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at a  
glance



#### Today's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24 *I have made the small tree great*  
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 *Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, wear e intent on pleasing the Lord*  
Mark 4: 26-34 *The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*



**11th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
16th/17th June  
2018**

#### In a nutshell

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable, a story with a message.

He speaks of a tiny mustard seed which grows so huge that it provides a resting place for all the birds of the air.

The seed is sprouting and growing; how, the farmer does not know.

#### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang in the *Magnificat* !

Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: "Be patient". Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to be a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germination power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

*Liturgy Help 2018*

#### Raise your voices

**Entrance antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!


**Response to the psalm:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil June 17th:	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) St Brigid's Year 4 children	Saturday Vigil June 16h:	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am June:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	Sunday 7.00 am June 17th	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am June:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	Sunday 6.00 pm June:	Andrew Poidevin Coordinator) Paula O'Connor, Andrew Poidevin, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
June:	Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor (and other volunteers)		
Money Counters—Parish Office		Gardeners Susan & Kevin Bradley	
June 17th: Group 2 July 1st: Group 4	June 24th: Group 3 July 8th: Group 1		

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass June 16th	Year 4 Family	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass June 17th:	Laura & Gerry Walker
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Mass Offerings:	Your prayers are requested for the following:
Recently Deceased:	Fr Doug Smith, Paul Kelly, Eugene Gormley (Ireland), Ann Larkman, Mini McKenna (Ireland), Ernie Page, Theresa Schops, Geoffrey Martin, Wendy Watson, Molly Barrett.
Other Deceased:	Fitzpatrick Family, Tom & Ethel Given, Kit & Bill Sanders, Lynette McDonagh, Toni Baily, Billie Cotter, Harry and Muriel Colthup, Negus and Ferguson Families, Paul Hudson, Noel Hudson Sr, Sherry Jackson.
Anniversaries:	Phil Poat, Laurie Combes, Patrick Doherty, Michael O'Sullivan, Fredrick Shrimpton, Geoff McCabe, John Gateley, Evelyn Bast.
Sick:	Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Robyn Hutton, Alan Power, Fr Frank Perry msc, Brother Dan Geary msc, Paul Miller, Chris Schneider, Teresa Collins (Ireland), Sr Kath Conlan, Gloria Dunn, Brigid Scarlett, 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, Maureen O'Connor, Maddy O'Connor, Trish Shadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steve Elias, Win Wallace, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Thoi Tran msc.



*Baptisms*

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

*Alina Lyons, daughter of Suzanna & Patrick*  
*Phoenix Wilhelm, son of Kerry & Chad*  
*Stevie Klaiber, daughter of Michaela & David*  
*Zachary Higgs, son of Natalie & Mark*  
*William Shelley, son of John & Tamara*

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	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: 9am to 3pm (phone 9315 7562).

### **This Week at St Brigid's & Beyond**

On Friday 15th June there was a very special celebration of a Requiem Mass at OLSH Randwick for **Fr Doug Smith msc**, former parish priest of Coogee. May he rest in peace.

**Saturday 16th June** - We welcome St Brigid's Year 4 families, who will be leading our Vigil Mass tonight.

**Thank you** to all those involved in our Sacred Heart Feast Day celebrations, the flowers, the music, the food and all help at our Masses, we appreciate the generosity of your time.

**Attention Catechists:** The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is holding a special Eastern Area Mass on **Wednesday 20th June** at **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church**, 193 Avoca Street Randwick at 10am with a shared lunch in the Parish Hall to follow. Please contact CCD on 9307 8330, if you are able to attend. We encourage you to bring a plate of food to share.

**Planned giving envelopes** are ready for collection the Church foyer, thank you for your continued generosity and support. We will send tax deductible receipts in early July. We plan to continue our 100% tax deductibility, due to our parish quota for archdiocesan Charitable Works Fund.

If there are still any families who missed the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for their children, please contact Anne-Marie (Pastoral Associate / Sacramental Co-ordinator) as soon as possible (meaning *this week!*) at Parish Office 9 9315 7562. We are planning a new group, before First Holy Communion in September.

I am away this coming week (Monday to Friday), week day Masses will be as normal, celebrated by Kensington Monastery priests.

**Fr Phil**

### **Film night - July 1 at 4.30pm, at the Ritz.**



We would like to invite you to join us at the Sydney premier of Border Politics. Directed by Rymer Childs, the film follows human rights barrister Julian Burnside as he traverses the globe examining the harsh treatment of refugees metered out by most Western democracies.

Please join the House of Welcome and RACS at this special event, where there will be Q & A with Julian Burnside and MC Tom Ballard.

Tickets are \$25 and can be booked through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/border-politics> Anyone without computer access can book through: Dianne 0499 325 823 / 96650346 (St Brigid's Social Justice Committee).

### **Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows**

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday 8th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.20am**. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 930708404 or [LMevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMevents@sydneycatholic.org). Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.







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