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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as God really is

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.



**Fourth Sunday of
Easter, Year B
21/22 April 2018**

In a nutshell

Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who has boundless love for all who listen to his voice.

Jesus wants to bring others into his fold, so that there will be only one flock and one shepherd. We will all know him as he knows the Father.

By our witness and example of the love of Christ in our lives, others too may become part of his flock.



In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamoring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sound in different ways in different situations.


As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

Fr Michael Tate—Liturgy Help, 2018

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.
Response to the psalm:	The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
Gospel acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

<p>Readers</p> <p>Saturday Vigil April 21st: Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Sr Jan O’Neil</p> <p>Sunday 7.00 am April: Peter Frost (Coordinator) George and Nicholas Attard</p> <p>Sunday 9.30 am April 22nd: Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Mark Woolford</p> <p>Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)</p> <p>Church Cleaners</p> <p>April 21st: Paula O’Connor</p> <p>Money Counters—Parish Office</p> <p>April 22nd: Group 2 April 29th: Group 3 May 6th: Group 4 May 13th: Group 1</p>		<p>Ministers of the Eucharist</p> <p>Saturday Vigil April 21st: Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel</p> <p>Sunday 7.00 am April 22nd: Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost</p> <p>Sunday 9.30 am April: Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty</p> <p>Sunday 6.00 pm April: Andrew Poidevin Coordinator) Paula O’Connor, Andrew Poidevin, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen</p> <p>Gardeners Susan & Kevin Bradley</p> <p>Sacristy & Altar Carol Miller and Pilar Ovelar</p> <p>Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros</p> <p>If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator</p>	
<p>Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass April 21st -</p>		<p>Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass April 22nd: Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh</p>	
<p>Mass Offerings: <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i></p> <p>Recently Deceased: Alex Varga, Brother Ken Clancy msc, Mark Behan, Professor David Cooper, Adriana Miranda , Rainier Jessarun, Steven Bottrill, Anne Rouen (Nowra), Patricia De Lorenzo.</p> <p>Other Deceased: Toni Baily, Billie Cotter, Peggy Crawley, Harry and Muriel Colthup, Negus and Ferguson Families, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Sherry Jackson, Dale Black, Vonwiller, Knight, Champion and Scott deceased family members, Desmond & Alice Ryan, Bill Jack, Alma and Jack Saidey</p> <p>Anniversaries: Joan O’Keefe, Norman Lyons, Shirley Campbell,</p> <p>Sick: Teresa Collins (<i>Ireland</i>), Sr Kath Conlan, Gloria Dunn and Brigid S, Scarlett and Ellie Herbert, Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Conor Cassidy (Ireland), 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.</p>			
		<p><i>Wedding Celebrations</i> <i>Congratulations to Yifan Wang & Adam Rutter who will celebrate their wedding this Saturday 21st April with Fr Phil</i></p> <p><i>RCIA Baptisms & Welcome Into the Church</i> <i>We would like to welcome the Kaleta and Pickering Families</i> <i>Penny & Steven and their children Abby & Rose</i> <i>&</i> <i>Alison & Ray and their children Corbin & Sienna</i></p>	
<p>St Brigid’s Parish Information</p> <p>Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm</p> <p>Morning Tea Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass</p> <p>Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am</p> <p>Reconciliation 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</p> <p>Sacrament of Anointing During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month</p> <p>Baptisms By appointment, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month</p> <p>Marriages By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance</p> <p>Parish Office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am to 3 pm (phone 9315 7562).</p>			

This Week & Beyond at St Brigid's

RCIA - Thank-you to Terese and Paul Compton, who organized and ran the RCIA program. If anyone is interested in becoming a Catholic or who is aware of anyone who would like to become a Catholic please contact Anne-Marie at the Parish Office. We hope to commence our program later in the year.

Wednesday 25th April Anzac Day - 9.30am mass. Any names of relatives or friends lost or injured during the war can be placed in a basket and carried up during offertory.

Thank you to all who organized Pila's birthday lunch. We had a wonderful afternoon celebrating this momentous birthday.



St Candice Parish has operated a soup kitchen for the past 30 years. The kitchen serves meals every day to homeless and those in need. The kitchen is open 7 days a week for lunch and one night for dinner thanks to the generosity for its numerous volunteers and donors. For many years St Canice have had a tradition where the Sunday lunch for the poor and homeless is provide by groups from other parishes throughout Sydney. It is a highly rewarding experience for them. The kitchen is currently in need of some new volunteers (approx. 7 people per shift). A shift involves providing lunch and dessert for 120 people from 9am to 1.30pm (the kitchen is open from 11am to 1pm).

St Brigid's would like to send a team from our Parish or School Community, the team would assist one Sunday every six months. For more information please call the Parish Office 9315 7562

Heart Women's Conference 7th—9th June 2018 Fairfield RSL

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honored and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!

Men—what women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full Registration Cost: \$199. Register: Heart. The Catholic Guy.com Email: heart@thecatholicguy.com Phone 1300 734 880

Sacramental Program at St Brigid's in 2018

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

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6 children and older)

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

Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 1st May 7pm at St Brigid's Church

It is essential that a parent from each family attends this information evening, staff from St Mary's Cathedral will be present to inform parents of the Confirmation process.



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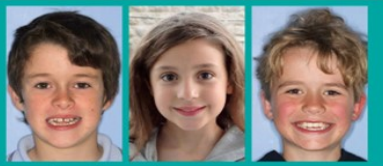
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