



# St Brigid's, Marrickville

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## PARISH TEAM

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Jim Yeo - Safeguarding Officer

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15 February 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 Fatih Formation

Mary Leask

#### Adult Sacraments

Sr Rosana

#### Altar Society

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Sr Elenita & Michael Schiano

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Sr Elenita

#### Children's Sacraments

Sr Elenita

#### Family Group

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#### Liturgy Committee

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#### Maintenance Committee

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#### Men's Club

Arthur Kassis, John Skinner & Mick Ward

#### Ministry of Care

Sr Rosana

#### Passionist Companions

Margaret Turner

#### Safeguarding Officer

Jim Yeo

#### Seniors' Group

John Freeman & Peggy Blackall

#### Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### HAPPY FEAST DAY

For the past nine days, we have been walking with St Brigid. Not simply reciting prayers but allowing her life to speak into ours. Each day, a different facet of her spirit has been placed before us. And now, as we come to the Feast Day, we realise that the novena was not simply a series of prayers leading up to a celebration. It has been a journey. A quiet reshaping. A gentle invitation.

We began at the hearth. Brigid, the Woman of Hospitality, reminded us that every guest is Christ. Her greatness was not in grand buildings but in generous welcome. She gently challenged us to look at our own doors, of home, of parish, of heart, and to ask whether others feel warmth when they come near us.

Then we stood before the flame. As Keeper of the Sacred Fire, she reminded us that faith must be tended. It can flicker when neglected and grow when nourished. She invited us to guard the inner light, not only for ourselves, but for those who look to us for example and hope.

We walked into places of conflict. As Peacemaker, Brigid entered division with courage and humility. She showed us that reconciliation begins with small choices, to listen, to forgive, to soften. She quietly asked us where we might become bridges instead of barriers.

We reflected on generosity. As Friend of the Poor, Brigid's hands were never closed. She trusted God enough to give freely. She invited us to loosen our grip on what we cling to and rediscover the freedom of open hands and open hearts.

We paused with creation. Brigid saw God in the land, in the changing seasons, in the rhythm of life. She reminded us that reverence is part of faith, that caring for the earth is an act of gratitude.

We considered balance. Brigid worked tirelessly, yet she was rooted in prayer. She showed us that service without prayer exhausts, and prayer without service dries up. She invited us to let our action flow from contemplation.

We faced courage. Brigid stepped beyond expectation and trusted God's call. Her leadership came from conviction, not power. She reminded us that faith sometimes requires standing firm, even when it is uncomfortable.

We prayed for healing. Brigid stood beside the sick and the weary. She knew that healing often comes quietly, through presence, compassion, and patience. She invited us to carry one another gently.

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And finally, we reflected on wisdom. Brigid lived in a time of change, honouring tradition while welcoming renewal. She built bridges between worlds. She invited us to unite rather than divide, to discern rather than react.

And now we arrive here: The Parish Day. After nine days of reflection, something beautiful becomes clear. St Brigid is not simply a figure from history. She is the spirit that shapes this parish. She is the warmth in our welcome, the light in our prayer, the courage in our leadership, the generosity in our outreach, the harmony in our diversity.

There is a particular joy in coming together today, sharing food, stories, laughter, music, culture. It is not accidental. It is deeply Brigidine. She who loved hospitality would delight in this gathering. She who cherished community would recognise something of her own spirit here among us. There is also a quiet pride, not pride in status or size, but pride in belonging. To say, "I am part of St Brigid's," is not just to name a place. It is to claim a legacy. A way of living. A standard of love. A responsibility.

Parish Day is not only a celebration of what we have, it is a celebration of who we are becoming. May we leave this day not just entertained, not just satisfied, but strengthened in identity. Grateful to belong. Proud to carry her name. Ready to live her spirit.

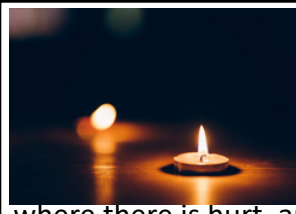
St Brigid walks with us still. And today, as one community, we rejoice in that gift. Happy Feast day

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our Parish Adult Faith Formation Team warmly invites you to the opening session of our 4-part formation series, beginning on Monday, 23rd February at 7:00 pm in the Primary School Hall.

The theme for our first session is: *Reconciliation – Sacrament of Grace and Peace*

We are honoured that our guest speaker for this session will be Bridget Sakr, mother of 11-year-old Veronique Sakr, who tragically died alongside her three cousins when a car mounted the kerb in Oatlands. In the face of heartbreaking loss, Bridget's witness of faith and forgiveness moved our nation. Her story speaks



profoundly to the heart of reconciliation, not simply as a ritual, but as a grace-filled encounter that brings peace where there is pain, healing where there is hurt, and hope where there seems to be none. This session will help us reflect more deeply on Reconciliation as God's gift of mercy, a place where burdens are lifted, relationships are restored, and hearts are made new.

