



# St Brigid's, Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) - 12th April 2026

*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.*

### PASTORAL MINISTRY CONTACTS

#### Adult Faith Formation

Mary Leask

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Sr Elenita

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#### Liturgy Committee

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#### Ministry of Care

Sr Rosana

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#### Safeguarding Officer

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#### Seniors' Group

John Freeman & Peggy Blackall

#### Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

It is striking how quickly we move on from moments that once meant so much. The day after Christmas, it is not uncommon to see Christmas trees already left on the curb, discarded, as if the celebration is over. And yet, in the life of the Church, Christmas is never confined to a single day. It unfolds gently into a season, drawing us through the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. Some moments are simply too rich, too meaningful, to be rushed past.

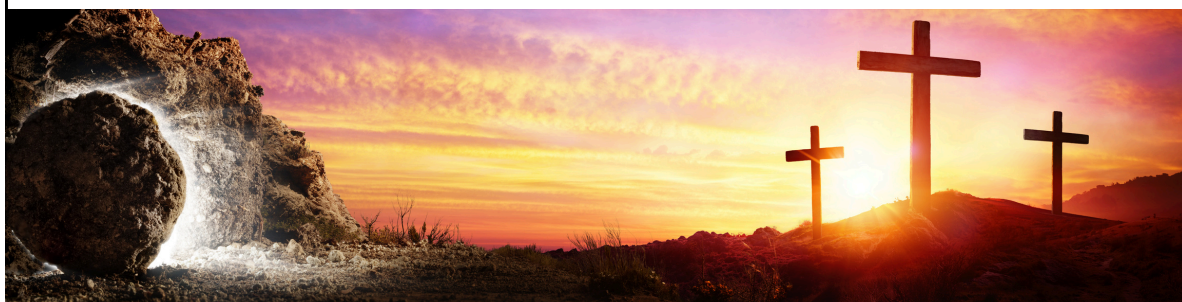
Easter belongs to that same category. Only more so. Just days ago, we stood before the empty tomb and proclaimed with joy: Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! But the Church, in her quiet wisdom, invites us not to pack that moment away too quickly. Easter is not a day to be remembered; it is a season to be lived. In fact, it is the most significant season of the Church's year, fifty days that stretch all the way to Pentecost. Fifty days to remain with the mystery, to absorb it slowly, and to allow it to take root within us.

Because resurrection is not something we grasp overnight.

The Scriptures tell us that after rising from the dead, Jesus did not immediately ascend into heaven. He remained with his disciples for forty days. During that time, he walked with them, spoke with them, and patiently helped them come to terms with what had happened. He showed them his wounds, not as reminders of suffering alone, but as signs of love that had endured and transformed suffering. He met them in their fear, their confusion, and their uncertainty.

Today's Gospel meets us so personally. Thomas, often remembered as "the doubter," is perhaps better understood as the honest disciple. He does not pretend. He does not rush to believe simply because others have seen. He names his struggle openly: unless he sees and touches, he cannot believe. In many ways, Thomas gives voice to what many of us carry quietly within ourselves.

What is striking, however, is how Jesus responds. He does not rebuke Thomas or turn away from him. Instead, he comes back, specifically for him. He meets Thomas in his doubt, invites him closer, and offers him precisely what he needs to believe. "Put your finger here... see my hands... do not be unbelieving, but believe."



In that moment, we see something profound about the Risen Christ. He does not erase wounds; he transforms them. He does not dismiss doubt; he enters into it. He does not demand perfect faith; he patiently draws it out of us.

This is why the Church gives us fifty days of Easter. Because faith is not a single moment of clarity. It is a journey. It takes time for fear to become trust, for confusion to become understanding, and for doubt to give way to belief. The Resurrection is not just an event to celebrate; it is a reality to grow into.

Perhaps, then, the invitation of this Sunday is not to ask whether we fully understand the Resurrection, but whether we are allowing it to unfold in our lives. Are we giving ourselves the space to sit with it, to wrestle with it, to let it reshape how we see our struggles, our wounds, and even our doubts? Because Easter is not over. Christ continues to come to us, in our ordinary days, in our uncertainties, in the quiet places of our hearts, and he still speaks the same words: "Peace be with you."

And maybe that is the quiet grace of this season. Not that everything suddenly makes sense, but that, over time, we begin to see differently. We begin to recognise that even in the midst of our questions and our wounds, something new is unfolding.

Easter is not something to be hurried through. It is something to be lived into, slowly, patiently, until it begins to change us from within. For Jesus Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This weekend is also Dive Mercy Sunday. It comes right after Easter for a reason. Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to pause and rethink how we understand God, not as distant or demanding perfection, but as one who meets us precisely in our weakness. When the risen Jesus appears to the disciples, he doesn't return with disappointment or blame for their failure. He comes with wounds still visible... and with peace on his lips. Mercy is not God ignoring our brokenness; it is God entering it without hesitation.

In a world that often runs on performance, judgment, and quiet shame, Divine Mercy Sunday gently disrupts that narrative. It reminds us that we are not loved because we have it all together; we are loved even where we fall apart. And perhaps the deeper invitation is this: to receive that mercy... and then become it for others. Because the world doesn't just need more correct people, it needs more merciful ones.

And mercy, in the end, is not weakness; it is courage, the courage to forgive, to begin again, and to see others not as they are at their worst, but as they can become.

It is choosing compassion when judgment feels easier, and patience when frustration feels justified.

