



# St Brigid's, Marrickville

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## Second Sunday of Lent - 1 March 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

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#### Ministry of Care

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#### Seniors' Group

John Freeman & Peggy

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#### Youth Group

Jenny Ryan-Cook

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

As we enter the Second Week of Lent, we embrace a simple yet challenging theme: *"Listen to Him" Silence in a Noisy World*. Lent is not just about giving things up; it is about clearing space, removing what distracts so that what truly matters can be heard again. The Church places before us the Transfiguration, that mysterious moment on the mountain when Jesus is revealed in glory. The disciples are overwhelmed by light, presence and fear. In the midst of that glory, the Father speaks only one sentence: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." In our present world, that instruction feels almost countercultural.

We are living in an age of constant connectivity. News updates arrive before we finish processing the last one. Opinions flood our screens. Social media feeds never end. Messages demand instant replies. Even moments that used to be quiet, waiting in a queue, walking down the street, sitting at the table, are now filled with scrolling. The result is not merely distraction; it is exhaustion. Most feel unheard, internally unsettled, and struggle with deep conversation. Many people today speak of mental fatigue, digital overload, and a sense of never truly "switching off." We fall asleep with devices beside us and wake up reaching for them. Silence has become uncomfortable. Stillness feels unnatural. At home, a spouse may speak while the other half-scrolls through a device. Children speak, but parents are distracted by work pressures. Elderly parents repeat stories, and impatience creeps in. Friends meet, but silence is quickly filled by checking notifications.

Listening requires something we struggle to give, space. Listening requires more than ears. It requires surrender. To listen means I pause my agenda, I stop rehearsing my reply, I allow another voice to influence me. That is difficult in a culture built on reaction and self-expression. We are encouraged to speak, comment, post, and respond instantly. Silence feels unproductive. Stillness feels inefficient.

Even in prayer, we often speak more than we listen. We present our worries and move on. Rarely do we sit long enough for Christ to speak into our fears, financial anxieties, grief, comparisons, or pressures to succeed. These internal voices grow loud. They drown out gentler ones.

This Sunday, we will place the San Damiano Cross and, beside it, a phone face down. Not because technology is evil. It has connected families, sustained ministry, and allowed faith to reach homes in extraordinary ways. But volume matters. We cannot hear Christ if everything else is louder. The problem is not that Christ has stopped speaking. The problem is that we rarely create the conditions to hear Him.

Before rebuilding chapels or embracing lepers, Francis of Assisi knelt in silence before the San Damiano Cross. In that quiet, he heard: "Francis, rebuild my Church." History changed



not through noise, but through a young man still enough to hear. In our restless world, we often believe that action solves everything. But Francis reminds us that authentic action flows from deep listening. Without listening, we become reactive. With listening, we become rooted. Placing a phone face down is simple, but symbolic. It is choosing who shapes our thoughts and decisions.

After the Father speaks, the cloud lifts. Moses and Elijah fade. The Gospel says the disciples see “no one except Jesus alone.” That is the fruit of listening. When the noise quiets, Christ becomes clearer. When distractions lessen, His presence steadies us. When we listen deeply, fear loosens its grip. Jesus touches them: “Do not be afraid.”

This week, perhaps we take small, deliberate steps: one meal without devices, ten minutes of silent prayer, a walk without headphones. Not rejecting the modern world but reordering it.

Because when the noise settles, something beautiful happens. The spectacle fades. The voices quieten. And we see no one except Jesus alone. *“This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.”*

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### *A Night That Touched the Heart*

Last Monday evening’s Adult Faith Formation session was truly impactful and deeply moving. We are deeply grateful to Brigide Sakr, whose remarkable and courageous story touched every heart in the room. With honesty and faith, she shared from her lived experience, creating a sacred space of silence, reflection, and quiet strength among us. Many left moved, inspired, and reminded of the power of faith in the midst of suffering. Thank you to all who joined us and contributed to such a prayerful and attentive atmosphere. We warmly invite you to our second session next Monday at 7:00 pm @ primary school hall. We will reflect on Pope Leo’s Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* (“I Have Loved You”), and what it means for our lives and our parish community today. Our speaker for the evening will be Robert Gascoigne. All are most welcome. Come and be enriched.



### RITE OF ELECTION @ THE CATHEDRAL



Last Sunday, many of us gathered at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. It was a very hot day, but the spirits were truly on fire. Hundreds of catechumens and candidates from across the Archdiocese filled the Cathedral with faith, hope, and expectancy.

