



St Brigid's, Marrickville

In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (MOTHER'S DAY) - 10th May 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

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Ministry of Care

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Seniors' Group

John Freeman & Peggy Blackall

Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

On Sunday, many Australians will spend the day celebrating their mothers and other special women in their lives. Some mums may be given cards, flowers and gifts, while others may enjoy breakfast in bed, a family lunch, a phone call, or perhaps a few quiet words of love that should have been said more often.



For some, Mother's Day will be joyful and noisy, filled with children, grandchildren, laughter and stories. For others, it will be tender and difficult, a first Mother's Day without Mum, a reminder of a child no longer here, a prayer for a relationship that is complicated, or a quiet ache for the motherhood that never came to be. Like all days that touch the heart deeply, Mother's Day carries both gratitude and grief.

The history of Mother's Day in Australia is quite moving. While the modern Mother's Day tradition is often traced to the United States, Australia's own story took shape in Sydney in 1924 through Janet Heyden of Leichhardt. While visiting a friend at Newington State Hospital and Home for Aged Women, she noticed many elderly mothers who were lonely, forgotten, and rarely visited. Moved by their situation, she appealed to schools, businesses and community groups to donate small gifts so that these women would know they were remembered. That simple act of compassion helped begin the Australian custom of giving gifts on Mother's Day.

That origin matters. Mother's Day in Australia did not begin simply as a commercial occasion. It began with noticing forgotten women. It began with compassion. It began with the desire to say to lonely mothers: you are not invisible; your love has not been wasted; your life still matters.

Today, of course, Mother's Day has become much bigger. Restaurants are booked, shops are full, florists are busy, and advertisements remind us not to forget Mum. There is nothing wrong with cards, flowers, meals and gifts. Love needs expression. Gratitude should not remain only in the heart. But the deeper meaning of the day invites us to go beyond buying something for Mum and instead truly seeing her.



To see a mother is to see the hidden sacrifices: the meals cooked when she was tired, the prayers whispered when no one knew, the worries carried silently, the forgiveness given again and again, the love that kept showing up even when it was not appreciated. Many mothers have mastered the art of being strong in public and tired in private. They remember everyone's needs and often forget their own. They hold families together not always with grand speeches, but with small, faithful acts of love.

They are the first to notice when something is wrong, and often the last to say they are hurting. They carry memories, birthdays, appointments, disappointments, and dreams in a heart that rarely gets a day off. Sometimes their love looks like a warm meal; sometimes it looks like silence, patience, or a tear wiped away before anyone sees it. And even when life has changed them, stretched them, or broken parts of them, they still find a way to love, to bless, and to begin again.

As a parish community, Mother's Day also invites us to honour all forms of mothering. We remember birth mothers, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, teachers, carers, religious sisters, and all women who have nurtured life in others. Some never carried a child in their womb, but they have carried many people in their hearts. Some were never called "Mum," yet their kindness, patience and wisdom gave others a home in this world.

In our faith, we also turn to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Her motherhood was not free from pain. She loved, worried, searched, trusted, suffered and stood at the foot of the Cross. Mary reminds us that motherhood is not sentimental perfection. It is courageous love. It is the strength to remain, to hope, to believe, and to keep loving even when the heart is pierced.

So this Mother's Day, let us do more than celebrate. Let us remember. Let us thank. Let us forgive where we can. Let us reach out to those for whom this day is painful. Let us honour the mothers who are still with us, pray for the mothers who have gone before us, and cherish the women whose love has shaped our lives.

To all mothers and mother figures in our parish community: thank you. Thank you for your love, your patience, your strength, your prayers, your sacrifices, and your quiet faithfulness. May God bless you with the tenderness you have so often given to others.

Happy Mother's Day.

LITURGY CORNER: WHY WE SING HYMNS AT MASS

Hymns are not simply "background music" in the Mass. They are a form of prayer. When we sing together, we do not just fill a silence; we lift our hearts, our voices, and our faith to God as one community.

The hymns at Mass help us enter more deeply into the mystery we celebrate. The entrance hymn gathers us as the Body of Christ. The offertory hymn accompanies the bringing forward of our gifts and ourselves. The Communion hymn expresses our unity with Christ and with one another. The final hymn sends us out with courage to live what we have celebrated.

Singing also allows the whole assembly to participate. Even a simple hymn, sung with faith, can become a powerful prayer. It can comfort the grieving, strengthen the weary, express joy, and remind us of God's presence. Good liturgical music does not perform for us; it helps us pray. It draws our attention not to the singers, but to God. In the Mass, our hymns become the voice of the Church, many voices, one prayer, one heart, one worship.

