



St Patrick's Parish Church Hill

Under the Pastoral Care of the Marist Fathers since 1868



*St Patrick's has been designated
an official Jubilee pilgrimage site
for the Jubilee Year of Hope*



11 May 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

History and holiness

In today's Gospel – John 10:27-30 – we have two highly significant historical references. The first reference is found in the image of the sheep and the shepherd introduced at the beginning of this chapter. That imagery echoes the prophet Ezekiel who proclaimed his message to the Israelites in Exile near the beginning of the sixth century BCE. Ezekiel begins with a resounding condemnation of the failures of the religious leaders, then he prophesies: "The Lord Yahweh says this: I myself shall take care of my flock and look after it" (Ezekiel 34:11-12).

The second reference, is found in the context of Jesus' teaching: "It was the time of the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem" – verses 22-33. The Feast of the Dedication summoned the people to remain steadfast to the law. Jesus reminds his listeners that the very reason for this steadfastness is God's steadfastness: "I myself shall take care of my flock and look after it." God's initiative, God's love, is the beating heart of the Covenant! And this unfolds within human history.

Recall God's promise to Moses: "I will be with you as I am, shall I be there!" – Exodus 3:1-15. This promise is active throughout history. It is not a promise to establish a problem-free existence. Nor is it a guarantee that the effects of the sin of our first parents will disappear. It is a promise that human history is the dwelling place of God.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of human beings. United in Christ, they are led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the Kingdom of their Father and they have welcomed the news of salvation which is meant for everyone. That is why this community realizes that it is truly linked with humankind and its history by the deepest of bonds" (Gaudium et Spes, #1).

See www.aquinas-academy.org.au for background material on the Gospel text

Michael Whelan SM, Parish Priest

OUR SYNODAL JOURNEY

The synodal process has also revisited the question of the ways in which the Bishop of Rome exercises his ministry. Synodality combines the communitarian (all), collegial (some) and personal (one) aspects of local Churches and of the whole Church. In light of this, the Petrine ministry plays a fundamental part in the synodal dynamic, as does the communitarian aspect that includes the whole People of God and the collegial dimension of the episcopal ministry (No. 130).

Final Document of the Synod, October 2024, #50

Mother's Day Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord of love and life, maker of heaven and earth. You show your love for young people especially through the love, example, and prayer of those who care for them. Today, we honour mothers and those in maternal roles and those aspiring to be mothers. Look upon them with love and kindness, comfort them in times of sorrow, and bless them with your joy and peace. Deepen their love for those they care for and the love of those who care about them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

St Brigid's Church Millers Point 190 Years Celebration during the month of May 2025! **"Back to St Brigid's"** - gathering for all past and present parishioners, residents, and former pupils, exhibit in the church and celebration at The Captain Cook Hotel - Saturday, May 17th (10am - 2pm) and Wednesday, May 21st (5pm - 7pm); "Musical Recital" Wed 14th May 7pm; **"A Thank you to the Religious Orders 1835 to present who dedicated their time to St Brigid's Church and School"** - Saturday 10th May 2pm; Pilgrimage Walk from St Pat's to St Brigid's - Saturday 24th May 10 am; Anniversary Mass - to conclude the celebrations - Sunday 25th May 9am. Join Us! For info office@stpatschurchhill.org; 02 9254 9855. All events are free, however pls register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DADHH> or scan QR code. Thank you



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The Call To Be - The Human Quest for Wholeness Through Poetry Part 1. Presented by Michael Griffith PhD. All lectures held on **ZOOM**; Mondays 19, 26 May, 2 June 2025 6-7:30pm Cost \$60. For info. see <https://catalystforrenewal.org.au> or email thecalltobe@gmail.com

WISDOM FROM TRADITION

"God made human beings free, having from the beginning their own autonomy and their own soul that they might use the counsel of God freely and not under constraint from him."

St Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses (Against the Heresies)*, 4,37,1

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

12 May Mon	Sts Nierius and Achillies, St Pancras	14 May Wed	St Mathias, Apostle Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 12.30pm
13 May Tue	Our Lady of Fatima	15 May Thurs	Rosary, 12.30 pm Crypt

The parish of St Patrick's acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of this place we now call Sydney.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52 (NRSV)

Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jewish officials saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the officials incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response to the Psalm

R. We are God's people,
the sheep of His flock.

A reading from the book of Revelation 7:9, 14-17 (NRSV)

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. And one of the elders then said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them." They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." It is might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

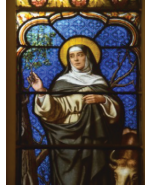
A reading from the holy Gospel according John 10:27-30 (NRSV)

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**St Brigid's Church,
14-16 Kent Street, Millers Point**

Did you know - St Brigid's, designed by colonial architect Ambrose Hallen, is the oldest surviving place of Catholic worship in Australia? Governor Richard Bourke approved the site and building plan in 1833.



**Join our community
for Mass - Sundays at 9.00am**

Visit our **Piety Store and Book Store** in the William Davis Courtyard every Sunday from 10 am. Discover good finds, pre-loved books, prayer cards and gift items

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to 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.

ST. PATRICK'S COFFEE SHOP
Open Tuesday - Friday 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Electronic Donations: We have two tap machines for electronic donations near the to the church or click on the QR code. For regular donations from your credit card, please contact the Parish Office.



Sunday First Collection: Support of the Marist Community at St Patrick's

Sunday Second Collection: General Parish Expenses and Maintenance.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

MONDAY - FRIDAY:

7.30 - 7.55 am; 10.00am - 11.00am;
12.00 noon - 1.00pm; 4.30pm - 5.20pm

SATURDAY: 7.30am - 7.55am;

10.30am - 12.30pm; 5.30pm - 5.55pm

SUNDAY: 7.45am - 8.30am;

9.45 am - 11.45am; 3.45 pm - 4.45 pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 7.30am - 7.55am;

11.30 am - 11.55am; 4.30pm - 5.20 pm

MASS PROGRAM

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8.00am, 10.30am,
12.00noon & 5.30pm.

***Church open from 7.30am - 6pm**

SATURDAY: 8.00am, 12.00 noon

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm.

***Church open from 7.30am - 6.45pm**

SUNDAY: 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am,
11.00am, 12nn, 3.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm

***Church open from 7.30am - 6.45pm**

St. Brigid's, Millers Point: 9.00am Mass

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: 8.00 am, 12nn, 5.30 pm

***Church open from 7.30am - 6.00pm**

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