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at a
glance 

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Next Week

Prepare a way
Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11;
Luke 3:1-6

New view



Advent is a call to stay awake and be alert to God's coming. Lynette tells how being alert to a feeling of disillusionment enabled her to change her outlook on life:

Last year was all about survival and settling in to life in the real world after being released from prison. Going back to work this year I really didn't want to be there. I survived each day by a constant plea: 'God, please get me through today'.

A week ago I sat down with myself for a really good think, wondering where the positive person who survived five years of prison had disappeared to. I asked myself what was going on. Locked away, the green grass of freedom is so much better than anything you can imagine, yet out here in the real world I can't find it. Not being able to find it, I had become very disillusioned with the life I have. I believed that a change of job or some other thing would fix it. Thankfully, however, I was able to see the forest for the trees and realise that no external change would work, for this needed to be internal.

I had a long think about what I really like about my job, and, of course, the answer to that is the interaction with people. I still say, 'God, please get me through today', but this time I'm asking for help and guidance to get the best out of each day instead of just surviving it.

I love this new view of the world around me, and I really feel much more alive than I have for a long time. This is truly an amazing journey I'm on!
(Lynette)

**First Sunday of
Advent, Year B
29 November 2015**

In a nutshell

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time when we are asked to 'stay awake' and be alert.

We are asked to act with integrity, and to turn away from anything that will dull our perception of the coming of Christ.

It is a time of fine-tuning our priorities. We are clay in the hands of the potter, God, who yearns for our love and attentiveness.

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

Response to the psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.



Courage for living

A work colleague's mother died not too many weeks before Christmas. When I saw her after the holiday break, I asked how she had spent her Christmas, knowing that it would not have been easy.

Before her mother's death, Anne, a single woman, had made arrangements to travel to a country region as part of a large group. After some deliberation, she had decided to go ahead with her plans. However, she was quite ill and had to spend part of the holiday confined to her room.

'That must have been awful!' I said. 'On the contrary,' she replied. 'The other travellers kept an eye on me, while respecting my privacy, and if I needed anything I only needed to ask. There were videos and cable TV, so as I recovered I had plenty of entertainment. If I had been at home I wouldn't have been nearly so well off!'

It was a real example to me of the maxim: Life is what you make it.
(Tracey)

You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.
(1 Corinthians 1:7)

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Readers (Not required for Sunday 29/11)	Ministers of the Eucharist (Only at 11 am 29/11)
Saturday Vigil Janet Neenan (Coordinator) November: Janet Neenan, Amy Easton December: Kenji Konda, John Betros Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator) December: Peter Frost Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator) 6 Dec: Adele Cornale, Gian Cornale Sunday 11.00 am 29 Nov: St Brigid's School Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) December: Andrew Poidevin <p style="text-align: center;">Church Cleaners</p> W/e 29 Nov: Margaret & John Betros 6 Dec: Sharron Critchley, Diane Karas <p style="text-align: center;">Money Counters- Parish Office</p> 29 Nov: Group 1 6 Dec: Group 2 13 Dec: Group 3 20 Dec: Group 4	Saturday Vigil Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) November: Leo Carroll, Eileen Richards, Sr Gabriel December: Brian Giles, Anne Wright, Eileen Richards, Sr Gabriel, Sunday 7.00 am December: Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating Sunday 9.30 am Paula Hudson (Coordinator) 6 Dec: Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Erin Docherty Sunday 11.00 am 29 Nov: Cheryl Graham, Eddie Mullin, Aodhan Docherty Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Dec Paula O'Connor, Michael O'Sullivan, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen <p style="text-align: center;">Gardeners</p> Susan & Kevin Bradley If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass 28 Nov: Les & Cathy Sharpley 5 Dec: Bernice Ralston	Offertory Gifts— Sun 11.00 am Mass 29 Nov: St Brigid's School 6 Dec: TBA
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Anthony Bailey, Josephine Borg, Josephine Mathe, Molly Lynch, Michael Enahora,
Other Deceased:	Jack & Alma Saidy, Daniel & Margaret Ryan, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Godbold Family, Pobje Family, Bill Knight, Merel Fitzsimons, Colleen Pritchard, Marie Joseph, Rose Turner, Helen Farland,
Anniversaries:	Marilyn Egan, Margaret Hanna, Monica Byrnes, Bill & Thelma King, Lavina Hanna, Anna Maraz, Eufemia Benussi, Helen Bast, Barbara McCormack, Mollie McCabe, Mary (Toni) Barry, Mary Price, Ken Grant, Arthur Grant
Sick:	Patrick Herlihy, Carmel Olde, Helen Corbett, Neil Thornton, Rob Borg, Fr John Shalvey msc, Marie Brunton, Robert Phipps, Michelle, Maddy & Jack O'Connor, Renae & Scarlett Hutton, Greig, Aria & Ashton Hutton, Br James Maher msc, Rob Borg, Miceal Smyth (Ireland), Alice Orrock, Bridie McDonnell, Fr John Rate msc, Sister Kath Conlan, Win Wallace, Trish Shadwick, Monique Irvine, Joe Sullivan, Hannah Michael, Neil Thornton, Scarlett Herbett, Nancy Parton, Jack Dobbin, Muriel Eves, Michael Di Giorgio, Peter Wright, Glen Wheeler, Salius David Dalsys

List of Holy Souls

Masses for the Repose of the Holy Souls will be offered throughout the Month of November.

