



St Brigid's, Marrickville

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (ANZAC) - 26th 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.

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Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend, as Australia and New Zealand pause for Anzac Day (25th April), many will gather before dawn in the cold silence. Some will stand at memorials. Some will watch marches along familiar streets. Some will gather at RSL clubs, share stories, renew friendships, and remember those who served, suffered, and died. The words "We will remember them" will again be spoken with solemnity, pride, grief, and gratitude.

As someone who did not grow up with Anzac Day in my bones, I approach this day with a certain humility. For many of you, Anzac Day is deeply personal. It carries family names, old photographs, medals kept in drawers, stories told by grandparents, and silences that were never fully explained. For me, my memories of Anzac Day come mostly through books, conversations, cemeteries, and listening. I have walked through war graves and read small epitaphs filled with love, faith, and unbearable separation. I have heard stories of men who served with courage, and women who held families together on the home front. I have reflected on young lives shaped by history, geography, politics, and decisions made far away from them.

Perhaps that is one of the important lessons of Anzac Day: even when we do not carry the same memories, we are invited to listen reverently to those who do. But remembrance must never become nostalgia alone. True remembrance is not simply looking back; it is learning how to walk forward. It asks: What values are we carrying from this story? What kind of people are we becoming because we remember? Anzac Day speaks of courage, sacrifice, friendship, endurance, service, and loyalty. But it also quietly asks us to notice the cost of war: the grief of families, the wounds carried in bodies and minds, the displacement of peoples, the brokenness that continues long after the guns fall silent. To remember well is not to glorify suffering, but to honour it by becoming more committed to peace.

And this year, Anzac Day weekend meets the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd." A shepherd does not lead from a safe distance. A shepherd walks with the flock, knows their wounds, protects the vulnerable, searches for the lost, and lays down his life not for power, but for love.



That is where Christian remembrance finds its deepest meaning. At every Eucharist, we hear Jesus say, "Do this in remembrance of me." We remember not because God has forgotten, but because we are always in danger of forgetting what matters. We remember Christ, who laid down his life not only for his friends but also for his enemies. His sacrifice does not lead us deeper into hatred, but deeper into mercy. His victory is not won by weapons, but by love strong enough to absorb violence and still forgive.

So perhaps this Anzac Day and Good Shepherd Sunday invite us to a more mature memory. A memory that honours the fallen without feeding bitterness. A memory that respects national identity without losing our larger human family. A memory that teaches our children not only to be proud, but also to be compassionate, just, and peace-making. "We will remember them" is not only a sentence for ceremonies. It is a responsibility for life.

We remember them when we care for veterans and their families. We remember them when we refuse to take peace for granted. We remember them when we listen to the cries of the wounded, the displaced, and the forgotten. We remember them when we build communities where courage is not only found on battlefields, but also in forgiveness, service, truth-telling, and mercy.

May this Anzac Day help us remember with gratitude. May Good Shepherd Sunday help us remember with faith. And may the God who remembers his people teach us to carry forward not the wounds of war, but the healing values of courage, sacrifice, friendship, justice, and peace.

COME TO THE TABLE: A JOURNEY INTO COMMUNION

What does it really mean to live the Eucharist, not just attend it? Join our Adult Faith Formation evenings as we explore the heart of our faith: the Eucharist, and our call to be people of communion, with God and with one another. Across four engaging sessions, we'll reflect from different perspectives, drawing on Scripture, prayer, papal insights, and the realities of everyday life.

Mondays: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Primary School Hall

Whether you're seeking deeper understanding, meaningful conversation, or simply a space to reconnect, these evenings are for you.

All are welcome, come as you are, and journey with us.



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. 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.

ATTENTION

RENOVATION PROJECT!

