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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 27: 11-54

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

He humbled himself to be come like us and God raised him on high.

St Matthew's account of Jesus' Passion and death.



**Palm Sunday
Year A
8/9 April
2017**

In a Nutshell

We begin Holy Week by reading the passion and death of Jesus. We are invited to accompany him, meditating on the suffering he endured for us. He did no wrong, yet those who could not accept his goodness put him to death. No one defends him, and Jesus does not defend himself. He loved us so much that he laid down his life to free us from sin.

The different Gospels describe the passion of Christ in different ways, to emphasise different aspects of the event. For Mark, one of the central factors is the refusal of the Christ to be the kind of Messiah the crowd thought he should be. For Luke the emphasis is on the mercy of Christ: we have the women who weep for Christ, and the good thief who repents on the cross. For John it is the unbroken love between the Father and the Son, which is not obscured but revealed by his passion.

Matthew, whose depiction of Jesus' passion we read today, is more difficult. One reason for this is that the whole Gospel of Matthew is written as a continuous sequence, with Jesus preaching to the Jews first at the Sermon of the Mount and, after his own people have rejected his mission, leading to the resounding command at the end of the Gospel to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always—yes, to the end of time." Of all the Gospels, Matthew is the one that most needs to be read from beginning to end, to be properly understood. Yet Matthew is also good at breaking out of the sequence, with hints of what is to come. So the wise men in the infancy narrative show that ultimately the mission of Christ is for all the world, not just the Jews. The mockery of the soldiers shows what will happen in reality, as Christ returns as king. The holy ones rise from their tombs to show the resurrection of all the dead, and this connects the death of Christ with the past and the future.

In this coming Holy Week we reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross and through the cross to eternal life. And we can reflect that whatever difficulties we may face in our journey through this life, he is with us always, and our ultimate destination is the same.

The Living Word 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust people. You, O God, are my refuge.

Response to the psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion antiphon: He who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, said the Lord.

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)
Apr:	Janet Neenan, Sr Jan O’Neill	Apr:	Leo Carroll, June Ferguson, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost
Apr:	Carol Miller	Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Apr:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty
Apr 9th:	Tracey Wilcox		Volunteers needed each week
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
Apr:	Marea Wilson Denise Haylen	Apr:	Paula O’Connor, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen
	Church Cleaners		Gardeners
Apr 9th:	John & Margaret Betros		Susan & Kevin Bradley
Apr 16th	Pilar & Esteban Ovelar		
Apr 23rd	Ronda & Jim Uglow		
	Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)		
Apr 9th:	Group 4	Apr 16th :	Group 1
Apr 23rd :	Group 2	May 7th:	Group 3
		If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 8th April: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Dianne Shalhoub & family	Offertory Gifts— Sun 9th Apr: 7.00 am Mass Laura & Gerry Walker
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Susan Badway, John Corish (Dawson Family), John Marshall, Pam Colgan, Peter Jelfs, Fr Jim McMahon msc, Peggy Degan, Rod Tait, Nancy Frost.
Other Deceased:	Vena Smith, June Hutt, Toni Bailey, Roy & Ella McDonald, Tom, Nell & Ken Lynch, Bonnie Nichol, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson,
Anniversaries:	Paul Simpson, Joan O’Keefe, Barbara Joy McCormack, Norman Lyones, Jabbour Azizi, Ned Ferguson,
Sick:	Bill Mc Williams, Alma & Victor Reid, Steve Elias, Kath Mc Donald, Trish Shadwick, Jack Azar, John Miller, Nola Ryan, Sr Kathleen Conlan, Rita Moore, Steve Bush, Fr Frank Perry msc, Fr John Rate msc, Bill Jack, Michelle, Maddy & Jack O’Connor, Greg Ashton & Aria Hutton, Renae Scarlett and Ellie Hutton

Baptisms: The next baptisms are Easter Baptisms on the Second Sunday of Easter
Weddings: The next wedding here at St Brigid’s is an Easter wedding on Saturday 29th April.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
<p>Congratulations to the wonderful children in our community who made their Reconciliation on Tuesday night. It was wonderful to see the families altogether in the church.</p> <p>Thank you to all of the parents and teachers that were involved in this program: we do hope that you enjoyed these group gatherings in various homes, and that you may have developed new friendships along the way.</p> <p>Special thanks to Anne-Marie as Sacramental Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Early in term 2, we will have a parent meeting on Tuesday 2nd May at 7.00pm, to organize for the children’s First Communion on the weekend of 17/18th June</p>

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 Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am
Communion Service	Wednesday 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 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)

Holy Week & Easter Liturgies At St Brigid's

Monday/Tuesday	Normal 9.30am Masses
Tuesday	7.30pm 2nd Rite Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday	9.30am Communion Service (No Mass)
Holy Thursday	(No morning Mass) 7.30pm Mass Commemoration of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10.00am Stations of the Cross Confessions after Stations of the Cross has finished 3.00pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confessions after the liturgy has finished
Holy Saturday	7.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	7.00am and 9.30am Masses (No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



Happy Birthday to Fr Bob msc who recently celebrated his 70th Birthday
Congratulations on this milestone birthday

Best Wishes from all at St Brigid's Parish

Easter Flowers for the Altar

We would appreciate your generosity in a small donation towards the Easter Altar Flowers, donations can be placed in the money box by the candles on the right hand side.

Many Thanks, Fr Phil

Flatmate Required

As St Brigid's Parishioner is seeking a female flat mate for a 2 bedroom unit in Coogee that comes with a separate bathroom. A lock-up garage is available and there is a swimming pool within the block of units common area. Rent is \$200 per week Contact Camilla on 9664 29787

Brigidine College Randwick—95th Annual Reunion

Sunday 7 May 1.30pm. Afternoon Tea at eth College in Synan Hall. Cost \$35/
RSVP to Jane (Russell) Morrissey Brigidine17@gmail.com

Pope Francis said that" every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply an economic—act."

World Vision in its 2015 report, Chocolate's Bitter Taste, estimates that Australians spend up to \$3 billion on chocolate a year, with sales peaking at Easter, Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with coca beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slavery-free chocolate.

Action: Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter? Look for one these three symbols on the chocolate wrapper and make a difference.

Australia Catholic Religious again human trafficking

<https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter> for information and resources





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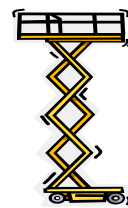


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