Beanie and Billie Pedley, Bill and Thelma King, Bob Brost, Bonnie Nichol, Bonnie Trimmer, Brendan and Dorothy MacNamara, Cec and Rita Barrow, Champion Family, Cooke Family, Dale Black, Denise Treacy, Doreen Fletcher, Vena Smith, Family, friends and relatives of Ted and Brenda Dore, Family, friends and relatives of F Keys, Family, friends and relatives of Therese Coorey, Friends and Family of Pilar & Estaban Ovelar, Harry and Muriel Colthup, Helen Pat Freestone, James O'loughlin, John and Elain Harding, John and Joyce Mc Millan, John Vonwiller, Josephine, Agatha, James & Desmond Rigby, Julie Knight, Knight Family, Lee Shield Rossitt, Lindner Family, Louise Donnellan, Mac Namara Family, Marie and Jeff Thornton, Marie Joseph, Mary and Norman McClelland, Mary Ridland, McMillan Family, Moira Skillecorn, Noel Hudson snr, Nola Blake, Nora Walker, Norma Hjorthe, O'Brien and Tapp Families, Paul Hudson, Phillys Torda, Roger Fitsimmons, Roy and Ella McDonald, Sally Byrne, Scott Family, Sherry Jackson, Timms Family, Tom, Nell and Ken Lynch, Toni Bailey, Toni Barry, Vonwiller Family, Walsh Family, Roddey & Byrnes Families, Mary & Robert Lancaster, The Shannon Family, The Wilkes Family, Patrick Finegan, David, Jo & Phillip Kemp, Margaret Sawyer, Friends & family of Ed & Dianne Mullen.

There are no Weddings or Baptisms this weekend.

St Brigid's Welcoming Mass and Parish Picnic Sunday 29th November

This Sunday there will be a special Parish Function to welcome the new Kindergarten families for 2016. The day will begin with **11.00 am Mass**, to be celebrated by Fr John Bosman msc, with Fr Phil assisting. This will be the **Only Mass** on Sunday. The Children from the School will be doing all the readings and the Offertory Procession. A sausage sizzle will follow and there will also be a jumping castle for the children. Do come along everybody is welcome.

.Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 6 pm Vigil and 9.00 pm (Choir)
Christmas Day: 7 am and 9.30 am Family Mass (Choir)
Reconciliation before Christmas: Monday 21 December, 7 pm.

Christmas Choir Practice

For those who are interested the choir will be practicing every Thursday leading up to Christmas.
For more information contact Jeremy on 0414 540 439 or Angeline on 0405 420 159

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal Today

This weekend is the St Brigid's Christmas Appeal for the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish. We thank you for your support in the past and again we ask your help in assisting the many who need our help this Christmas. Envelopes are available on the seats and may be left in the collections at any Mass or posted to the address on the front of the envelope. All donations over two dollars are tax deductible and receipts will be issued upon request in the New Year.

Your donation is the foundation and the reason they have a chance at a better future.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Cards are available in the Church Foyer.

Cost: \$6.00 for a pack of 10, 5 packs for \$28 **2016 Columban** calendars are also available for \$9.00 each.

Cana Christmas Cakes 2015

At a cost of \$25 each the cakes will be available to pick up and/or purchase at the conclusion of the 11 am Welcoming Mass this Sunday.

Fr Phil

Will be attending the Welcoming Mass & Parish Picnic this Sunday.

Masses will continue as normal during Fr Phil's absence from the Parish

Saturday 5 pm Vigil - Fr Tim Brennan msc., **7 am Sunday & 9.30 am Weekday Masses** - Fr Paul Stenhouse msc., **9.30 am Family Mass and Baptisms** - Fr John Bosman msc., **6.00 pm Sunday Night** - priest from OLSH Randwick.

Order of Malta Lourdes Day Mass. The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2015 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, **5 December at 10.15 am**. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Bishop Terry Brady. A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessing will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use.

A Christmas Celebration ! Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Chamber Orchestra including congregational carols and music. **Friday, 18 December at 7.30pm** St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Tickets available online at www.cityrecitalhall.com/events/st-marys-cathedral or **02 8256 2222**.

Preparing For The Vocation Of Marriage? Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still available for **6 & 7 February 2016**, \$250 per couple. For more information, ring **9646 9010** or go to www.caec.com.au - *A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime*

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm Except for Sunday 29th November. One Mass only at 11 am followed by the Picnic)
Morning Tea	Every 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am
Communion Service	Wednesday 9.30 am Reconciliation 10 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
Parish Office	Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)



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