



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 14th November 2021

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 PASSION OF THE EARTH

Daniel 12:1-13; Heb 10: 11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32

We recall with both sadness and gratitude, the Passion of Jesus Christ. We are aware of our own sufferings, and to some extent the sufferings of many in Myanmar, Afghanistan., and many more.

What we need to become far more conscious of, however, is the passion of Mother Earth, the only planet inhabited by human beings, the only place where human beings can live, the only place where God has put us.

Tragically, as a result of massive industrialization, our earth has been exploited, assaulted, ravaged and destroyed at a rate unprecedented in history. For me, 'the time of distress' mentioned by Jesus in his gospel prophecy today, is the present distress of the earth, and the distress of the peoples of the earth who, more and more, are asking questions of survival and sustainability: Is it all over? Is there anything we can do to save God's world, not only for ourselves but for all who come after us?

Consider a few facts about the damage being inflicted on the finite resources of our earth by our modern, industrial, throw-away society—destruction of our air, water, sunlight and soils, causing the extinction of many creatures placed by God on this earth with us.

The **LAND** is poorly managed, overgrazed, poisoned by chemicals, deforested. In Australia, from 5 million square kilometres used for agriculture and grazing, about 2.7million square kilometres are affected by wind and water erosion, and salinity. Applying the brakes will involve tree planting, improved farming techniques, organic farming and better land use.

The **WATER** in oceans, rivers and lakes is being polluted by humans all over the world.—industrial, human, and radioactive waste, much of it toxic and carcinogenic. In Australia, the Great Barrier Reef, 1,284 miles long, is under threat because of rising temperatures and agricultural pollution. Many countries face problems in the supply of clean water for drinking.

The **AIR**—earth's atmosphere is being changed, the ozone layer destroyed, the climate changed and human beings being exposed to higher levels of radiation. As the earth and oceans warm, sea levels rise, ferocious storms and floods increase. Yet the recent call at the Glasgow Climate Conference to limit carbon emissions by 2030 was not universally accepted.

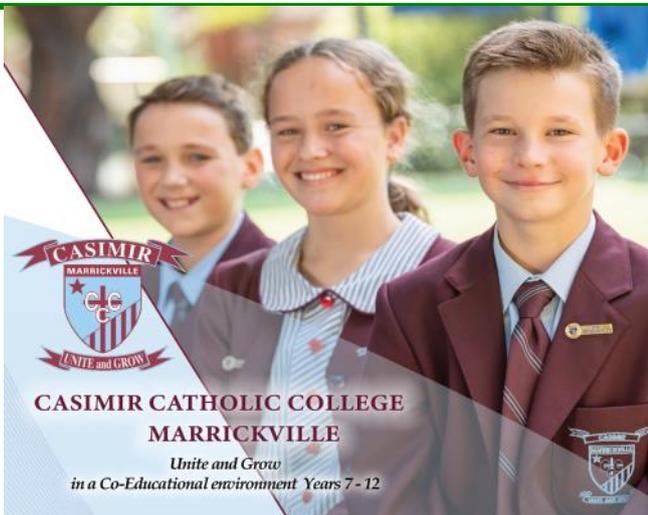
The **FORESTS** are disappearing. Since 1780 two-thirds of Australia's native forests and three-quarters of our rainforests have been removed with drastic effects on land, climate, rainfall, agriculture, human health, plant species, and our animal, bird and sea-life.

But so far, too many of us have failed to sufficiently register what is happening, let alone respond to it in sustained and creative ways. How then, should we respond to this ecological crisis, this passion of Mother Earth?

Pope Francis answers that '*....we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation....*'
.....we must do so personally, collectively and creatively,

**May the Passion of Jesus Christ,
and his everlasting love,
be always within our minds and hearts!**

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Throughout the pandemic, the work funded by these appeals has not only continued, but in some instances has been in even greater demand.

Please take one of the special envelopes provided and return it next week—every contribution counts—no matter the size!

Donations over \$2.00 are 100% tax deductible



Plenary Council Updates



To Register

The FUTURE of CATHOLICISM in AUSTRALIA

Convocation THREE
November 18 2021

Convocation Three will be moderated by Ellen Fanning (ABC TV's The Drum). There will be two 40-minute sessions with Plenary Council members and leading thinkers on the future of Catholicism. The panels will consider these questions and other matters affecting the future of Catholicism in Australia.

ST BRIGID'S SENIORS
NEXT MEETING
Sunday 21 November 2021
2.00-4.00 pm
in
Parish Meeting Room

PIETY STORE

Looking for a Religious item as a gift?

- ◆ Large variety of statues, rosary beads and Baptism candles.
- ◆ Columban Calendars for 2022 are available \$10 each.
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards
- ◆ Statue's of the baby Jesus
- ◆ God's Word 2022

Family Spirit
Fostering Care and Belonging

If you think you or someone you know might be able to help provide a home for a child, why not start by attending an online information session with our friends from Family Spirit.

