



ST BRIGID'S, MARRICKVILLE

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

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.



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1 February 2026 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

MASS TIMES

MONDAY - FRIDAY: Mass at 6:45am followed by Exposition and Rosary, then Adoration and Benediction at 8.45am, followed by **Mass at 9am** and Rosary.

SATURDAY: Mass at 8am followed by Holy Rosary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4.15pm.

Mass at 5pm (Livestreamed) and 6.30pm (Vietnamese).

SUNDAY: Mass at 8am & 10.30am (bilingual), 4pm (Vietnamese), 6pm.

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

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 at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

DONATIONS & PAYMENTS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED VIA OUR WEBSITE:
stbrigid.org.au/donations/

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

After a restful and well-deserved holiday, our schools – **St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School** and **Casimir Catholic College** - return with renewed energy and hope as they begin the 2026 academic year. We welcome students, staff, and families back to a new year of learning, growth, and faith formation. May this year be blessed with curiosity, perseverance, and a deepening sense of community, as together we continue to nurture young minds and hearts in the spirit of the Gospel.

In particular, we as a parish family warmly welcome our new principal of **St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Ms Carolynne Cavanagh**. We give thanks to God for her willingness to take on this important role of leadership and service. As she begins this new chapter in the life of our school, we pray that God will strengthen and guide her with wisdom, courage, and compassion. May she lead with love, kindness, and hope, nurturing a community where faith is lived, learning is valued, and every child is known, respected, and encouraged to grow. May St Brigid watch over her and the whole school community, and may God bless her ministry of leadership among us.



For **Casimir Catholic College**, I am proud to share that **Casimir Catholic College** achieved outstanding success last year, marked by a remarkable improvement in the 2025 HSC results.

Based on strong performance across all subjects, our school climbed **83** places in *The Herald's* league table.

Reflecting on this historic achievement, the Principal - **Mrs Carmelina Eussen** said: "It was the result of the dedication of teachers and the hard work of students over many years."

"It's not solely about Years 11 and 12," she said. "We have worked very hard over the past few years to establish strong classroom routines. Once students are engaged and attentive, they understand the importance of hard work."

PARISH TEAM

Fr Giltus Mathias CP,
- Parish Priest
Fr Joachim Rego CP,
Assistant Priest
Fr Doan Sy Ho CP,
Assistant Priest
Fr James Cong CP,
Assistant Priest
Sr Elenita Flores CP,
Sacramental Process
Sr Rosana Estoque CP,
Liturgy Coordinator
Elena Di Perna,
Bookkeeper
Paola Yevenes,
Parish Secretary
Jenny Ryan-Cook,
Youth Ministry
Pongia Fenukitau,
Groundskeeper
Jim Yeo,
Safeguarding Officer

Baptisms, Weddings and

Funerals are by appointment only. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or email us at parish@stbrigid.org.au

Ministry of Care & Support to the Aged and Infirm:

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes and in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members. Please contact the Parish Office to organise Communion to be taken to those who are home-bound.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after 6.45am and 9am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

OUR SCHOOLS

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir High School

9558 2888

"I cannot speak highly enough of the teachers," she added. "They are collaborative, extremely hardworking, and they offer holiday workshops for students. They are truly outstanding educators."

Mrs Carmelina Eusen also noted that the school's overall success was also driven by initiatives such as a strong focus on writing skills, a pastoral care program to support students experiencing study stress, and an emphasis on attendance and high standards. Additional measures included restrictions on laptop use in classrooms and the provision of consistent, constructive feedback to students. Together, these efforts contributed to the outstanding results in the 2025 HSC.

We, as a parish family, give thanks to God for these achievements and pray that He continues to guide and bless our school communities as we move forward in faith and learning.

Once again, congratulations to Casimir Catholic College on this historic success! Cheers!



