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at a
glance



Today's Readings

2Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
2Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection
May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say
He is not a God of the dead but of the living.



**32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time,
Year C, 9th/10th
November, 2019**

In a nutshell

**He is God of the
living; for to him
everyone is alive'.**

**Jesus is our life and
resurrection, our
pledge of what is to
come.**

**We do not know what
life will be like after
we die, but Jesus
tells us that it is a
new life, not just
earthly life in another
place.**

**As he is our
companion now, so
will we be with him
for all eternity.**

“ He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.”

Critics may regard this month of prayers for the Holy souls as a Catholic tradition! - they may think that in the face of death, we seem unable to let go of our loved ones. In fact, no matter how deep our grief, this month of prayer is an affirmation of our faith in the power of God's love, which is stronger than death. It is an expression of our hope in the resurrection: that just as God our Father raised Christ from the dead, so he will raise all those who belong to him.

But what difference does faith in the resurrection actually make in our lives? Sometimes religious people are accused of being so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly use—they disengage from this world's problems and just focus on churchy matters. That's not where faith in the resurrection should lead us. A Christian charity engaged in practical help for those who are poor once ran a series of advertisements with the slogan: “We believe in life before death”. Our belief in the resurrection shows us that to God, life is absolutely important.

God created us for life, not death. “God is God of the living”, Jesus tells us, and what we do with our life determines our future life with God.

To believe in the God of Abraham is to believe in the God who wants all to live. And it means that we will strive to defend life and oppose everything that diminishes life or robs people of life in any way—whether such attacks come in the form of physical violence or oppression, illness or lack of education, or economic injustice and inequality. Faith in the resurrection led Jesus to the cross. For Christians, it leads us to cherish life in the here and now and to defend life for all—especially those whose quality of life is most threatened.

The Living Word

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	Let my prayer come before you, Lord; listen, and answer me.
Response to the psalm:	Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
Gospel acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil November 9th	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Sr Jan O’Neil	Saturday Vigil November	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am November:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker	Sunday 7.00 am November:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am November 10th:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Tracey Wilcox, John Rouen	Sunday 9.30 am November:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty.
Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator), Paula O’Connor, Denise Haylen
Church Cleaners Paula O’Connor, Siobhan Scott and other volunteers.		Sacristy & Altar Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
Money Counters—Parish Office November 10th: Group 3 November 17th: Group 4 November 24th: Group 1 December 1st: Group 2		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		Piety Stall (Vigil & 9.30 Masses): Siobhan Scott	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass November 9th: Volunteers please	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am November 10th: Pam & John McCarthy
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Lazlo Gregoriou, Helen Ford, Matthäus Wieder (Austria), Manfred Bart, Mark Stewart, Brian Stewart, Lawrence Cregan, Robert Kemp.
Other Deceased:	Negus and Ferguson Families.
Anniversary:	Eufemia Benussi.
Sick:	Jim Rigby, Fr Paul Jennings msc, Fr Paul Stenhouse msc, Paula Hudson, Carmel Kearney (Fr Terry’s sister), Robyn Hutton, Maureen O’Connor, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Owen O’Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Richard Healy, Joan Edwards, Jim Kavanagh, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Paul Evans, Elizabeth Khoury, Alex Campbell, Todd Hudson, Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Chris Schneider.

<p>Gifts of Faith. This Christmas give a gift with faith at the Centre. The Catholic charity, <i>Aid to the Church in Need</i> has produced a Gift of Faith catalogue in support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Copies can be found in the church foyer.</p> <p>Alternatively visit www.aidtochurch.org/Gifts of Faith or phone 1800 101 201. Order by 9th December to receive your Gift of Faith cards and envelopes in time for Christmas.</p>
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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 Family Mass
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 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 each month, <i>usually during 9.30am Family Mass</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office (phone 9315 7562):	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. (Fr Phil—pastoral emergencies only: 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's this week and beyond

Charitable Works Funds (CWF) - Envelopes can still be collected from the church foyer and put in any collection. Thank you for your contribution.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas cards will be on sale this weekend after all Masses. The St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal will be held on **7th/8th December**.

Australian Catholics magazine—Summer Edition—available in the Church Foyer.

Scam Email - We have been made aware of another scam that is targeting some of our parishes. The scammer is posing as “Fr Phillip Hicks” and is sending sincere and convincing emails to parishioners and staff requesting them to make small donations to him, in terms of gift cards and vouchers. Please do not respond to these emails.

Children's Liturgy—No children's liturgy during November as our leaders are unavailable, the next children's liturgy will be Sunday 8th December.

Thursday 14th November—9.30am Mass includes the Sacrament of Anointing.

November Masses It is a strong Catholic tradition to pray for all our deceased family and friends during the month of November; and Masses are offered each day for your intentions. Please write names in the Memorial Book in the Church Foyer. November Mass envelopes are also provided, and any donations received in these envelopes are sent to assist overseas MSC missionaries, who also offer Masses for your intentions.

Sacramental dates for 2020: *First Reconciliation Tuesday 24th March @ 7pm,
Confirmation Wednesday 17th June @ 7pm,
First Communion Saturday 12 and Sunday 13th September.*

Carpark & Children— Please be aware that the car-park is a **shared zone** with cars and pedestrians. Parents are asked to keep their children with them at all times, and not run around through the parked vehicles. Those parked in the car-park, please park in the designated car spots and to be aware of pedestrians.

Fr Phil



Gingerbread Night—Wednesday 4th December—in the Parish hall at 6-8pm

Please join us for this fun festive event - Gingerbread house kit includes lollies and wrapping - \$35 per house. Children welcome. Please contact the parish office for more details. (9315 7562) Places are filling up quickly.

Mary McKillop Parish Day Trip

Morning Tea, Museum Tour, Lunch and Mass

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Time - A bus will pick us up from church car park at 9am—Return— 2.30pm (approx.)

Please contact the parish office, 9315 7562 for more details, \$25pp.

We hope that you can you join us for this parish outing. Still a couple of spaces available.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest, who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police,

St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.



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