for the parish. Of course it is still Easter, and will be for another five weeks.



However, the Church has been more quiet, and our two Catholic schools and government schools on holidays has allowed us a quiet breather - unless you've had the kids home or baby sitting the grand kids.

We hosted a special Holiday Happening for the children last Wednesday. It was a mixture of activities, a bit of craft, some simple prayer and food and drink. Our Young Beacons' group and a couple of the parents, with Deacon Chris and his wife Kristen organised the activities. We will be doing this each holiday time, partly to give the parents break. So keep your eyes open for the next Holiday Happening.



The good news this week has been our new priest, Fr Paul Kien being granted his official visa and then his permission from the Archdiocese to begin working full time in the parish. So we welcome, Fr Paul Kien as a full member of the parish team. Among the various roles, Fr Kien will become chaplain to our Casimir College.

We hope also, after the long COVID interruption to start our regular masses and visits in the five nursing homes in the parish.

A few weeks before Easter, we recommenced our Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 Sunday Mass. When the children return to the church, some remain with the Sunday Catechists in the front seats, some return to sit with their parents. So, we have also recommenced our special blessing for the children who have NOT made their first communion. After the communions are over, the priest and catechist will give the children who come up a special simple blessing and anointing on the forehead with oil. I hope all the younger children, and parents with their babies bring their children up for the blessing at this time.

Finally advance notice of the coming celebration for our Passionist Family Group Movement. This structure of forming a number of small groups in the parish, to be 'family together' began in our then parish of Terrey Hills. It was started by our Passionist Provincial Fr Peter McGrath. Fr John Curtis and Fr Kevin Dance brought the groups to our parish here.



The groups are made up of a cross section of people, couples with children, older couples whose children have grown, singles, widowed - all working to be family together and to look out for one another. Each family group gets together once a month to share something simple - a picnic, bbq, movie, a casserole or soup night, and of course they often see each other on Sundays.

As the friendships grow and deepen, the prayer and spirituality blossoms of its own accord -celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, times of illness and so on. Almost 20 years after its beginning in Terrey Hills,

other parishes began asking to have the groups in their own parish. Now hundreds of parishes in four countries, even non catholic parishes also, have the Passionist family groups.

On May 7th, we are going to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Passionist Family Groups, and the 30th Anniversary of their starting in our parish. This will be at our 10.30 mass.

Especially if you are new to the parish, have a think about joining - it is a great way to get involved, to get to know fellow parishioners. For those with non-catholic partners its also a great way for them to experience some of the welcome of the parish without being too 'churchy'.

It's simply following Jesus' command:
"Love one another as I have loved you".

Fr Tom CP



An invitation to The Grail Reflection Mornings:
Last Tuesday of the month, from 10am to 12 noon at The Grail Centre, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney.

2 and 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August,
The book is *Teilhard de Chardin on the Gospels: The Message of Jesus for an Evolutionary World* by Louis Savary.
Meeting on 2nd May will focus on Chapters: 4 - 6.

For more information contact Kay
Hunt: kay.hunt@optusnet.com.au

St. Brigid's Outreach

AOK – Acts of Kindness
Community Outreach

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



Thank you to those that have supported Caritas Project Compassion appeal this year. Please return your Project Compassion envelopes/boxes next weekend.

Church renovations:

The church will be closed for renovations from May 22 to June 10. Masses will be celebrated in the parish hall during this time.



CAMINO OF ST. JOSEPH 2023

An overnight walking pilgrimage for men

28 - 29 April 2023

Online Registrations OPEN Now

Join us in this annual overnight walking pilgrimage for men (18yrs plus) in honour of St Joseph the Worker.

We begin on **Friday April 28 at 8.30pm** with Holy Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers. Confession will be available from 7.30pm and the Cathedral Crypt will be open for private prayer. Pilgriming by

foot overnight to a total of 9 churches including:

St Benedict's Broadway,
St Joseph's Camperdown,
St Brendan's Annandale,
St Fiacre Leichhardt,

St Thomas of Canterbury Lewisham,

St Brigid's Marrickville,

St Paul of the Cross Dulwich Hill and finishing at St Joseph's Enfield with 6.30am Holy Mass followed by a hot BBQ breakfast feast and celebration afterwards.

Come, experience and see the Church fully visiting some of the most beautiful and oldest churches in Sydney. Starting and ending with mass, with each church stop being spiritually nourished by our priests waiting for us at each location with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed followed by a short reflection on St Joseph, prayer and silence!

Not to be missed, REGISTER NOW –

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>

Promo video - https://youtu.be/lp_1PahpzGI

St Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

On **8 May 2023 at 10-11:30am** the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Lizette Larson-Miller who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled "***I am what I ritualise: identity, theology, and liturgy in a secular context***". The lecture will explore the misalignment of the domestic church (the household or family) and the official church, resulting in a lack of reinforcement and continuity, and a disregard for the notion that rituals shape us. It will ask – Who are we?



