



St Brigid's, Marrickville

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The Most Holy TRINITY - 31st 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

Adult Faith Formation

Mary Leask

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Vinnies

Terry Petry

Youth Group

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Dearest Parishioners and Friends,

The world has been buzzing about the latest encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, of Pope Leo XIV, since its release on 25 May 2026. I will make an effort to write a few reflections on the same over the next few weeks (hopefully no other distraction). It is a timely and deeply pastoral reflection on the dignity of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence.

It comes at a moment when digital technology, robotics and AI are rapidly reshaping how we work, communicate, learn, make decisions, and even imagine the future. In this new landscape, the Pope invites the Church and the whole human family to ask not only, "What can technology do?" but, more importantly, "What is technology doing to us?" The encyclical is arranged in an introduction, five chapters, and a conclusion. The Introduction names artificial intelligence and digitalisation as the "new things" of our time and frames the whole document with two biblical images: Babel and Jerusalem. Chapter One places the reflection within the living tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, from Rerum Novarum to the present. Chapter Two explains the foundations and principles of that teaching: human dignity, the common good, solidarity, subsidiarity, social justice and integral human development. Chapter Three turns directly to technology and AI, asking how they can serve rather than dominate humanity. Chapter Four reflects on truth, democracy, education, work, freedom, families and young people in the digital age. Chapter Five widens the reflection to power, war, weapons, peace, diplomacy and the urgent need to build a "civilisation of love." The Conclusion returns to Christ, the Word made flesh, and calls us to become builders of hope, communion and a truly human future.

At the heart of the encyclical is a simple but profound conviction: technology must always serve the human person, never replace, control or diminish the human person. Pope Leo does not present AI as something evil in itself. He acknowledges that technology can heal, connect, educate, protect and open new possibilities for human flourishing. But he is also clear that technology is never neutral. It carries the intentions, values and interests of those who design it, finance it, regulate it and use it. When guided only by profit, efficiency, control or power, it can quietly reduce people to data, productivity, usefulness or performance.

One of the most powerful images in the encyclical is the contrast between Jerusalem and Babel. Babel represents the temptation to construct a future based on pride, dominance and self-sufficiency, a domain where power rises higher, but communion breaks down. Jerusalem, on the other hand, represents the patient work of rebuilding the community,



where everyone has a place, each voice counts, and all contribute to the common good. The question then is not simply whether we will use AI, but whether we will use it to build another tower of Babel or to rebuild a more humane and fraternal world. The encyclical is also realistic about the dangers before us. AI can blur the line between truth and falsehood, amplify misinformation, threaten the dignity of work, deepen inequality, commercialise attention, weaken freedom, and place enormous influence in the hands of a few powerful technological and economic actors. For this reason, Pope Leo insists that truth must be protected as a common good. In a digital world filled with noise, speed and manipulation, truth requires patience, responsibility, verification and trust.

For parish life, the message is deeply relevant. A parish is not built by algorithms, efficiency or perfect systems. It is built by faces, names, listening, forgiveness, service, prayer, and care for the vulnerable. The Church's witness in this digital age must be to remind the world that no person is merely useful, no elderly person is obsolete, no worker is disposable, no child is data, and no poor person is invisible.

In the end, Magnifica Humanitas calls us back to the heart of the Christian faith: the human person is made in the image of God, called to communion, and fulfilled not by power, but via love. In a world increasingly artificial, our Christian vocation is to remain profoundly, beautifully and courageously human.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to our Adult Faith Formation Team for preparing and leading the four Eucharist sessions over recent weeks. Your faith, time, reflection, and commitment have helped our parish deepen its understanding of the Eucharist as communion, mission, and daily Christian living. Thank you also to all who participated so generously; your presence and sharing made the sessions truly life-giving.