It was wonderful to see our own catechumens and candidates standing with confidence and joy as they take this significant step toward the Easter Sacraments. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they enter this final and most sacred phase of preparation. May the Lord who has begun this good work in them bring it to completion.

### RECONCILIATION

It’s a great joy that 67 of our children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year! What a beautiful sign of life and faith in our parish community. I kindly ask you to keep these children in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. May they experience God’s mercy as tender, healing, and full of love. Please also remember their families and catechists who are guiding them during this special time. Let us surround them with prayer and encouragement as one parish family.

### MINISTERS IN-SERVICE

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

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising appeal - one of the largest in the country.



This Lent, you’re invited to join thousands across the country as we stand together in hope and take action for a more just world.

Your support through Project Compassion helps transform lives - bringing clean water, education, healthcare and opportunities to communities facing poverty and injustice.

# LENT 2026

@ ST. BRIGID'S PARISH  
MARRICKVILLE

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

7:00 PM @ The Primary School Hall

## LENTEN REFLECTION NIGHTS

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March



7:00 PM @ The Parish Office

## STATION OF THE CROSS

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

All Are Welcome

7:00 PM @ The St. Brigid's Church



## 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.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those Recently Deceased:** Antoinetta Repole, Maria Arlete Da Silva Coelho.

**Anniversary of Death for:** Rodolfo Totanes, Jose Ferriera, Alfredo Errichiello, Bishop Joseph Thong Duy Vu, Froctoso Kilat, William Robert Matthews, Pietro Genovese, Anthony Casey, Basil Basil, Dalal Touma, Ludwig Johann, Gregoria Latagan, Patricia Lowe, Joachim Rong Van Ta, John William Nicholas, Joseph Toan Nguyen, Thomas Joseph O'Connor, Victor Jauco, Bishop Paul Doc Van Nguyen, Eric Whitby, Rodney Bayliss, Sid Fitzalan.

**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, Tina Schino, Rudi Presern, Antonios Gebrael, 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.

**Little Sisters of the Poor**

*"Take courage, I have overcome the world"*  
(John 16:33)

A retreat for young Catholic women seeking discernment guided by  
**Fr. Joachim Rego, Passionist**

**When:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm) to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 (2:00pm)

**Where:** Little Sisters of the Poor, Mount St Joseph's Home, 70 Market Street, Randwick NSW 2031

**Who:** Catholic single women aged 18-35

**Cost:** By donation

For more information & to register, contact:  
**Sr Velonika**  
[vocations.syd@lsp.org.au](mailto:vocations.syd@lsp.org.au) | 0434 622 930  
Registration essential

**MASS TEXTS: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Gen 12:1-4**

The call of Abraham, the father of God’s people.

**Response: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:8-10**

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: Mt 17:1-9**

His face shone like the sun.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2026**

Mon 2	7pm	First Reconciliation Session 2 in School Hall
	7pm	Adult Faith Formation in School Hall
Tue 3	7pm	Lenten Reflection in PC
Wed 4	7pm	RCIA
Fri 6	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun 8	7pm	Parish Youth Group in Hall
Mon 9	7pm	First Reconciliation Session 3 in School Hall
	7pm	Adult Faith Formation 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		
		28 Feb / 1 Mar	7 / 8 Mar	This weekend			
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)	C L1 L2	Aloysia S Paul C Laura N	Michael H Kelelia F Ofa T	Vinh N Michael H Michael P Thu H	Vinh N Gabrielle B Carole P Leila W	Vinh N Belatchew	Jim Y. Michael P.
Sunday 8am	C L1 L2	Mary L Stephen O Libby D	John S Joanna V Esther G	Rebecca B Margaret K Dennis M	Mary L Stephen O Joseph F	Dennis M. Luca G Antonella G Aidan S	Peter H. Maria M.
Sunday 10:30am	C L1 L2	Bernadette S Albert N Italian	Dana P Diana P Italian	Anthony N Tony H Angie C Bernadette Y	Anthony N Albert N Peter J Joanne M	Albert N Anthony N Josh K	Tony C Julian P
Sunday 6pm	C L1 L2	Charlie E Rex H Oscar P	Oscar P Lenore D Laura P	Arthur K Alexis H Lina E	Charlie E Rex H Kevin B	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.