Join a Foster Care information session

The next online information session will be held on
Wednesday 24 November 6:30pm - 7:30pm.



You can register for this session [here](#).

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Wed—Fri: Benediction at 8.45am followed by **Mass at 9.00am.**

Tues and Thurs: **Mass at 6.45am**

Saturday: **Mass at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary**

Public Hols: **Mass 9.00am only**

Saturday: Reconciliation 4-30pm Mass:5 pm; & 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 First Friday of each month .

Did you know?



Parishioners Coral (on the right) and Elley at the Community Centre

Young mum, sets up community centre in Marrickville.

*“Never see a need without doing something about it:
St. Mary MacKillop*

Coral Lever is a member of St. Brigid’s Parish. She is married and has four children, the youngest is not yet at school and the older children attend Casimir College.

Coral is an aboriginal woman from the old common Nanima Mission in Wellington, NSW, along the Macquarie River. When Coral’s family moved to Sydney, she attended school at Cleveland Street. It was while at school that Coral met some people who talked about God and this encounter made Coral interested in Christianity.

Coral recalls that activism was always a huge part of the conversation at the family table. She remembers learning about the great and fearless work of Charles Perkins and the messages portrayed in the artwork of aboriginal artist, Daniel Boyd. These experiences helped Coral to develop a strong sense of social justice, particularly for her people.

After high school Coral studied Law. She joined forces with another aboriginal woman named Nelli, who has a background in health and together they started a community space for aboriginal people located in the grounds of the PCYC Marrickville.

The community space offers fresh groceries, packaged food and prepared meals. However, it is also a place for people to stop and have a yarn. Coral cherishes her role as aunty and welcomes families to the community space. She is able to organise referrals for children to day-care and has guided people to the vaccination clinic at the PCYC, that was specifically set up for aboriginal people. Children are welcomed to the community space with free art packs donated by Aunty Hetty Perkins, containing supplies for children to use and take home.

Coral explains “Food is not a privilege; it is a right”. She stresses that the community centre is not a charity and that nobody is turned away. It is a meeting place for the aboriginal community; however, everyone is welcome and no questions are asked.

When asked about her faith, Coral replied, “We are the vessels to do good work. We allow our actions to do the talking”

St. Brigid’s Outreach acknowledges the amazing initiative that Coral has set up and the work of the many volunteers at the community centre, including members of the parish.

This is a St. Brigid’s Outreach initiative and if you have an interesting story that you would like to share, please send the story for review and publishing to parish@stbrigid.org.au

COVID—19 UPDATE

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

As from Monday 8 November 2021 and in line with the NSW Government Roadmap:

For PUBLIC MASSES (weekday and weekend) Churches and ceremonies of the Archdiocese of Sydney, including St Brigid's, are open to "mixed" congregations (fully vaccinated, partly vaccinated or not-yet vaccinated in accordance with NSW Health guidelines).

The 2 sq metre rule is in place, and masks must be worn in the church. Hand sanitising is encouraged.

Bookings are required for our weekend masses via our website or facebook page.

For WEDDINGS and FUNERALS:

At weddings AND funerals, the permitted number of attendees is **100 if all those present are FULLY VACCINATED**. The 2sq metre rule is in place and masks must be worn. **If some of those attending a wedding or funeral are NOT vaccinated**, the permitted number of guests is 5 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral.

Covid Safe check in is required

ST BRIGID'S 2022: BOOKINGS

BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12.30pm

**Dates: January 16 (1.30pm) or 23
February 20 or 27
March 20 or 27**

Bookings for the above dates are now open: please e-mail parish@stbrigid.org.au (incl address, phone, child's full name and chosen date and you will be sent a form to complete)

WEDDINGS 2022

New wedding bookings for 2022 will be accepted after the Christmas– New Year break, from the second week in January 2021.

At that time, to book please e-mail details of couple (names, addresses and phone) together with a copy of the e-mail your priest has given you agreeing to perform you ceremony to:

parish@stbrigid.org.au

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 Office on 9390 5810 or sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support.

Recently deceased: Ilde Reis; Sr. Letizia Annunziata, CP; Stuart Marques

Anniversaries : Maria Rosa Cruz; Teodoro Zamora Guerrero; Celina de Freitas; Lavinia Caixeiro

Carrying Severe Illness: Mely Siasat; Anne Lowe; Maria Guilfoyle; Renato Di Perna; Celine Steel ; George Turchi.

FIRST (Passionists) AND SECOND (Parish) COLLECTIONS



Thank you to those who have continued to support the Parish financially during the lockdown.

If you would like to continue to support the Parish on a regular basis, weekly (envelope) OR monthly (credit card) and receive an annual 30% tax deduction, please contact the Parish Office : parish@stbrigid.org.au to join our Planned Giving programme