PULPIT POINTS 23 April 2023

- Marathon man runs for the Voice
- The Voice: Yes or No? Writers deliver their verdicts
- Synodality document a key moment for Oceania
- Monica Doumit: Brutal bottom line in euthanasia
- Sanctifying the Hours: Learn to pray the psalms
- John McLaughlin: Man of law, man of faith

Catholic Theological College
Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith – May 2023

Theology, Vatican II, Scripture,
Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.
For more information and to register:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

The Sydney Archdiocese Committee, of the World
Apostolate of Fatima invite you to our May Celebration
in St. Mary's Cathedral on
Saturday May, 13th - 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. We look forward to you
joining us in Prayer. Enquiries - 0403578994.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH

New Youth Group - All Students Years 7 - 12
St Ambrose Concord West
Fridays fortnightly in school term. Beginning Friday 5th May
Enq: Catherine Phillips 0468 794 386

FIDELIS 2023

26 April | 6 - 9.30pm
St Joachim's Catholic Church, Lidcombe



ROSEBANK COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Join us for Open Day on
Sunday, 7 May 2023 from 10am-2pm

Guests will have the opportunity to:



- Take a self-guided tour or join a small group tour and hear about the College from a current student
- Meet our College Principal, Ms Iris Nastasi, and hear her vision for the future of Rosebank
- Experience classroom curriculum displays
- Enjoy student showcases and performances
- Meet our dedicated College staff and Leadership Team

Learn about scholarship, bursary and international exchange opportunities. The College P&F will be putting on a BBQ and selling cakes, slushies, popcorn, coffee and more!

Please note that Rosebank is currently accepting Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2028 and beyond.

1A Harris Road Five Dock 9713 3100
<https://www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au/>

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE



- ◆ 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



Try out our Free
Audio Tour of the
Passionist Saints

10-12
JULY

PURPOSE
CAMP



Know, Love, Serve.

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP

WHO: Open to highschoolers in Yrs 9—12 (under 18s only)

WHERE: The Tops Conference Centre.

51 Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops

COST: \$230 (Early birds till 31st May)



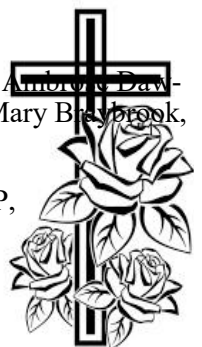
Recently Deceased:

Anthony Hayes, Joseph Nguyen Bao Toan

Death Anniversaries: Santa & Melina Ilacqua, Curso Calia, Brian Kelly, Dario Monterverde, John Ambrose Dawson, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Coa Van Dinh, Edna Bamford, Lotolua Fetuu, Laila Harb, Pedro Fratti, Mary Blybrook, Dominic Thao Xuan Pham, Patrick & Ann Thomas,

Carrying Severe Illness: Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Thomas, James Misingongo, Fr Brian Gleeson CP, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Falakiko Sevelo Kama, Buena Ong, Phil Drew Paul Darbyshire, Georgette Khoury, Fr Thomas Thanh, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Huyen Nguyen, George Bugeja, Penelope Lincoln

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



Mass Texts: Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades

Response:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.



Parish Calendar 2023



April

26th Wed 7.00pm PPC Meeting
 28/29 Fri 8.30pm Camino of
 St Joseph - Mass at St
 Mary's Cathedral
 Adoration at St Brigid's
 Sat 3.00am

May

1st Mon 6.30pm Bereavement Meeting
 2nd Tue 7.00pm Outreach Meeting
 4th Thur 7.00pm Parish Finance Meeting
 5th Fri 9.00am Anointing of the Sick
 7.30pm Men's Club
 7th Sun 9.00am First Communion Session 1
 14th Sun 9.00am First Communion Session 2
 Presentation of Candidates
 Maintenance Meeting
 17th Wed 7.00pm First Communion Session 3
 21st Sun 9.00am Senior's Group
 Sun 2.00pm PPC Meeting
 23rd Tue 7.00pm

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 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
	22/23 April	29/30 April	22/23 April	29/30 April	22/23 April	29/30 April	
Saturday 5:00pm	Com: Laura N Reader: Jan R	Com: Michael S Reader: Liz B	M. Dillon Vinh N Shelly 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: Joseph F Reader: Margaret T	Com: Mary L Reader: Marco G	Dennis M Geoffrey L 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: Peter J Reader: Dana T	Com: Bernadette S Reader: Mely S	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: Vanessa P Reader: Anthony K	Com: Arthur K Reader: Vanessa P	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