Photo: Celebrating with Students after the 2025 HSC Results

THE BEATITUDES AND OUR DEEPEST LONGING (Mt 5, 1-12a)

Every person carries a quiet question in the heart: *How do I live a good and meaningful life?* This question is not-only for the young. It stays with us when we are 20, 50, 70, or even 90 years old. No matter our age, we all look for direction. We all look for peace. We all want to know that our life has value.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
-Matthew 5:3*

Many people try to find meaning in success, money, or comfort. Others look for it in family, work,



or achievements. These things are good, but they cannot fill the deepest part of us. Even people who “have everything” can feel empty or restless. Even people who follow a religious life can sometimes feel unsettled. There is always a space inside us that nothing on earth can fill.



Saint Augustine understood this very well. He wrote, “*You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You*” (**Confessions**, Book I, Chapter 1). His words speak to something true in every human soul. We long for a peace that lasts. We long for a love that does not fail. We long for a joy that does not depend on our situation.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus shows us the way to this deep peace. He gives us the Beatitudes. They are not eight separate rules. They are one path. They connect to each other like steps on a gentle road that leads our hearts toward God. Jesus begins with the poor in spirit—those who know they need God. From this humility comes a meek and peaceful heart. When we trust God, we can let go of anger, pride, and the need to control everything.

When life brings sadness, Jesus tells us that God is close to those who mourn. God may not take away every pain, but He walks with us through it. From this place of trust, a new desire grows in us—the desire for what is right, good, and true. This hunger for righteousness is not only about justice in the world. It is also about living honestly, loving faithfully, and choosing goodness each day.

As this desire grows, our hearts become more merciful. We become more ready to forgive and to show compassion. Mercy softens us and makes space for God to act. A merciful heart becomes a

pure heart—simple, sincere, and focused on God. And a pure heart becomes a peacemaking heart, one that brings calm into conflict and healing into division.

Jesus knows this path is not always easy. Sometimes choosing love or truth brings misunderstanding or rejection. But even then, He calls us blessed. He reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who stay faithful.

The Beatitudes show us that true happiness does not come from comfort or success. It comes from walking closely with God. It comes from trusting Him in every season of life. And when we follow this path, Jesus promises a joy that the world cannot take away—a joy that begins now and is completed in the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

WELCOME HOME



As a parish family, we warmly welcome back **Fr. Giltus**. We hope that his time in India allowed him to rest, to be close to his family and to draw strength from those he loves.

We are especially mindful that this visit home came during a tender and difficult time, following the passing of his beloved mother just a few months ago. While saying goodbye is never easy, we pray that being with family brings comfort, healing, and a sense of peace. We hold Fr Giltus and his family in our prayers, asking the Lord to continue to surround them with love, consolation and hope.

He will return on Tuesday, 3 February. We are grateful for Fr Giltus’ faithful ministry and are thankful to have him back with us. Now we can ask him to get back to work while the rest of the Parish Team takes a rest. Cheers!

SENIORS GROUP

The Seniors Group normally meets every third Sunday of the month. Our next meeting, however, is at 2pm on Sunday 22 February (not 15-02-26 as previously published) in Shrublands Hall.

ST BRIGID'S LITTLE CHURCH



Little Church is the Children's Liturgy of the Word, when the Gospel is explained to the children and there are activities that allow them to engage a better understanding of the message of the Gospel.

Please contact the parish office or see Sr Elenita if you can help for 30 minutes on a Sunday.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Parents, if you feel you are ready to support your child in their sacramental process, you are invited to apply for them to receive their first Sacrament of Reconciliation (from Year 3 onwards), their first Sacrament of Holy Communion (from Year 3 onwards, after receiving Reconciliation for the first time) and/or their Sacrament of Confirmation (from Year 6 onwards).

The Parents' Information Evening for the first sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 7pm on Tuesday 17 February in Shrublands Hall. The parish Adult Faith Formation team will lead the reflections for parents at all sessions.

For more information, please email Sr Elenita at elenita@stbrigid.org.au.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting of the Adult Faith Formation team will be at **7pm on Monday 23-02-26 in the School Hall.**

Margaret will be presenting *Reconciliation – Sacrament of Grace and Peace*.