As planned, the maintenance works will commence on the 4th of May 2026. These works are expected to continue through the coming months, during which the church will remain closed, but Parish life, prayer, and the celebration of the sacraments will continue. **During the renovation period, 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.**

LITURGY CORNER

The Prayer after Communion is the quiet gathering-up of everything we have just received. After the Body and Blood of Christ have been shared, the priest invites us to pray, not simply to end the Mass, but to ask that this Holy Communion may bear fruit in our lives. It reminds us that the Eucharist is never meant to remain only inside the church or only within a beautiful moment of prayer. What we have received must now become how we live: in patience, mercy, courage, forgiveness, and love. The Prayer after Communion asks God to strengthen us, heal us, and send us back into the world changed by the gift we have received. In a sense, it is the Church's humble prayer: Lord, do not let this Communion be wasted in us. Let what we have received at the altar become visible in our lives.

Share the Gift of Faith – Become a Catechist

Do you feel called to make a difference in a young person's life? We are looking for a catechist to teach Scripture in our local public schools once a week on Thursday afternoons for one hour. This is a beautiful opportunity to share the message of God's love in a simple and meaningful way, and you don't need to be an expert; full training and support will be provided. If you have a heart for faith, a willingness to serve, and a desire to nurture young minds, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office for more information or to express your interest.



YOU ARE INVITED

COME TO

The Table

A JOURNEY INTO COMMUNION

Exploring the **Eucharist** and our call to be people in **communion with God** and **with each other.**



Each week a **different perspective** will be explored.



Participants will be encouraged to engage with a range of **Scripture, prayer, papal statements**



as well as exploring communion in **real world experience.**



FOUR MONDAY EVENINGS

4TH MAY | 11TH MAY
18TH MAY | 25TH MAY



TIME
7:00 PM



LOCATION
SCHOOL HALL

Everyone is very welcome!

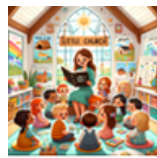
COME AND BE A PART OF THESE EVENINGS.



TOGETHER IN FAITH.
TOGETHER IN COMMUNION.



Deepen your faith.
Build community. Live communion.



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



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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.

FIDELIS

PURPOSE
KNOW | LOVE | SERVE



ADORATION + MASS



FOOD + SOCIAL TIME



TALK + OPEN Q&A

29
APRIL

6:30-7:30
ADORATION + MASS
7:30-8:15
FOOD + SOCIAL TIME
8:15-9:30
TALK + OPEN Q&A

St Catherine Labouré Catholic Church
GYMEA
123 GyMEA Bay Rd

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME



SPEAKER
Fr Greg Morgan

TOPIC:

You're Only as Sick as Your Secrets:
Authenticity with God and Others

FIDELIS is brought to you by:

MASS TEXTS: 4th SUNDAY of Easter (Good Shepherded)

First Reading: Acts 2:14,36-41
'God has made him both Lord and Christ'

Response: Psalm
Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25
You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10
I am the gate of the sheepfold

PARISH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2026

Sun 26	7pm	Youth in Hall
Mon 27		Public Holiday (9am Mass only)
Tue 28	10.30 am	Denroma NH Mass
Wed 29	7.00 pm	RCIA at PC
Fri 01		Anointing at masses
Sat 02	5.00 pm	St Peter Chanel
Sun 03	6.00 pm	Last mass in church before renovation.

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	
		25-26 April	02-03 May	25-26 April	25-26 April	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2 Gabrielle B Kalelia F Paul C	Laura N Ofa T Michael H	Vinh N Elizabeth B Thu H Michael P	Vinh N Carole P Kalelia F Paul C	Vinh N Ben, Augustine	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2 John S Estehr G Emma K	Stephen O Joanna V Jason G	Mary L Vinh N Stephen O	Margaret K Dennis M Joanna V	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2 Peter J Frank C Italian	Joanne M Julian P Italian	Anthony N Susan K Tony H Angie C	Anthony N Albert N Bernadette Y Peter J	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2 Kevin B Landon O Arthur K	Charlie E Osacar P Jasmine C	Lina E Kevin B Charlene E	Arthur K Alexis H Rex H	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.