It is the quiet strength that heals relationships, restores dignity, and keeps hope alive. Perhaps mercy is the most human way we reflect the divine. And maybe, just maybe, it is also the way God slowly heals the world, one heart at a time.

## A PRAYER SPACE

A special prayer space for peace is set aside in the Pietà Chapel, acknowledging the burdens and grief carried by our world and in our own lives. Many people carry physical, social, moral, political, and spiritual struggles, and often long for stillness, comfort, and hope. This sacred space is offered as a gentle place to pause, pray, and be still in the presence of God. Before Our Lady of Sorrows and beside the image of the Pietà, all are welcome to lay down their burdens, prayers, grief, and hopes. **An hour of Adoration will also be held on all weekdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.** May this space become a place of peace, healing, and hope for our parish community and all who enter. Come along and spend some time.

## THANK YOU

Once again, with a deeply grateful heart, I thank each one of you who assisted in making the Triduum such a profoundly prayerful, moving, and beautiful experience for our parish community. A Triduum at St Brigid's is always something uniquely special, rich in faith, deeply reverent, and carried by the spirit of a community that truly enters into these sacred days together.

I know I will not do justice by trying to name just a few, because so many, both seen and unseen, have given of themselves so generously. From those in visible ministries to those who worked quietly behind the scenes, your dedication, care, and love for the liturgy were evident in every moment. So many have shared how touched and uplifted they felt, this is a testament to your commitment and heart.

May the grace you have helped bring alive in these sacred days remain with you and your families, and may the joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts. Christ is risen, risen indeed!



Thank You

**NOTICE:** The church will close for renovations from 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026. If you are available to volunteer during that time, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of the Church.



## Sacred Union For Young Married Couples

### Marriage as a Sacrament



Subdeacon Eddie Sallan  
Guest Speaker

Join us for an inspiring conversation with Subdeacon Eddie Sallan, as he reflects on *Marriage as a Sacrament* and the ways God is present in the everyday joys and challenges of married life.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
5 pm Mass followed by  
supper & guest speaker  
in Shrublands Hall

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND TO  
RSVP BY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL



THIS IS A COUPLES ONLY EVENT

## PASSIONIST INSTITUTE 2026

### New wine, New wineskins

START FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 5PM  
UNTIL SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 1PM



*We gather together to look at our Charism  
and the challenges of our 'new times'.  
"No one pours new wine into old wineskins"  
(Luke 5:37)*

In Person Gathering encouraged yet recordings will be made available

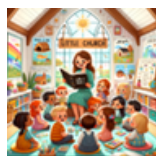
Cost: \$175pp inc. accommodation and all meals

Location: Holy Cross Retreat Centre, Templestowe, VIC



BOOKINGS & QUESTIONS  
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## 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.

## PIETY STORE

Baptism candles and stoles available. Also a large variety of religious goods – rosaries, statues, cards and gifts for sale.

## BUY A TILE. LEAVE A LEGACY.

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- the heart of Marrickville.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those Recently Deceased:** Mariam Haifa, Anna Djura, Allen Stanley Canlas, Carlos Silva, Losa Kupu, Michael John Tarabay

**Anniversary of Death for:** Angel Chafic, George Jabbour, Nicodemo Travia, Francis Earl Guilfoyle, Pacita Sabitsana, Ellen Alice Dawson, Peter Hoang Binh, Michael Apikotoa, Fr Paul Jennings MSC, Bernadette Anne Lowe, Vicente le Trung Van, Falakiko Kama, Katarzyna LaKoma, Kathleen Turner.

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

**Other Intentions:** Joseph Bianchini, Joseph Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb, Ethan Sang

**MASS TEXTS: 2nd SUNDAY of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common

**Response: Psalm**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love is everlasting.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

You did not see Christ, yet you love him

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2026**

Sun 12		2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Baptism Presentation
	7pm	Parish Youth
Tue 14	10.30am	Maybank NH Mass
	7pm	PPC
Wed 15	11 am	Funeral: Anna Djura
Sat 18	6pm	Sacred Union: Young Married Couple
Sun 19	2pm	Senior Grop in PC
	3.30pm	St Dominic Vu (Viet Celebration)

**LITURGICAL TIMETABLE**

**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.

**MINISTRY OF CARE & SUPPORT TO THE AGED AND INFIRMED:**

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.

**DAILY MORNING MASSES**

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6.45	Vinh N	Jim Y
9.00	Mary T	Liz
Tue 6.45	Albert N	Viet
9.00	Mary T	Viet
Wed 6.45	Albert N	Paul C
9.00	Liz	Buddy

**WEEKLY ROSTER**

MASS TIMES		Commentators (C) & Lectors (L1 & L2)		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
		11-12 April	18-19 April	11-12 April	18-19 April	11-12 April	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Elizabeth B Thu T Micheal P	Laura N Chihn Q Jim Y	Vinh N Kalelia F George K Carole P	Vinh N Micheal H Gabrielle B Leila W	Vinh N Ben, Augustine	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Mary L Esther G Joanna V	Libby D Marco G Jason G	Stephen O Margaret K Mary L	Joanna V Dennis M John S	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Angie C Bernadette Y Italian	Bermadette S Trang L Italian	Anthony N John M Bernadette S Albert N	Anthony N Jenny O Angie C John M	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Lenore D Charlene E Rex H	Laura P Charisse E Rania R	Charlene E Kevin B Lina E	Alexis H Rex H Charlie E	Tony H, Janna 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 [safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquires@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. You may also speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.