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at a
glance

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-30

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel.
Jesus as the source of our salvation
The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.



**Fifth Sunday of
Lent Year B
17/18 March**

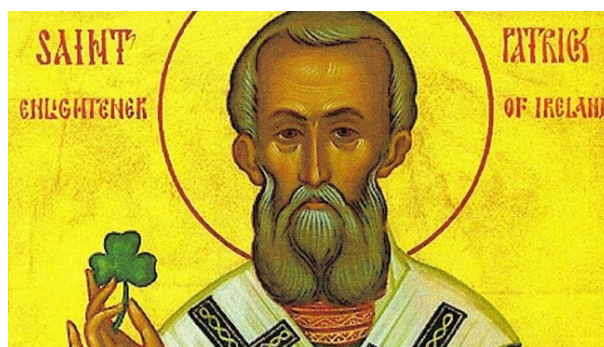
In a nutshell

The time is drawing near for Jesus to manifest the ultimate expression of his love for us.

His preaching touches the hearts of some Greeks, who then want to meet Jesus.

If we are impressed with the words of Jesus, we must also live this out in our lives.

Like the grain of wheat, we have to die to our selfishness so that we can live fully in Christ.



St Patrick – 17th March

Amidst the legends of snakes and shamrocks lies the story of a missionary, whose way of living and words touched the souls of the people in Ireland. Patrick spoke simply of God's beauty and love. He spoke of a God so close to us that there is a very thin membrane between the divine and the human. The people of Ireland had long known this through their own experience and appreciation of the winds, the trees, the rivers, the glens, and the greening earth. Patrick brought a name to their experience – Jesus, the living Word of God made flesh, now risen and whose radiance fills the earth – for those with eyes to see.

The Gospel of Luke quotes Jesus – 'the Kingdom is very near to you'. The mind and heart of God is close to you. This is the Good News all messengers are charged to proclaim in word and deed. Notice that the disciples are told not just what to say, but how to say it through their lives. The reign of God will never make sense through words, unless it is also being lived. This is also how the first Catholics arrived in Australia. Many came as convicts, or indentured labourers. So today we celebrate the ancestry of our living faith. Through Patrick, the Christian story reached the shores of Ireland where it developed its own flavour. From Ireland it crossed the seas to Australia and many other countries. Today this faith story continues to be shared and new, rich flavours are added to it. Last century many migrants added the richness of their faith heritage – Italian, Maltese, Vietnamese, Polish... And this century from Lebanon, Nigeria, Chile, and many other countries.

As we celebrate and give thanks for the faith of Patrick, can we celebrate and give thanks for the rich heritage of all our ancestors in the faith, the many in our families and schools and parishes who lived and spoke the good news of Jesus. May we continue to be the messengers of this Good News so that we too can be a 'light for all in our world.'

Liturgy Help, 2018

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust people. You, O God, are my refuge.


Response to the psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

| Readers | | Ministers of the Eucharist | |
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| Saturday Vigil March 17th: March 24h | Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert | Saturday Vigil March : | Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel |
| Sunday 7.00 am March: | Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gerry Walker & Charlie Robinson | Sunday 7.00 am March 18th: | Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Michael O’Sullivan |
| Sunday 9.30 am March 18th: March 25th: | Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Mark Woolford Tracy Willcox | Sunday 9.30 am March: | Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty |
| Sunday 6.00 pm | Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) | Sunday 6.00 pm March: | Andrew Poidevin Coordinator) Paula O’Connor, Andrew Poidevin, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen |
| Church Cleaners | | Gardeners | |
| March 17th: | Diane Karas | Susan & Kevin Bradley | |
| Money Counters—Parish Office | | Sacristy & Altar | |
| | | Carol Miller and Pilar Ovelar | |
| | | Altar Flowers | |
| | | Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros | |
| If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator | | | |
| March 18th: April 1st: | Group 1 Group 3 | March 25th April 8th | Group 2 Group 4 |

