



St Brigid's Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia

One Family, Alive in Christ

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B 17th October 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

FEAST OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Founder of the Passionists

Saint Paul of the Cross' Story

St. Paul of the Cross was born as Paul Francis Danei at Ovada in the Republic of Genoa, Italy, on January 3, 1694. His infancy and youth were spent in great innocence and piety.

Paul Danei lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ's passion. Paul saw in the Lord's passion a demonstration of God's love for all people.

He was inspired from on high to found a congregation; in an ecstasy he beheld the habit which he and his companions were to wear. After consulting his director, Bishop Gatinara of Alexandria in Piedmont, he reached the conclusion that God wished him to establish a congregation in honour of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

On November 22, 1720, the bishop vested him with the habit that had been shown to him in a vision, the same that the Passionists wear at the present time. This marks the foundation of the Congregation of the Passion, also known as the Passionists.

His first companion was his own brother, John Baptist. After a short course in pastoral theology, the brothers were ordained to the priesthood by Pope Benedict XIII on 7 June 1727, in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

The members combined devotion to Christ's passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. They add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. St. Paul of the Cross devotion to the Passion of

Jesus Christ nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy.

St. Paul was famous for his parish missions—a time of renewal for all Catholics. Paul was also compassionate and kind. He had a special gift for helping people change the way they were living and express sorrow for their sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

In 03 May 1771, the first monastery of Passionist Nuns was canonically erected in the city of Corneto (now Tarquinia), Italy, and the first 11 Passionist Nuns were vested with the holy habit and began their new life.

Paul of the Cross died in 1775, and was canonized in 1867. Over 2,000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived.



The Congregation of the Passion or the Passionist is celebrating its 300 years of Foundation, with its theme: Renewing our Mission with Gratitude, Prophecy and Hope.

Explanation of the Jubilee Logo



Explanation of the Jubilee Icon



*May the Passion of Jesus Christ
be always in our hearts!*

Plenary voices



By: Gabriele Turchi

Religious Education
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College, Marrickville

My name is Gabriele and I wanted to address the council regarding the role of Christian Families in the Domestic Church in Australia.

Families need to be accompanied in their journey of faith. In recent years they have been overlooked in an attempt to be inclusive to all others.

They have been overlooked also because they have in many ways ceased to exist. Where are the children in our churches? *Humane Vitae* was never taken seriously.

I am 42, I have been married 18 years to my wife Anna and we have nine children. I work as a teacher in one of our Catholic Schools, Casimir Catholic College in Marrickville.

“PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH REACT WITH MORE JOY TO THE SIGHT OF A BIG FAMILY THAN WITHIN THE CHURCH. WITHIN THE CHURCH THE SIGHT OF MY CHILDREN LEADS TO COMMENTS ABOUT THE LACK OF TVS IN MY HOUSE “

“FAMILIES LIVE AMONGST THE SECULAR SOCIETY. EVERY DAY THEY NEED TO NAVIGATE THROUGH SECULAR IDEOLOGIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN. THESE SECULAR IDEOLOGIES, PARTICULARLY REGARDING GENDER IDENTITY, HAVE NOW ALSO INFILTRATED OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.”

Gabriele Turchi's intervention on families caused ripples at the Plenary and has won widespread praise.

To read more, [check this link.](#)

Recently deceased: Francisco De Sousa, Mary Joan Savino, Sr. Valentina Pardo, CP

Anniversaries : Maria and William Kearsey; Madeleine De Sousa; Peter Nguyen Van Nhan; Sr Metty Donald RSJ; George Fountain; Franceschino Fois; Joseph Trung Minh Hoang; Diwata Christine; Dorothy Thornely.

Carrying Severe Illness: Maria Guilfoyle; Renato Di Perna; Teresa Mazzeo; Ellen Forrester; Celine Steel ; Nayara Faith Penitani; Sebastian George Turchi.

REFLECTION: MARK 10:35-45

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

OUR SHARED CALLING FROM GOD.

In our gospel today Jesus reminds us that he 'did not come to be served, but to serve.' and to give his life for the wellbeing of others. As for Jesus, so for us! Has he not said of us: 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' Today, then let us reflect on our shared mission, our shared vocation, our shared calling from God. In a nutshell, it is about being missionaries and ministers of God's goodness and love.

The word 'ministry' means 'service.' Any service, any outreach, may be called a ministry. Any service flows from our shared humanity, our being human beings together.

Any true service that anyone does, whether they are aware of this or not, is working for a better world of goodness and kindness, justice and joy, love and peace, that Jesus called the "Kingdom of God on earth." The Spirit of Jesus empowers us to go out and tell everyone by word, by deed and example the good news of the never-ending love shown us by Jesus Christ.