HELP US BUILD A LEGACY



As many of you know, the church floor needs repair. The current tiles were installed in the 1950s and are now worn and a potentially safety hazard. Replacing the floor tiles will require a period of works between **May and July 2026**, during which the *church building* will be closed, but parish life will continue. Weekday and weekend Masses will be celebrated in an alternative space. In addition, urgent repairs are required to the roof of **Shrublands Hall**, which will also be covered by this fundraising campaign.

Our total fundraising target is \$650,000.

BUY A TILE

Re-tiling the floor will require approximately **12,000 new tiles**, in varying quantities of black, ivory, red, and yellow. These tiles are named after saints whose spirituality has been integral to St Brigid's heritage (the Carmelite Nuns, Passionists, Good Sams, and De La Salle).

Each tile has a set donation value, and supporters are invited to contribute by funding the purchase of tiles.

Donations of **\$5,000 or more** will be acknowledged appropriately.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

You can access the dedicated fundraising website at <https://app.galabid.com/stbrigidlegacy/items> or by scanning the QR code below. **All donations are 30% tax deductible.** If you prefer to donate by cash or cheque, donation envelopes are available at the church doors. For alternative arrangements, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, prayers, and support.

SACRED CHORAL MUSIC CONCERT

A SACRED CHORAL CONCERT

Praise Ye the Name of the Lord

SYDNEY RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHAMBER CHOIR



MONDAY
16 FEBRUARY, 7PM

Saint Brigid's Catholic Church

392 MARRICKVILLE RD
MARRICKVILLE, NSW



BOOK YOUR TICKETS
[trybooking.com/1519131](https://www.trybooking.com/1519131)

Directed by
Andrei Laptev

PRESENTED BY



Parishioners who would like to attend this event are invited to register using a 15% discount code: **StBrigidParish26**. Please scan the QR code on the noticeboard or click on the following link to book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/1519131>

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

EVERLASTING LOVE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2026

Everlasting Love is a marriage preparation course that gives special emphasis to the sacramental, spiritual, and relational dimensions of marriage.

There are three sessions available. Couples are only required to attend one session. So when booking, book only one session that suits you.

Session dates and locations are as follows:

- Session 1: Friday 13 – Saturday 14-02-26 at St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie
- Session 2: Friday 5 – Saturday 06-06-26 at St Joachim's Parish Lidcombe
- Session 3: Friday 20 – Saturday 21-11-26 at St Joseph's Parish Moorebank

Please note that the course is split across 2 days (no overnight stay).

Day 1 takes place on Friday evening from 6pm to 10pm, and Day 2 begins at 9am and ends at 5pm.

Cost: \$350.00 per couple

To book, visit: www.trybooking.com/DGPMC

CAS WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Join us at the *Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat* - a full day of prayer and reflection led by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia
DETAILS: From 9am – 4pm on Saturday 28-02-26 or Saturday 14-03-26 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Cost: \$50

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIBPT>

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Recently Deceased: Eddy Widjaja, Pasquale Barbalace, Maria Van De Pol, Mary Cerci, Van Bo Nguyen, Carlito Sanmocte, Retnabai Mathias, Louta Mafi.

Anniversary of Death for: Maria Chi Thi Pham, Vincenzo Tesoriero, Siham Nader, Teresa O'Brien, Tat Dung Dang, Giuse Xuan Phung Pham, Sidney Ernest James, Bede Kevin Price, Margaret Abbott.