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| Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass March 17th: | Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass March 18th: Maureen Fitzsimmons &Elaine Haigh |
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| Mass Offerings: | <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i> |
| Recently Deceased: | Winifred Doherty (mother of Caroline Doherty, our parish secretary) who died unexpectedly in Ireland last Wednesday evening. Rev Fr. Roman Modino, Eileen Purcell, Vic Montifia, Graziano Capuano, Joyce McCarthy, Bonnie Trimmer, Sandra Sutcliff. |
| Other Deceased: | Desmond & Alice Ryan, Julie-Anne Knight, Francis & Will Champion, Bill Jack, Alma and Jack Saidey |
| Anniversaries: | Yuppe (Joe) Breuck, Nancy Frost, Anthony Simpson, Freesia Llamoso & Olivia Abesamis, Anthony Simpson |
| Sick: | Tony Cruikshank, Scarlett Herbert, Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Conor Cassidy (Ireland), Sr Kath Conlan, Tony Kelly, Mary-Jane Saunders, Thelma Shepherd, Enid Hampshire, Anne Hampshire, Barry du Bois, Alistair Ross, John Miller, Maureen O’Connor, Maddy O’Connor, Esteban Ovelar, Trish Shadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steve Elias, Win Wallace, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Brother Dan Geary msc, Fr Thoi Tran msc. |



Baptisms

We congratulate the following children received into our Parish Community this Sunday :

Alexander Muir, son of Alistair and Felicia

| St Brigid’s Parish Information | |
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| Mass Times | Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm |
| Morning Tea | Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass |
| Weekday Masses | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am |
| Reconciliation | 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass |
| Sacrament of Anointing | During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month |
| Baptisms | By appointment, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month |
| Marriages | By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance |
| Parish Office | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am to 3 pm (phone 9315 7562). |

St Brigid's Parish this week and beyond

Lenten Reflection Groups meet for this final week. *All welcome. Two groups are available.*

Tuesday evenings @ 7pm in parish house chapel—160 Coogee Bay Rd.

Thursday evenings @ 6.45pm in the parish office. (at this one you are welcome to join the RCIA group, as they prepare for baptism and reception into the Church at Easter)

Choir At Easter

We continue to invite parishioners to sing with the choir at Easter. Practices are every **Wednesday at 7.30pm—9.30pm**. The choir will be singing on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Saturday vigil and Easter Sunday morning. Please contact Jeremy on 0414 540 439 or Angeline 0405 420 159

Monday 19th March: Feast of St Joseph 9.30am Mass here at St Brigid's

Tuesday 20th March: First Reconciliation at 7pm.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgies At St Brigid's

Monday/Tuesday Normal 9.30am Masses

Tuesday **7.00pm 2nd Rite Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Holy Thursday (No morning Mass)
7.00pm Mass Commemoration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday **10.00am Stations of the Cross** (Confessions after Stations of the Cross has finished)
3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
(Confessions after the liturgy has finished)

Holy Saturday **7.00pm Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday **7.00am and 9.30am Masses** (No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

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Day of the Unborn Child, Sunday 18th March

The Annual Day of the Unborn Child at 12.00 midday after the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral and ends at 1.30pm with Benediction back at the Cathedral. This year it will be led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher.
Call Life & Family Institute, for more details 9002 0354, www.lifeandfamily.com.au.

Mass and Blessing for People with Autism on Sunday 8th April

We honour all those in our community with autism at St Benedicts' Church, Broadway, at 2pm.
Celebrant is Bishop Anthony Randazzo (Brochures are in our church foyer)

Confirmation Enrolment - note please: that Confirmation date has been changed, as advised from St Mary's Cathedral.

Sunday 27th May 2018 @ 12.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

Enrolment times this coming week at the parish office:

Tuesday 20th March 1pm—3pm & Thursday 22nd March 2.30—4.30pm

Please bring your child's baptismal certificate and \$30 enrolment fee.

Season of Lent—Project Compassion 2018

In the foyer of the Church, we still have Project Compassion boxes and envelope packs.

The theme for Project Compassion 2018 (organised by *Caritas Australia*) is **“For a Just Future”**

By supporting this appeal during Lent, we enable *Caritas Australia* to help our Asian neighbours to build a just future for their families and their communities. *(all donations tax deductible)*

Sacramental Program at St Brigid's in 2018

(Pastoral Associate & Sacramental Co-ordinator: Anne—Marie Snelling)

First Communions (Year 3 children & older)

Saturday 15th September 2018 @ 5pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Church

Sunday 16th September 2018 @ 9.30am Family Mass at St Brigid's Church



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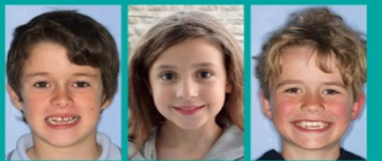
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