



St Brigid's, Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia.

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One Family, Alive in Christ. We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 19th 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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Committee

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Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

This week, for our Third Sunday of Easter, we are presented with the Emmaus story. It is one of the most moving resurrection stories because it is so deeply human. Two disciples walk away from Jerusalem carrying shattered hopes. They had trusted, expected, and dreamed, and now it all seems broken. What they thought God would do had not happened the way they imagined. Their expectations had been crucified along with Jesus.

That experience is not far from our own. We know what it is to build hopes around a relationship, a family, a job, a future, even around the Church or the world itself, only to find those hopes wounded or undone. A marriage struggles, a loved one dies, peace does not come, injustice seems to win, political life becomes bitter and divisive, and the world feels heavy with hatred, violence, and retaliation. There are moments when it feels as though the stone is still firmly in place and death still has the final word.

And yet the beauty of Emmaus is this: Jesus comes to meet them not when they are strong, but when they are confused; not when they are full of faith, but when they are full of disappointment. He walks with them before they recognise him. He listens to their sadness before he rekindles their hope.

So often in life, that is how grace works. A person who has gone through grief will sometimes say, "I do not know how I survived that time." A parent who has carried worry for a child, or someone who has endured illness, loneliness, or heartbreak, often only sees later that they were somehow accompanied. Strength came quietly. Light appeared slowly. The Lord was there, even if unrecognised.

Easter reminds us that the risen Christ is not a memory we preserve or a phrase we repeat. He is alive, and he goes before us. We will not find him where we last placed him, safely confined to the past, to certainty, or to our own expectations. We find him on the road, in the breaking of bread, in mercy, in courage, and in the invitation to begin again. The Emmaus story tells us that even when our expectations are crucified, hope need not die. The Lord is risen, and because he is risen, the road is still open. He walks with us still. Alleluia!



ATTENTION

AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ON PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS!

As you know, we had planned to undertake a few maintenance works between May and July: the replacement of the church floor tiles, interior painting, pews, hall roof and a few other renovation works. An exception was given for a like-for-like replacement of the church floor tiles. However, given the age of the existing tiles and the time period in which they were produced, we have encountered an unexpected difficulty. The company that provided the initial samples has since ceased production, and obtaining the same like-for-like vinyl has proven to be extremely difficult. The challenge is not only local; it is proving difficult to source matching material more broadly, as older styles and specifications are no longer readily manufactured or available.

Our Maintenance Committee is now exploring alternative options. As this may no longer fall under a straightforward like-for-like replacement, it could require further consultation with Council and, if necessary, a Development Application process.

In the meantime, the other scheduled renovation works will commence in May as planned. These works are expected to continue through the coming months, and it is now likely that the reopening of the church may be earlier than first projected.

I also want to reassure you that the closing of the church building does not mean the parish stops functioning as usual. Parish life, prayer, and the celebration of the sacraments will continue. **During this time, the Parish Hall will serve as the space for weekday Masses and as a prayer space throughout the week, with the tabernacle set up for quiet prayer and reflection. The Primary School Hall will serve as the space for weekend Masses.** Once the renovation begins, we may also need volunteers on a weekly basis (setting up the school hall and unpacking) or as needed for various practical tasks. If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish office or leave your details on the sheets at the back of the church.

I am also aware of and grateful for the many of you who have generously paid to support the **"buy a tile"** initiative. I will soon provide an update to those who have purchased tiles regarding what comes next, once we have greater clarity about the available options and after further discussion with the Fundraising Committee.

Thank you sincerely for your generosity, patience, and ongoing support. Your love for the parish and your willingness to journey with us through these necessary works are deeply appreciated.

I will keep you all updated as we progress on this issue. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at pp@stbrigid.org.au.

With gratitude and blessings
Fr Giltus Mathias CP

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to the new school term to everyone at St Brigid's Primary School and Casimir College from all of us at St Brigid's Parish. We hope the break has been a time of rest and renewal for students, staff, and families. As the new term begins, may it be filled with fresh energy, enthusiasm for learning, kindness in friendships, and many opportunities for growth. Please know of the parish's prayers and support for both our school communities. May this term be a happy, fruitful, and grace-filled one for all.

HAPPY FEAST OF ST DOMINIC VU

"On the occasion of the patronal feast of Saint Dominic Vŭ Đĩnh Tường, we, the Parish community, would like to extend our warmest greetings and prayerful best wishes to our Vietnamese community at Marrickville, a valued and vibrant part of our parish family here in Sydney. As we celebrate this feast day, we give thanks to God for the gift of faith handed down to us through the courageous witness of the martyrs, and in a particular way through the life and testimony of Saint Dominic Vŭ Đĩnh Tường. His steadfast fidelity to Christ, even amid suffering and persecution, continues to inspire us to live our own discipleship with courage and integrity in today's world. May this celebration strengthen your unity as a community, deepen your love for the Gospel, and renew your commitment to live out your faith in daily life.

We thank you for the richness you bring to our parish through your prayer, traditions, and witness of faith. May the Lord bless all of you abundantly as you celebrate your patronal feast, and may Saint Dominic Vŭ Đĩnh Tường intercede for all of you, guiding you to remain faithful, joyful, and steadfast in Christ."





