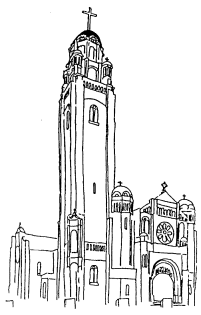

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at a glance

Today's Readings

Is 49:14-15	Can a mother forget her child? And God says I will not forget you.
1 Cor 4:1-5	The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness
Mt 6:24-34	Do not worry about tomorrow

Eighth Sunday of the Year. Year A 25/26 February 2017

In a Nutshell

Our place in the world is to be the children of God and to live according to the spirit of God's kingdom. When that happens the power of worry fades and faith grows strong. The issues of life are always there for us but now they no longer loom over us as a threat or dark cloud. We will negotiate life on God's terms and God's ways are peace.

The words of Isaiah echo through the ages for us today when God says, "I will never forget you." To know that you are alive in the heart of God and not forgotten is to know that you are safe and will not be abandoned for ever. That reassurance is multiplied for us who have come to know Christ Jesus. As servants of the Lord, Paul reminds us of what our faith makes certain, that we are beloved of God.

As servants of the Lord, is in our power to remove worry from the heart of others. We do not pass judgement on other people. That would be premature and not our task anyway. It is the Lord who will reveal the secret intentions of people's hearts. Let today find us at peace, our trust firmly in the one who does not forget us, and let our role in life be to bring calmness and reassurance to all those whose lives we touch each day.

The Living Word 2017

Ash Wednesday Mass is at 9.30am at St Brigid's

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.
Response to the psalm: Rest in God alone, my soul.
Gospel acclamation: The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!
Communion antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,

Readers

Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)
Feb:	Janet Neenan, Amy Easton
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
Feb:	Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
Feb 26:	Adele Cornale & Tracey Wilcox
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Feb 26:	Sharron Critchley & Diane Karas
Mar 5:	John & Margaret Betros
Mar 12:	Rhonda & Jim Uglow
Mar 19th:	John & Margaret Betros

Money Counters- Parish Office

Feb 26: Group 2 **Mar 5th**: Group 3
Mar 12th: Group 4 **Mar 19th:** Group 1

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)
Feb:	Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel
Mar:	Leo Carroll, June Ferguson, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am	
Feb/ Mar:	Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
Feb:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty Volunteers needed each week
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
Feb/Mar:	Paula O'Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen

Gardeners

Susan & Kevin Bradley

If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator

Offertory Gifts— Sat 25 Feb: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass
Dianne Shalhoub & Family

Offertory Gifts— Sun 26 Feb: 7.00 am Mass
Vicki Attard & Family

Mass Offerings: ***Your prayers are requested for the following:***

Recently Deceased: **Lucy White, Shirley Michael, Diane Cummins, Carol Gerring**, Joan Thomas, Sr Carol Pederson rac, Rafella Manka, Roslyn Garnham,

Other Deceased: **Lee Shield Rossit,** Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Bill & Kerryann Beale & Family, Tish & John Whealy, McGowen Family, Murray Family. Marie Cunningham, Nell & Ken Lynch, Roy & Ella McDonald, Alma & Jack Saidey

Anniversaries: **Mark O'Connor, Sr Trish Davis oln,** Alice & Desmond Ryan, Rob Borg, Bonnie Trimmer, Helen Freestone, Jessie Falvey**,** Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes, Annie Flathery

Sick: **James Donnan, James Azar,** John Miller, Nola Ryan, Sr Kathleen Conlan**,** Steve Bush, Rita Moore, Steve Bush, Fr Frank Perry msc, Bill Jack,, Phillipa Rack, Annabel Kleyn, Maureen O'Connor, Alan Jones, John Andrews, Fr John Rate msc, Michelle Maddy & Jack O'Connor, Greg Ashton & Aria Hutton, Renae Scarlett & Ellie Hutton, Scarlett Herbett.

Lenten Message from Archbishop Anthony

Dear Friends in Christ,
On Wednesday we will receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, a sign of penance and humility as we begin the season of Lent. We do so with a heightened awareness of the pain and suffering of all victims of sexual abuse, especially those who were abused by clergy and others representing the Church. May our Lenten penance this year be an act of intercession in solidarity with all who suffer, praying that they may find healing and a renewed trust in God and in other people.

Thank You

On Saturday 28th January, my husband Frank and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. This was the actual day of our marriage in 1967 at St Brigid's. We would like to thank Fr Phil and the parish community for their support and to Fr Phil for being so inclusive and making us and our family feel so welcome .

Kerrie Fitzpatrick

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 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** 15 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, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am to 3 pm (9315 7562)**

Lenten Program at St Brigid's

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 1st March, and as we begin another journey towards Easter, we will be having our Lenten Reflection Groups throughout the month.
One group will meet, similar to last year, in the front room of the presbytery 160 Coogee Bay Road, on
Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. However, the first meeting will be on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday for the remaining meetings, as Fr Phil will be absent on Thursday 2nd March. All welcome. The invitation is also there for any other group who may wish to meet together each week, and booklets are available to assist in this.

Volunteers Required

We greatly appreciate the valuable contribution our volunteers make to our parish community. If there is any area that appeals to you within our church, please contact the office, we welcome help with:

Children's Liturgy	Communion Ministers	Sacristy & Alter Flower arrangers
Musicians	Readers	Catechists
Cleaning (once a month)	Counters for the weekly collections.	

Fr Phil

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

This Saturday night vigil Mass, we welcome all our families who are preparing their children for First Reconciliation. They will be making a commitment to the program of preparation which will be in family groups over the next five weeks.

If you have any queries please contact Anne-Marie or Fr Phil at the office.

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Sisters of Charity Outreach is a community service organisation committed to providing assistance to families in need across New South Wales through the active participation of trained volunteers and staff. Outreach supports the vulnerable in our society, with an emphasis on women and families, offering services that are professional, flexible and responsive to emerging community needs**.**
Volunteer required in the following areas:
Court Care Link, Short– Term Accommodation, Save Haven, Home Visit Program, Cout Support Service "Time Out" for Carers and Office Support. Tel: 02 8382 6430 E: info@outreach.net.au

Apparition Hill

If you love Our Lady and her powers of intercession, the Apparition Hill documentary about Medjugorje is compulsory viewing. Apparition Hill examines the important questions of life and what comes after, through the lens of 7 people who go to Medjugorje. After a sell-out last November, a follow-up screening has been organised for 2pm at the Ritz Cinema on Sunday 19th March. To order your tickets online, type in the following link: **https://www.trybooking.com/OQTI** . There will be NO Door Sales of tickets on the day. Contact Parishioner Andrew Poidevin on 0412 479 680 for Cash Sales enquiries or further information

Morning Tea for Fr Phil

Please join us for morning tea after 9.30am mass on Sunday 26th February to celebrate Fr Phil's 50 years anniversary of his final vows as a Missionary of the Sacred Heart.

HEALING AND HOPE AFTER ABORTION. Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion. Next retreat is March 24-26 at Pennant Hills. Brochures are available in the foyer of the church.
Call: 0400 092 555 or Website: **rachelsvineyard.org.au** or
email: **info@rachelsvineyard.org.au.** The next retreat will be held **24-26 March 2017**.

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