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at a glance 

Today's Readings

1Kings 19:9.11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.
Command me to come to you over the water.



Nineteenth Sunday Year A
12th/13th August 2017

In a Nutshell
Jesus sends everyone away, and spends time with his Father in prayer. When he rejoins the disciples by walking on the water, they are afraid. Peter wishes to go to him, yet his faith is shaken by the strong winds. In response to Peter's cry for help, Jesus takes hold of him and all becomes calm. Once again, their faith is strengthened and they acknowledge Jesus as Son of God.

In today's Gospel we hear of the storm that suddenly broke over the disciples on the Sea of Galilee. They are taken by surprise by a sudden squall, quite a regular occurrence on this particular sea, and they are hard pressed to keep the boat and themselves afloat. When the Lord comes towards them during that dark and troubled hour of the night, they fear they are seeing a ghost. But the Lord assures them that it is he and Peter, anxious to reach him, comes to him across the water. This event, like so many to others, deepens the disciples' faith in Jesus that he is not just an ordinary man, but also the Son of God. This extraordinary event reveals to them that Jesus is an extraordinary person. They can put their trust in him even in the most worrying of circumstances. Peter, feeling the force of the waves, begins to sink as he makes his way towards the Lord, and the Lord reaches out his hand to steady him.

Storms occur in every human life. Like storms at sea, they can be overwhelming events and we can find ourselves helpless to avoid them or to escape from their consequences. Terrible weather is bad enough but human violence, be it in family, in society or in international strife, is a force that we can feel powerless to survive, much less to overcome. In the middle of such storms, when anger is raging, when things are said and done that hurt us, we are in great danger of adding fuel to the flames by the storm of anger that invades our own soul. In times like these we need brave people to emerge who will faithfully carry out the things that make for safety and sanity in life. Storms play themselves out at sea and they will also play themselves out in humans relationships, as long as we do not add our own fury to the fire. Calm and quiet-natured people are needed in volatile situations—people who pray and call out to the Lord of the storm for assistance.

Prayer brings us the gift of wisdom and a way of responding well to those who are out of control. In personal life it is a gift of not responding angrily to the barbs that others may send our way. In public life it is the gift of diplomacy that seeks understanding with our enemies and not their destruction. People of little faith that we are, we pray to the Lord of the storm for the salvation of our world.

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.
Response to the psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil August:	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) John Betros	Saturday Vigil August:	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) June Ferguson, Sr. Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am August:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	Sunday 7.00 am August:	Peter Frost, Garry Keating, and Charlie Robinson.
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
Sunday 6.00 pm August:	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Maria Wilson, Denise Haylen	August:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty.
	Church Cleaners	Sunday 6.00 pm August:	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator) Paula O'Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
August 13th:	Jim & Rhonda Uglow		Gardeners
August 20th:	John & Margaret Betros		Susan & Kevin Bradley
August 27th:	Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas		
September 3rd:	volunteers required		
	Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)		
August 13th: Group 3	August 20th: Group 2		
August 27th: Group 4	September 3rd: Group 1		
		If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 12th August: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Bernice Ralston	Offertory Gifts— Sun 13th August: 7.00 am Mass Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Margaret (Peggy) Crawley, Suzanna Phillips, Monica North, Vincent Lane Bill Maher, Helen Corbett, Allan Edwards, Jack Olde, Eileen Richards, Nola Ryan, John Fealey, John Andrews.
Other Deceased:	Victor Reid, Harry & Muriel Colthop, Eamonn Fallon, John Vonwiller, Jack & Alma Saidey, Kerry Ann Beale, Trish & John Whealy, McGovern Family, Mary Ridland.
Anniversaries:	William Beale, Madge Beale, George & Ellen McKelleher Michael Todd, Noeline Joseph, Mary Wood, Donald Hogna.
Sick:	Teresa Moran (Ireland), Esteban Ovelar, Roslyn Hutton, Fr John Shallvey msc, Fr Bob Irwin msc, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Michael Fallon msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Sr Kath Conlan, Jacinta Lee, Elizabeth Khoury, Richard Healy, Justin Wood, Mitchell Hudson, Sandra Sadlier, Kath McDonald, Joe Sullivan (Sr).



The Sacrament of Confirmation— Our groups are commencing week three of the four week programme.

This week the groups are learning about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Wonder)

Baptismal candles are available for purchase from the Parish Office,

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

At St Brigid's this week & beyond.

St Brigid's Year 1 Family Mass—At our Vigil 5pm Mass this weekend we welcome our St Brigid's School Year One children.

Children's Liturgy (Kid's Church) - We hope that you and your family can join us for the next children's liturgy on Sunday 20th August at 9.30am.

Charitable Works

Last weekend, parishes have their Charitable Works Fund Appeal the second of three throughout the new financial year. Envelopes are still available in the church foyer and donations in envelopes can be placed on any collection.

Accommodation Required—A parishioner (Danny, a Ukrainian Refugee) is seeking temporary accommodation in the Coogee area. Danny is employed and if anyone can offer suggestions or help please call the parish office 9315 7562..

Feast of the Assumption— Tuesday 15th August: 9.30am Mass

RCIA Programme—If you know of any of your friends interested in becoming Catholic, St Brigid's Parish Community will have our own RCIA program beginning in September. You are welcome to come and meet others this coming Thursday at 7pm in the parish office. Please let Fr Phil or Anne-Marie know through the Parish Office on 9315 7562.

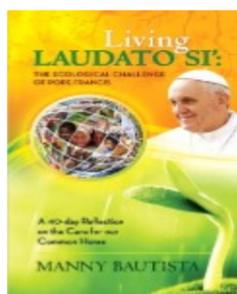
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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL – ACYF

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator for further information. **Janice 0414 188 682 easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com**
The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register.
There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator.



LIVING LAUDATO SI': The Ecological Challenge of Pope Francis,



Last weekend, Manny Bautista spoke at all our Masses. His book offers 40 brief reflections on the care of our common home. These reflections are helpful in rediscovering our eco-vocation as carers of God's creation, rekindling a sense of intimacy and communion with the natural world, and facilitating the much-needed ecological conversion. The book is "an excellent resource, wonderfully clear, user-friendly and much-needed. It will be of great value for individual use, as well as for small groups in parishes." (Fr Denis Edwards) **Price per copy: \$20.00** (money to be given to Fr Phil)

*Copies are available in the church foyer.

Mass for Pregnant Mothers: Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral next Sunday 20th of August at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. RSVP and enquiries can be directed to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8404



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