Two IMPACTFUL Sessions!

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April, meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events

April Session: Discover Palms Online!

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

May Session: Live from Timor Leste!

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST

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APRIL INFO SESSION



MAY INFO SESSION

Discover and share in our story

The Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, its history and heritage.

Australia's first religious sisters have been of service to the community regardless of creed, wealth or ethnicity, for over 185 years.

Tuesday – Thursday
10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment
Free entry, parking available
Bookings recommended



You too are part of this continuing and living heritage and we'd love to welcome you.



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the messy family project®

AUSTRALIAN TOUR 2026

HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
10 MAY GROWING OUR FAMILY CULTURE SPIRITUAL + PRACTICAL FORMATION St Michael's Lane Cove		12 MAY FOLLOWING MARY'S FOOTSTEPS FOR MUMS AND BUBS St Jerome's Punchbowl + WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FATHER FOR DADS St Luke's Revesby		8-9 MAY FAMILY CULTURE COURSE Marriage + Parenting Renewal St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Mike and Alicia Hermon, co-founders of the Messy Family Project, will empower parents, strengthen marriages and bring families to Christ through a number of formation evenings from 8-12 May 2026.



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.

Contribute to the restoration of St Brigid's - the heart of Marrickville.

HOW IT WORKS



Select your tile



Purchase your tile



Be apart of our story

\$650,000 GOAL
12,000 TILES



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Recently Deceased: Mario Da Silva, Wendy Margaret Norris, Anna Djura, Carlos Silva, Losa Kupu, Kim Hoa Thi Bui.

Anniversary of Death for: Rev Joseph Tu Ngoc Nguyen, Juan Jovino, Celine Steele, Denis Braybrook, Adelia Volpato, Wadad Harb, Arockia Swamy, Marie McGrath, Melita Schembri, Grace Raby, Francesco Cappadona, Sarah Ann Marshall, Yvonne Togia Lafo, Phero Hoang Dinh Rong, Emmy Salie, Kathleen Margaret Kenny, Anna Le Thi Chung, Giuseppa Calvano, Patrick Collins, Dee Pace, Mary Willis, Brian Kelly, Dario Monterverde, John Ambrose Dawson, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Cao Van Dinh, Edna Bamford, Lotolua Fetu'u.

Those Carrying Severe Illness: Agnes Sonju Wong, Alfred Schiavo, Amalene & Gerard George, Antonios Gebrael, Belinda Camacho, Catherine Vella, Colin Constantinou, Damia Roumie, Damien Luck, Elizabeth Pizzuto, George Baraket, Georgina Kaldis, Huyen Nguyen, John Love, Laurice Sassine, Leonardo, Lidia Obeid, Lilyan McAusland, Margaret Barry, Mary Angela Thomas, Michael Chrissimos, Michael Natoloczny, Paul Murphy, Penelope Lincoln, Peter Martin, Richard Hudson, Rosie Pazman, Rudi Presern, Sofi, Tim Jude Thomas, Tina Schino.

Other Intentions: Leila Walsh, Maria Antonia Valenzisi, Manuel & Maria Dias, Nadia Sabbah, Mary Doueihy Lakiss, Joseph Bianchini, Joseph Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb.

MASS TEXTS: 3rd SUNDAY of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

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

Response: Psalm

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:

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

Gospel: Luke 24:13-33

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2026

Sun 19	2pm	Senior Group in PC
	3.30 pm	St Dominic Vu (Viet Celebration)
Mon 20	10.30 am	Viewing & Funeral: Mario Da Silva
Tue 21	10.30 am	Funeral: Wendy Norris
Thu 23	10.30am	Funeral: Kim Hoa Thi Bui
Sat 25		ANZAC Day
Sun 26		Fourth Sunday of Easter

DAILY MORNING MASSES

Date	Lay Min	Reader
Mon 6.45 9.00	Vinh N Mary T	Jim Y Liz
Tue 6.45 9.00	Albert N Mary T	Viet Viet
Wed 6.45 9.00	Albert N Liz	Paul C Buddy
Thu 6.45 9.00	Paul C Thom Thao	Michael P Joanna
Fri 6.45 9.00	Vinh N Tony C	Patricia Leila W
Sat 8.00	Jim	Judy

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.

WEEKLY ROSTER

MASS TIMES		Commentators (C) & Lectors (L1 & L2)		Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
		18-19 April	25-26 April	18-19 April	25-26 April	18-19 April	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Laura N Chihn Q Jim Y	Gabrielle B Kalelia F Paul C	Vinh N Micheal H Gabrielle B Leila W	Vinh N Elizabeth B Thu H Michael P	Vinh N Ben, Augustine	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Libby D Marco G Heather K	John S Estehr G Emma K	Joanna V Dennis M John S	Mary L Vinh N Stephen O	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Bermadette S Trang L Italian	Peter J Frank C Italian	Anthony N Jenny O Angie C John M	Anthony N Susan K Tony H Angie C	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Laura P Charisse E Rania R	Kevin B Landon O Arthur K	Alexis H Rex H Charlie E	Lina E Kevin B Charlene 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 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.