Those Carrying Severe Illness: James Misi, Michael Chrissimos, Peter Martin, Belinda Camacho, Bev Harrington, Lina Massi, Margaret Barret, Rosie Pazman, Tim Jude Thomas, Catherine Harpur, Helen Eid, Damien Luck, Amalene & Gerard George, Elizabeth Pizzuto, John Love, Eileen McClement, Mary Angela Thomas, Lidia Obeid, George Clavigo, Huyen Nguyen, Georgette Khoury, Penelope Lincoln, Leonardo, Sofi, Maria Caccamo, Paul Murphy, Damia Roumie, Michael Natoloczny, Laurice Sassine, Tina Schino, Rudi Presern, Antonios Gebrael, Fr Christopher Mithen CP, Phillip Mithen, Catherine Vella, Angela Augerinos, Colin Constantinou, Lilyan McAusland, George Baraket, Richard Hudson, Agnes Sonju Wong.

Other intentions: Jose Ferreira, Hernan Restrepo, Anna Ivec, Joseph Bianchini, Wendy Lamb, Josephine Farah, Joseph Farah, Jose Ferreira, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Bardana, Georgette Daher.



SACRED UNION

For Young Married Couples

Family Outing to
Our Lady of
Mercy,
Penrose Park



Date: Sunday, 8th February 2026
Time: Arrive 11:30 am for 12 pm Mass
**BYO: Picnic Lunch, Drinks, Rug, &/or Chairs,
Outdoor Activities**

RSVP
Monday 2nd February
via [link](#) or QR code



St. Brigid's Community Day



Celebrating Our Uniqueness

St Brigid's Parish,
one family, many cultures,
alive in Christ

Sunday

15th February 2026

Started with Mass at 10:30 am

Followed by: *Family time* **fun**

*Celebrating
Cultures*

Music

Entertainment

**FACE
PAINTING**

KID ACTIVITIES

MAGIC



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Response: Ps 145:7-10

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 2	Presentation of the Lord	
Tue 3	World Wildlife Day	
	7pm	Liturgy Committee meet in PC
Wed 4	7pm	Sbfd Practice with Fr Doan in Annexe
Thu 5	St Agatha	
Fri 6	Anointing of the Sick after the 6.45am and 9am Masses	
Sat 7	Sts Perpetua & Felicity	
Sun 8	International Women's Day	
	St John of God	
	10.30am	Sacred Union at Penrose Park
Mon 9	St Frances of Rome	
	7pm	Adult Faith Formn. meet in PC
Wed 11	World Day of the Sick	
	7pm	Sbfd Practice with Fr Doan in Annexe
	7pm	RCIA
Thu 12	6.30pm	Russian Orthodox Sacred Choral Concert
Sun 15	Intern'l Day to Combat Islamophobia	
	St Brigid's Parish Community Day	

WEEKDAY MASSES	Time	Lay Minister	Lector
Monday	6.45am	Vinh N	Jim Y
	9am	Mary T	Liz
Tuesday	6.45am	Albert N	Viet
	9am	Mary T	Viet
Wednesday	6.45am	Albert N	Paul C
	9am	Liz	Buddy
Thursday	6.45am	Paul C	Michael P
	9am	Thom Thao	Joanna
Friday	6.45am	Vinh N	Patricia
	9am	Tony C	Leila W
Saturday	8am	Jim	Judy

WEEKEND MASSES	Commentators (C) & Lectors (L1 & L2)			Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
		31 Jan / 1 Feb	7 / 8 Feb	31 Jan / 1 Feb	7 / 8 Feb	This weekend	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Paul C Aloysia S Michael P	Aloysia D Michael H Jim Y	Vinh N Leila W Michael H Elizabeth B	Vinh N Paul C Ofa T Michael P	Vinh N Belatchew	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	John S Libby D Stephen O	Libby D Esther G Joseph F	Dennis M Joseph F Joanna V	John S Rebecca B Mary L	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Mely S Peter J Italian	Susan K Angie C Italian	Anthony N Angie C Albert N Bernadette Y	Anthony N Peter J Joanne M Frank C	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Laura P Kevin B Charlene E	Landon O Charisse E Rex H	Lenore D Charlie E Arthur K	Kevin B Charlene E Alexis H	Tony H, Janna Charlene E Celina E Alexis H.	Arthur K Jackie K