COME TO THE TABLE. ADULT FAITH FORMATION: SESSION 2

RECOGNISING JESUS IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD

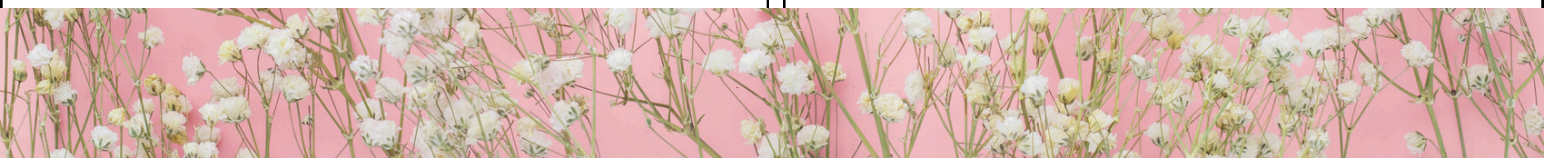
Join us for the second evening of our Adult Faith Formation series on **Monday, 11 May at 7:00 pm in the School Hall, presented by Robert Gascoigne.**

This session will reflect on two beautiful Gospel encounters: the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and Jesus sharing breakfast with the disciples on the shore of Lake Galilee. Both stories speak to the moments when Jesus is near, yet not immediately recognised, until he reveals himself in the breaking of bread. Together, we will explore how, even in the midst of our difficulties, disappointments and challenges, Christ continues to walk with us, feed us, and share himself with us in the Eucharist.

All are warmly welcome.

ATTENTION

As planned, the maintenance works are underway, 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 (Monday -Saturday) 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 (Vigil and Sunday).**



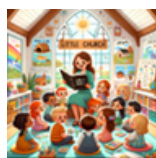
NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations are now open for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

The PPC is an important part of parish life. It assists the parish priest in listening to the needs of the community, discerning pastoral priorities, encouraging participation, and helping the parish remain faithful to its mission of worship, service, outreach, and community building.

Please take a moment to check the brochure at the back of the church for the criteria and nomination details. We invite parishioners to prayerfully consider whether they, or someone they know, may be called to serve the parish in this way.

Your voice, gifts, and commitment can help our parish continue to grow as a welcoming, faith-filled, and mission-focused community. (Nomination forms will be available soon)



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.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A young member (female) of our parish community is currently looking for suitable accommodation in the local area. If you know of a room, granny flat, shared accommodation, or rental opportunity available nearby, please contact the Parish Office. Any assistance or leads would be greatly appreciated. Contact: parish@stbrigid.org.au

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.

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 a part of our story

\$650,000 GOAL
12,000 TILES

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Recently Deceased: Jacqueline Simpson, Quirino Goncalves

Anniversary of Death for: Fahed Taouk, Melissa Jane Thomas, Sadie Taouk.

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, Jennifer Alam, John Love, Laurice Sassine, Leonardo, Lidia Obeid, Lilyan McAusland, Margaret Barry, Mary Angela Thomas, Michael Chrissimos, Michael Natoloczny, Pauline Zerbo, Paul Murphy, Penelope Lincoln, Peter Martin, Richard Hudson, Rosie Pazman, Rudi Presern, Sofi, Tim Jude Thomas, Tina Schino, Wendy Joukhador.

Other Intentions:

Leila Walsh, Theresa Phan Thi Nga, Maria Antonia Valenzisi, Joseph Bianchini, Joseph Farah, Josephine Farah, Wendy Lamb.



MASS TEXTS: 6th SUNDAY of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Response: Psalm

let all the earth cry out to God with Joy

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death; in the spirit he was raised to life

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

PARISH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2026

Sun 10		MOTHER'S DAY
Mon 11	7pm	1st Holy Communion prep in School
		Adult faith formation session School
Tue 12	10.30 am	Maybank NH Mass
Wed 06	10.30 AM	Uniting NH Mass
	11 am	Jacqueline Funeral in the Hall
Sun 17		Ascension of the Lord
	7pm	Youth

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 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

WEEKLY ROSTER

MASS TIMES	Commentators (C) & Lectors (L1 & L2)			Communion Ministers		Acolytes / Altar Servers	Collector In-charge
		09-10 May	16-17 May	09-10 May	16-17 May	09-10 May	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Jan R Leila W Thu T	Paul C Elizabeth B Micheal P	Vinh N Gabrielle B Michael H Ofa T	Vinh N Carole P Leila W Thu H	Vinh N Ben, Augustine	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Jason G Marco G Libby D	Emma K Estehr G John S	John S Rebecca B Mary L	Stephen O Marget K Dennis M	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Melly S John M Italian	Susan K Robert G Italian	Anthony N Joanne M Frank C Bernadette S	Anthony N Jenny O Susan K Tony H	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Joyce O Lenore D Rex H	Rania R Laura P Charlene E	Lenore D Charlie E Lina E	Kevin B Charlene E Alexis 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.