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at a  
glance



## Today's Readings

*Isaiah 60:1-6* Light has come; the glory of the Lord shines upon you  
*Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6* Spirit's revelation, that we are all parts of the same body of Christ  
*Matthew 2:1-12* We have come from the East to worship the King



**Epiphany  
Year A  
08 January 2016**

## In a nutshell

Jesus was born in Judea. Today, all the nations seek to welcome and adore him, the light of the world. The wise men find a baby in very humble circumstances, yet they know that this child is the one for whom they are searching. The star will guide us too, if we are attentive to the gentle whisper of God's voice urging us to walk in his ways.

# 2017

## A YEAR FOR HOPE AND TRUST

Last weekend we were all wishing one another, "Happy New Year". In the light of the first reading for January 1<sup>st</sup> celebration of Mary, we pray for, literally, a blessed New Year – and blessings for whatever the year may bring.



We hope and trust in the God who blesses.

## Raise your voices

**Entrance antiphon:** The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

**Response to the psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)
<b>Jan:</b>	Chelsea Albert, Chris Vik	<b>Jan:</b>	Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel
		<b>Feb:</b>	
<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	
<b>Jan:</b>	Carol Miller	<b>Jan:/Feb:</b>	Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost
<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) (Adele is on holidays in January) Volunteers needed each week	<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
<b>Sunday 6.00 pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	<b>Jan 2017:</b>	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Erin Docherty Volunteers needed each week
<b>Jan:</b>	David Cordingly	<b>Sunday 6.00 pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
<b>Church Cleaners</b>		<b>Jan/Feb:</b>	Paula O’Connor, Michael O’Sullivan, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
<b>Jan:</b>	Volunteers needed during January.	<b>Gardeners</b>	Susan & Kevin Bradley
<b>Money Counters- Parish Office</b>		<b>If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator</b>	
<b>8 Jan:</b>	Group 3	<b>15 Jan:</b>	Group 4
<b>22 Jan:</b>	Group 1	<b>29 Jan:</b>	Group 2

<b>Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass</b>		<b>Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass</b>	
<b>7 Jan:</b>	Bernice Ralston	<b>8 Jan</b>	Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh

<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<i><b>Your prayers are requested for the following:</b></i>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Bernice Niemann</b> , Rose Crotty (Ireland), Dick Brill, Mary Betty Helm, Katie Day, Ian McGovern, Cynthia Walker, Mary Taylor,
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	<b>deceased members of the McGlinn family, Barbara Joy McCormack, Fitzpatrick Family, Kit &amp; Bill Sanders</b> , Mary Knibbs, Bill and Thelma King, Desmond & Alice Ryan, Barbara & Ross Wardley, Alma & Jack Saidey,
<b>Anniversaries:</b>	Nola Blake-Hudson, Joe Bopping, Desmond & Alice Ryan,
<b>Sick:</b>	<b>Fr Frank Perry msc, Bill Jack, Shirley Michael</b> , Phillipa Rack Anabel Kleyn, Maureen O’Connor, Alan Jones, Jack Azar & Oliver Bailey-O’Reilly (both very young children), John Andrews, Fr John Rate msc, Diane Cummings, Michelle Maddy & Jack O’Connor, Greg Ashton & Aria Hutton, Renae Scarlett & Ellie Hutton, Trish Shadwick, Mary Kerrin, Marie Gurney, Sandra Sadlier, Sr Bridie rsj, Mary Jane (sister of Regina Martin), Felix Madden(Ireland), Fiona Raftery, Sr Pauline Bourke csb, Jack O’Connor, Richard Healy, Neil Thornton, Sandy Greenfield, Sr Marie Rose, Sister Kath Conlan OLN. Win Wallace, Ian Shadwick, Joe Sullivan, Hannah Michael, Scarlett Herbett, Nancy Parton, Muriel Eves, Peter Wright, Salius David Dalsys.

<b>Baptisms in January &amp; February 2017 will be held after 9.30am Mass on the following dates:</b>	
<b>15th January &amp; 22nd January and 5th February &amp; 19th February</b>	
<b>There will be a Wedding celebrated by Fr Phil in the Church on Saturday the 14th January</b>	

<b>St Brigid’s Parish Information</b>	
<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Every 2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am
<b>Communion Service</b>	Wednesday 9.30 am <b>Reconciliation</b> 15 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance

**St Brigid's Parish this week:**

**Sunday 8th January: 9.30am Family Mass (there will be children's liturgy this week)**  
**Monday 9th January:** 10.00am Funeral Mass for Bernice Niemann  
**Thursday 12th January:** 9.30am Mass will include Sacrament of Anointing

**Pope Francis' New Year Message 2017**

"May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life."  
This statement written by Pope Francis in his Jan. 1 World Day of Peace message - the 50th annual papal peace message to the world - extols nonviolence as an essential and nonnegotiable key to true and lasting peace.

In his peace message titled "Nonviolence: a Style of Politics for Peace," the Holy Father says, "When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms."

Throughout this extremely challenging New Year's peace message, Pope Francis boldly raises the moral bar, calling each of us, and each nation, to heed the clear nonviolent way of Jesus: "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Matt. 26:52).

Most unfortunately, in contrast to Jesus' nonviolent message over 50 countries are involved in armed conflicts, Pope Francis accurately laments: "Today, sadly, we find ourselves engaged in a horrifying world war fought piecemeal." The Holy Father powerfully declares: "Violence is not the cure for our broken world."

Pope Francis points out that meeting violence with violence produces tremendous suffering, not only in death and destruction, but by diverting necessary resources for human life to military ends. And judging from recent dangerous comments of President-elect Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the world could get far more violent.

Pope Francis writes, "To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence." Francis reminds us that Jesus' teaching of God's unconditional love calls us to turn the other cheek, love our enemies and faithfully live the Sermon on the Mount.

Francis counters the frequent mistaken criticism that "Nonviolence is sometimes taken to mean surrender, lack of involvement and passivity, but this is not the case," he says. He cites famous effective nonviolent examples like Mahatma Gandhi, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Leymah Gbowee in Liberia.

A prayerful reading of this short, powerful papal teaching, will deepen our resolve to be a true peacemaker: in the non-violent footsteps of the Prince of Peace. **Copies of the statement are available from the Parish Office.** **Fr Phil**

**Sacramental Program at St Brigid's in 2017**

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

**First Reconciliation (Year 3 Children): Tuesday 5th April**

**First Communion (Year 3 Children): Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June**  
***(Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ)***

**Confirmation (Year 6 Children): Wednesday 30th August**

**Further Information for First Reconciliation**

St Brigid's Parish Coogee will be celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday April 5th. For Parents who wish their child to receive this Sacrament, enrolment will take place on the following dates at the Parish Office in Brook St Coogee in 2017:

**Enrolment (school weeks 2-3) (at Parish Office)**  
**Tuesday February 7th & 14th      1-3 pm**  
**Thursday February 9th & 16th      3-5pm**

**Parent Meeting                      Tuesday February 21st (Church)**  
**Sacrament                              Tuesday April 4th - 5 pm and 7 pm**

At enrolment a photocopy of the child's Baptismal certificate and a \$20.00 fee will be required.



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