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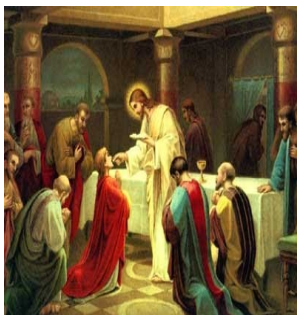
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Today's Readings

Isaiah 56:1.6-7
Romans 11:13-15.29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.
The gift and call of God are irrevocable
Woman, you have great faith



**Twentieth
Sunday
Year A
19th/20th August
2017**

In a Nutshell

Jesus is in foreign territory. A local Woman implores him to heal her daughter. At first Jesus seems to ignore her, but she persists with her plea, 'Lord, help me.'

Her strong faith touches his heart and he grants her request. At times we too can feel that our prayers are not being heard.

Jesus hears, and will answer in his own time and in his own way.

In today's Gospel we meet a woman who wouldn't change her mind, but, incredibly, seems to have successfully encouraged Jesus to change his. Jesus and his apostles have moved towards pagan territory in the north of the country, close to modern day Lebanon. A woman from the district approaches Jesus, crying aloud. She is described as a Canaanite, which means that she would have been regarded by the Jesus as a pagan, an outsider, and as ritually unclean. Yes she proves to be one the most attractive characters in the Gospel. Her anxious cries are not for herself but for her little daughter who is sick. Perhaps she has heard about Jesus' extraordinary ability to heal sick people. Could it be that he would be able to help her? She is determined to find out. Her efforts meet with apparent rebuff on the part of Jesus - no word from him, just a stony silence. That doesn't stop her crying out for his help.

This incident reads like a commentary on what happened in the early Church. The first Christians were all convert Jews, and there was great uncertainty as to whether Gentiles could become Christians unless they were first prepared to become Jesus. Only gradually, especially through the influence of St Paul, who never lost his love for his own people, gladly called himself "the apostle of the Gentiles". In fact in today's second reading he expresses the hope that his very success in bringing Gentiles into the church might lead some of his Jewish friends to embrace Christianity.

In today's world many people find it hard to respect "the other", the one who differs from them because of the colour of their skin or the sound of their accent or the land of their birth or the religion to which they are affiliated. There is no excuse for Jesus' followers ever to lose sight of the fact that his love is for everyone: Catholics and Protestants, Jews, Hindus and Muslims, believers and unbelievers - all alike are his. In fact Jesus' final words before he ascended into heaven were that the apostles should go forth to all the nations. Each person is precious to him. He died for all without exception. His Spirit is at work in all. Like that wise and wonderful woman in today's Gospel, please God we too will not be for turning, will never lose sight of the fact that where human beings are concerned there are no "house-dogs", only beloved sons and daughters of God.

Living Word 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

Response to the psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

| Readers | | | Ministers of the Eucharist | | |
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| 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 20th: | John & Margaret Betros | | Gardeners | | |
| August 27th: | Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas | | Susan & Kevin Bradley | | |
| September 3rd: | volunteers required | | If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator | | |
| September 10th: | Jim & Rhonda Uglow | | | | |
| Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required) | | | | | |
| August 20th: | Group 2 | August 27th: Group 4 | | | |
| September 3rd: | Group 1 | 10th September: Group 3 | | | |

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| Offertory Gifts— Sat 19th August: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Dianne Shalhoub & Family | Offertory Gifts— Sun 20th August: 7.00 am Mass Vicki Attard & Family |
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| Mass Offerings: | <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i> |
| Recently Deceased: | Angela Morgan, Bill McWilliams, 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: | Yicente Caetano, Eamonn Fallon, Victor Reid, Harry & Muriel Colthop, 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). |



Baptisms at St Brigid's

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

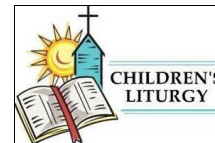
Oscar Cranfield son of Mark & Jessica
Isabella daughter of Rodrigo and Ainura

Baptismal candles are available for purchase from the Parish Office.

| St Brigid's Parish Information | |
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| 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.

Sunday 20th August: We welcome our young families to our 9.30am Family Mass and to Children's Liturgy. Please join us for morning refreshments after Mass.



Thursday 24th August: 11am Funeral Mass for **Angela Morgan**, followed by internment at Randwick Cemetery South Coogee, alongside her sister, Margaret who died earlier this year.

Normal Weekday Masses this coming week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30am

Charitable Works

If you still have Charitable Works Fund Appeal envelopes, they can be placed on any collection. Envelopes are still available in the church foyer.

Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund Annual Appeal

Envelopes are also in the foyer if you wish to contribute to this.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This is the final week of our family groups, a reminder that the rehearsal time is on Monday the 28th August at 5pm and 7pm in the Church corresponding to your confirmation time on Wednesday 30th August.

Fr Phil

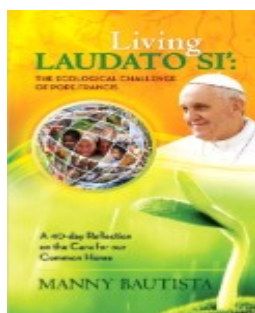
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St Anne's Parish, Bondi Beach & St Patrick's Parish Bondi - P/T Administration Assistant

This role required a person with experience in office procedures and demonstrated ability to work independently. Good computer skill are essential with a good working knowledge of Microsoft programs such as Microsoft Word, Publisher & Excel. You will also require a WWCC number. PACS experience would be an advantage.

The assistance requires good communication skills, the ability to work well with the Parish Community and all members of the Parish Team. The Assistant will report to the Parish Priest and Parish Manager.

All applications are welcomed, Please send your CV and covering letter to Marian Abi Khattar, Parish Manager - manager@bondicatholic.org.au



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

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** see Fr Phil.



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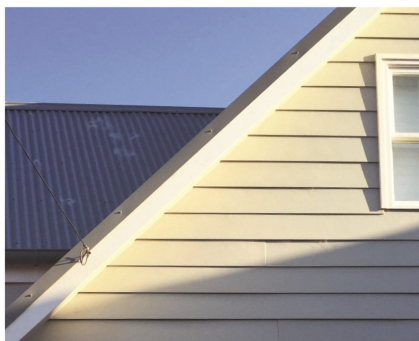
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