We also thank our Sacramental Preparation Team for preparing our children for First Holy Communion with such patience, faith, and love. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time on 16 August 2026.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations are now open for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC supports the parish priest in listening to the community, discerning pastoral priorities, and encouraging parish life, worship, service, and outreach. Parishioners are invited to prayerfully consider nominating themselves or someone they know. Membership criteria and nomination forms are available at the back of the hall and on the parish website. Completed forms can be sent to pp@stbrigid.org.au.

Nominations close on Sunday, 14 June.

THANKS TO JENNY

With deep gratitude and with some sadness, I share that Jenny has decided to step down from her role as Youth Coordinator of our parish.

Jenny has served in this role since 2020, and in these years, she has given far more than time and energy. She has given heart, commitment, love and a deep sense of responsibility for the young people of our parish. The vibrancy, energy and involvement of young people in parish life in recent times are not accidental; they are a beautiful witness to Jenny's dedication and her quiet, faithful service.

What makes Jenny's contribution even more remarkable is the personal commitment behind it. Week after week, Jenny has travelled nearly an hour and twenty minutes to come to St Brigid's, not because it was easy or convenient, but because this parish, our young people, the life and future of St Brigid's, have always been a priority for her. In many ways, she has always placed the interests of the parish and the needs of our young people before her own comfort and convenience.

As many of you know, Jenny grew up in this parish community (who can forget the Solo families' contribution to the music ministry), and her love for St Brigid's has always been visible. It is the kind of love that is not simply attached to a role or title. It is part of who she is. Even as she steps back from this responsibility, we know that her affection for this community will remain, and she will always be a much-loved member of our parish family.

As Jenny now pursues higher studies, while also caring for two little children, she has understandably found that balancing university, work, family life and parish responsibilities has become too much. We respect that decision with affection and gratitude.

Thank you, Jenny, for your generosity, your perseverance, your love for our young people, and your commitment to St Brigid's. We wish you every blessing in this next chapter of your life, and we hold you and your family in our prayers. You are and will always be part of us.

A new youth coordinator will be announced soon.

VINNIES CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

We warmly congratulate Terry Petry, who has been elected as the new President of our local Vinnies Conference. We are grateful for Terry's willingness to take on this important role of service and leadership. We also sincerely thank Jonathan Harverson, our outgoing President, for his generous and faithful leadership. For 135 years, Vinnies has served the people of Marrickville with care, dignity, and compassion, quietly living the Gospel through practical support for those most in need. As a parish, we deeply value this mission. We assure Terry, Jonathan, and the whole Conference of our continued support and prayers as this important work continues into the future.

MASS TEXTS:THE Most Holy TRINITY

First Reading: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Response: Psalm

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2026

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| Sun 31 | | Holy Trinity |
| Tue 2 | 11 am | Wilandra NH |
| Wed 3 | 7pm | Cultural Ministry Meeting |
| Fri 5 | 9am | Anointing of Sick |
| | 9am | Year 3 Reconciliation |
| Sun 7 | | The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Cristi) |

DAILY MORNING MASSES

| Date | Lay Min | Reader |
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| 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 |
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| | | 30-31 May | 6-7 June | 30-31 May | 6-7 June | 30-31 May | |
| Saturday 5pm (Vigil) | C L1 L2 | Jim Y Kalelia F Laura N | Elizabeth B Ofa T Thu T | Vinh N Paul C Michael P Elizabeth B | Vinh N George K Leila W Michael H | Vinh N Ben, Augustine | Jim Y. Michael P. |
| Sunday 8am | C L1 L2 | Mary L Marco G Jason G | Libby D Estehr G Emma K | Mary L Dennis M Joanna V | Stephen O Rebecca B Margaret K | Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S | Peter H. Maria M. |
| Sunday 10:30am | C L1 L2 | Lina M Diana P Italian | Angie C Lina M 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 | Arthur K Charlie E Joyce O | Oscar P Jasmin C Rex H | Lenore D Charlie E Arthur K | 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 safeguardingenquiries@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.