All are warmly invited. Come and join us for what promises to be a powerful and grace-filled evening.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR



Over this week many of our parishioners and families will be marking the Lunar New Year. On behalf of St Brigid's Parish, we warmly wish all our parishioners and families celebrating the Lunar New Year a joyful and blessed New Year. May this special season, rich in culture, tradition, and family unity, bring you renewed hope, good health, peace, and prosperity. We are grateful for the vibrant cultural heritage you share with our parish community, which truly enriches us all. May the year ahead be filled with harmony, happiness, and God's abundant blessings.

### LENTEN REFLECTION NIGHT

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, you are warmly invited to join us for our Lenten Reflection Nights, beginning Tuesday, 17th at 7:00pm. These evenings will offer a gentle space for prayer, reflection, and renewal as we journey together toward Easter. In the midst of our busy lives, Lent invites us to pause, listen, and allow God to speak to our hearts. All are welcome. Come and be part of this meaningful time of grace in our parish community.

### MINISTERS IN-SERVICE

To all Acolytes, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: You are invited to our In-Service Session on 14 March 2026. The session will be held in Shrubland Hall, beginning at 9:30 AM and concluding at 1:30 PM. This is a valuable opportunity for formation, renewal, and strengthening our shared ministry. Please don't miss this special occasion.

**Kindly RSVP by 1 March.**

For confirmation or enquiries, please contact the Parish Office or speak with any member of the Parish Team.

**LITURGY CORNER  
HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is the heart of the Mass. In this sacred moment, we are invited not only to receive the Body of Christ, but to become the Body of Christ. Nourished by Jesus himself, we are drawn into deeper communion with God and with one another. When we approach the altar, we do so with reverence and humility. We bow as a sign of faith and respond "Amen" as a personal profession of belief, affirming that we truly believe this is the Body of Christ and that we desire to live as his Body in the world. As we receive, we come hungry, imperfect, and hopeful, trusting that Christ's presence strengthens us to live what we celebrate: love, mercy, and service.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROCESS**

The Parents' Information Evening for the first sacrament of Reconciliation will be at 7pm on Tuesday 17 February in Shrublands Hall. The parish Adult Faith Formation team will lead the reflections for parents at all sessions.

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**PREPARING FOR THE 2028 INTERNATIONAL EUCHARIST CONGRESS - ONLINE WORKSHOP**

Join the Parish Renewal Team as we discuss how we can prepare ourselves and our parish communities for the Sydney International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) in 2028. Learn what the IEC is about, how you can get involved, and the power of the Eucharist to transform lives and communities. All are welcome.

Date: Thursday, 19 February 2026

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM,

Delivered online via Zoom.

Register at <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Those Recently Deceased:** Carlito Sanmocte, Retnabai Mathias.

**Anniversary of Death for:** Pavloic Jophet, Maria Trang Minh Thi Nguyen, Jaime Camacho, Tran Thi Anh, Tran Dien, Lorna Jean Entriken, Mary Breen, Maree Parry, John Fountain, Helen Chakty, Giuse Tam Huu Nguyen, Francisco Filipe, Dominic Trung Duc Nguyen, Francisco Guevara.

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

**Other Intentions:** Jose Ferreira, Hernan Restrepo, Anna Ivec, Joseph Bianchini, Wendy Lamb, Josephine Farah, Joseph Farah, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Bardana, Georgette Daher.

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**Open Day Invitation 2026  
Newman Selective Symposium**

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY | 3.00PM TO 7.00PM**

**Principal Address at 4.30pm**

Applications are available at [casimirmarrickville.syd.catholic.edu.au](http://casimirmarrickville.syd.catholic.edu.au) or contact our enrolment registrar on 02 9558 2888

## MASS TEXTS: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

### Response: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

### Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

## PARISH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 16	7pm	Sacred Choral Music Concert
Tue 17	7pm	First Reconciliation Parent Info Evening in Shrublands Hall
	7pm	Lenten Reflection
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Mass Times: 6.45am, 9am, 7pm	
Sun 22	Chair of St Peter	
	2pm	Seniors Group meet in PC
	7pm	Parish Youth Group in Hall
Mon 23	7pm	First Reconciliation Session 1 in School Hall

## 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		
		14/ 15 Feb	21 / 22 Feb	14 / 15 Feb	21 / 22 Feb	This weekend	
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Gabrielle B Jan R Thu T	Elizabeth B Michael H Lina M	Vinh N Kelelia F Carole P Leila W	Vinh N Gabrielle B Thu T Ofa T	Vinh N Belatchew	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Stephen O John S Joanna V	Joseph F Libby D Marco G	Margaret K Dennis M Joseph F	Stephen O Joanna V John S	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Sue King Casimir College St Brigid's Priamary School	Aiden K Bernadette S Italian	Anthony N Bernadette S Jenny O John M	Anthony N Tony C Diana P Susan K	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Charisse E Kevin B Landon O	Arthur K Charlene E Charlie E	Rex H Lenore D 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](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.