A glance through the gospels gives us a glimpse of the many different ways in which Jesus loved and served others. He treated all with love and respect, fairness and truthfulness; he felt compassion with those in pain; he prayed for them, he healed and liberated lots; he rejoiced with those who were glad. He reached out most of all to the "little ones" - the poor, the sick, the social outcasts, and those, such as women, who were treated cruelly or unjustly.

So, Christians, like Jesus, serve others, by proclaiming the truth of God and the laws of God, by praying, giving a good example, acting to defend human rights, and by being respectful, fair, kind and compassionate, caring and forgiving towards others.

His teaching and example have left us with a brilliant example of an authentic life—for becoming the best people we can be.

Vatican II was the first church council to spell out the meaning of mission and ministry. It taught that *the whole church is missionary*, and that to be a Christian is to be both a follower of Jesus and an agent of his love to others. It taught that *all Baptised people share in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ and are responsible for carrying out the mission of the Church in the world*. It emphasized humble loving service rather than status, honours, robes, titles and privileges. *It also said that as Christians all members of the Church are equal.*

Since the Council (1962-1965) there has been an explosion of lay ministries—to sick, disabled and dying people; to dysfunctional families; to youth; to migrants and refugees; to battered wives; and others in need of counselling, therapy and protection. Laypersons function in an amazing array of jobs, professions and roles—teachers, health workers, musicians & singers, prayer leaders, catechists, artists, architects, nurses, doctors, ambos; social workers day-care workers, foster parents, leaders of interfaith dialogue and co-operation *And so many of them view their services as Christian ministries.*

This explosion of lay ministries is a fulfilment in our time of what St Paul said about his: "To each person is given the Manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

This is what is meant by being a minister and a missionary. It is a vocation to which every one of us is called *by our humanity and our baptism.*

Let us each renew our firm commitment today

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- ◆ <https://www.facebook.com/MarrickvilleCatholic>
- ◆ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgjuPtUbmngGXYY7FHwoRPg>
- ◆ Instagram 
- ◆ Twitter 

CATHOLIC MISSION

Applications invited for a Donor Relations Officer

Full-time or part time. Based in North Sydney. Supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW and ACT. An opportunity to join the international mission agency supporting children and communities in Australia and overseas. **Further information:** <https://www.catholicmission.org/jobs-at-catholic-mission>.

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.

COVID—19 UPDATE

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

As from last Monday 11 October 2021 and
in line with the NSW Government
Roadmap”:

Our churches are still CLOSED and there will be no public masses until the 80% vaccination threshold is reached.

At weddings and funerals, the permitted number of attendees will be 100 if all those present are fully vaccinated. The 4 sq metre rule will be in place and masks must be worn. If some of those attending a wedding or funeral are NOT vaccinated, the permitted number is 5 at a wedding and 10 at a funeral.

WHEN 80% ARE FULLY VACCINATED

Estimated date: 25 October 2021 (?)

we will open our churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations (fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and as-yet unvaccinated); the 4 sq metre rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors. We continue to urge everyone to be vaccinated so as to reduce the risk of illness or even death.

As prior to lockdown, we will do all that is reasonably possible to keep safe everyone that comes to church: good ventilation, social distancing, hand sanitising, no congregational singing etc. These requirements will remain in place until the end of November 2021 unless government regulations change further.

SO.....

In line with Rev Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney, St Mary's Cathedral, and all other churches in the Archdiocese of Sydney, we at St Brigid's look forward to welcoming you all back to church from

Monday 25 October 2021



FIRST (Passionists) AND SECOND (Parish) COLLECTIONS

We have had a number of queries from parishioners asking how to continue to donate during lock down. For those of you able to contribute.

To donate

Or simply scan



BAPTISMS at St Brigid's

No further Bookings for 2021 will be possible as we work to meet the requests from parishioners who have been forced to postpone their bookings from the past year.

BAPTISMS—2022 Sundays at 12.30pm

**Dates: January 16 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
(inc address, phone, child's full name and chosen date)

WEDDINGS at St Brigid's No further wedding bookings for 2021 will be possible

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
parish@stbrigid.org.au

FUNERALS at St Brigid's

Funeral bookings, are being accepted, subject to the regulations opposite .

Please e-mail:

parish @stbrigid.org.au

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS 2020/2021

As the Parish remains in lockdown tax deductible receipts may be obtained if needed by e-mailing your details to
parishadmin@stbrigid.org.au