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at a glance 

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9 If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death
Romans 13:8-10 Love is the fulfilment of the Law
Matthew 18:15-20 If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back



**Twenty-Third
Sunday
Year A
9/10
September
2017**

In a Nutshell

A judgemental attitude towards others never promotes love and harmony. We can all feel hurt and offended at times, but if we approach that person with kindness rather than anger, there is more chance of peaceful reconciliation.

Jesus asks us to do all we can to promote love, peace and tolerance, and he assures us that he will be there among us with his support and Encouragement.

We find conflicting tensions when we reflect on today's Gospel. It is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel that is all about the way Jesus wanted his Church to function. But today's passage is about exclusion. What do you do if a member does something wrong? You follow a process of charity. Do you go straight to the top authority and report that person? No, you begin more personally by having it out with the one who has offended you. Only after that has failed do you call in others to help: and if that does not work then you appeal to the whole community.

These tensions we can see at home or at church. What happens if parents are always severe and condemning their children And what happens if they indulge and accepts everything their children do, no matter who wrong? Both alternatives are inadequate. Boundaries have to be set in any community so that we know right from wrong. Forgiveness can never be preached with real a authority without first preaching of repentance and judgment.

But we are to be very careful if we find ourselves deciding how the God of Jesus Christ ought to behave. The Gospel shows how often the Lord bursts the boundaries that have been set up by human beings and reaches out in love and mercy to seek out the sinner and the lost and to embrace the outcast. In the Year of Mercy we remembered that more people have been turned away from the Church by its severity and exclusion than by its forgiveness and mercy. And we could learn from the lesson in the way we live together in our homes and churches.

The Living Word, 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Lord, you are just, and the judgments you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

Response to the psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil September:	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) John Betros	Saturday Vigil September:	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) June Ferguson, Sr. Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am September 10th September 17th	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Carol Miller Gerry Walker & Charlie Robinson	Sunday 7.00 am September:	Peter Frost, Garry Keating, and Charlie Robinson.
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am September:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty.
Sunday 6.00 pm September:	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Maria Wilson, Denise Haylen	Sunday 6.00 pm September :	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
Church Cleaners		Gardeners	
September 10th:	Jim & Rhonda Uglow	Susan & Kevin Bradley	
September 17th:	John & Margaret Betros		
September 24th :	Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas		
Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)			
September 10th:	Group 2	September 17th:	Group 3
September 23rd:	Group 4	October 1st:	Group 1
If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator			

Offertory Gifts— Sat 9th September: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Dianne Shaloub & Family	Offertory Gifts— Sun 10th September: 7.00 am Mass Vicki Attard & Family
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Patrick Keagan, Mr Nunn, Mrs Pook, Mr Lancaster, Angela Morgan, Bill McWilliams,
Other Deceased:	Eileen Richards, Yicente Caetano, Victor Reid, Harry & Muriel Colthop, John Vonwiller, Jack & Shirley Michael Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Sherry Jackson, Dale Black, Bill Jack, Jack & Alma Saidey
Anniversaries:	Michael Rule, Jack Bourke, Norman Hanna, Austin & Patrick Byrnes
Sick:	Alma Reid, Steven Elias, Dillon Lynch (Dawson Family), Fr John Shallvey msc, Win Wallace, Esteban Ovelar, Roslyn Hutton, Fr Bob Irwin msc, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Sr Kath Conlan, Joe Sullivan (Sr).

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Special Notice: Fr Phil is in Darwin from this coming Monday evening 4th Sept—until early Thursday morning 14th September, visiting his younger sister, Sue and her family.

Thursday 14th September - 9.30am mass with Sacrament of Anointing
Sunday 17th September - Children's Liturgy during Family Mass

Fr John Kelliher msc is celebrating weekend Masses this week 9th/10th September.
Kensington Monastery priests will cover normal 9.30am weekday Masses.

Fr Adrian Meaney msc will be celebrating Masses on the 16th /17th Sept for the annual MSC Mission Office Appeal

Fr Phil

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Every Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30 am (no Mass on Wednesday, unless special feast)
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month.
Baptisms	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance

Child Protection Sunday 10th September “See Me, Hear Me”

As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday and preceding week, provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is “See Me, Hear Me”. The question is how do we here at St Brigid’s parish play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe? This year the National Committee for Professional Standards have commissioned a video and brochure through the Australian Catholic University reflecting on research around what children think about their safety.

In the first reading today, Child Protection Sunday the Prophet Ezekiel speaks of “being a sentry to the House of Israel’. As already stated within our Catholic Communities there is horror, anger and sorrow over the abuse of children. As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to “Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families” As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.



Our Prayer

“See Me, Hear Me”

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is require to help all children feel safe

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by these wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to see out assistance when required.

We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.

Invitation to the Annual Catechist Mass

2.00pm –3.30pm Sunday 24th September - St Mary’s Cathedral (afternoon tea to follow)

The Archdiocese will be recognizing Catechists for their 20 – 50 years service to children enrolled in Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) in our public schools.

RSVP to Laura Argiro or Julia Goff 9370 8330 or email office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

A message from our neighboring parish, St Mary and St Joseph, Maroubra: There will be an Information Evening for the Christian Spiritual pilgrimage to India “**One Heart and One Soul**” in February 2018. Details—this coming Tuesday 12th September, 6pm at parish Hall, St Mary and St Joseph Parish, 246 Malabar Road Maroubra. RSVP: Marie Fonseca, 9344 0523/ 0418 365 117 Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au.

Priests’ Retirement Foundation Appeal Date: 9th & 10th September

This weekend is **Priests’ Retirement Foundation** Appeal – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. Envelopes are available in the church foyer.

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