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at a
glance



Today's Readings

2Kings 5:14-17 Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord
2Timothy 2:8-13 If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.
Luke 17:11-19 It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner



**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time,
Year C, 12th/13th
October, 2019**

In a nutshell

The ten lepers are outcasts from their community, and in their pain and isolation they call out to Jesus as He passes by.

We might not be lepers, but burdened by our failings and inadequacies, we can feel isolated from those around us.

Sometimes a person we love and trust can help us to call out to Jesus in faith, and find healing through gratitude for our many blessings.

“One of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.”

Those among the followers of Jesus who had heard his parable of the good Samaritan might not have been surprised at what happens in today's Gospel, in his encounter with the lepers. Jesus is on the road that borders Galilee and Samaria, so there is always the chance of a further comparison between the chosen people and those they regard as outsiders. Yet he is the one who comes back to Jesus and thanks him, praising God for what Jesus has done.

How we welcome outsiders into our midst is a concern of so many countries today. Various elements converge to undermine our freedom to open our arms and accept the outsider as a blessing rather than curse. We are afraid. We are afraid of the unknown, whether it be the unknown of race, colour, language or creed. We fear the world as we have known it will be utterly changed, even if that world has not been a particularly happy or rewarding one. We fear that we will be overwhelmed by the numbers of those who are different from us; that we will lose our jobs and our homes. We are also disdainful of different ways of life. We have an inbuilt belief that our way of doing things is right, even if, again, it does not fulfil our hopes and dreams, and the cultures of others threatens our cultures and our patterns of life.

We might wonder at times whether his listeners felt the same way about Jesus. He must have made them feel very uncomfortable about their way of living and how limited and enclosed it was. It takes great acts of faith and love on our part to overcome our fears and open our hearts to all who knock at our doors. Perhaps we can only do it through recognising that we have so much to thank God for and, through this celebration of life, we change our perspective, and want to offer it to others we meet, and to be open to the gifts they bring in their turn.

The Living Word, 2019

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: If you, O Lord, laid bear our guilt, who could endure it?
But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

Response to the psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil October 12th	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) John Betros	Saturday Vigil October	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am October	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nick Attard	Sunday 7.00 am October:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am October 13th:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Diane Karas, Sharron Critchley	Sunday 9.30 am October:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, 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		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
October 13th:	Group 3	October 20th:	Group 4
October 27th:	Group 1	November 3rd:	Group 2
Piety Stall (Vigil & 9.30 Masses): Siobhan Scott			

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass October 12th: Volunteers Please	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am October 13th: Vicki Attard & Family
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Brenda Dore, Jeff Sayle, Vincent Schembri, Jean Flaherty, Fr John Rate msc.
Other Deceased:	Paul McMahon, Desmond and Alice Ryan, Noel & Paul Hudson, Kit & Bill Sanders, Fitzpatrick Family, Tony Cunningham.
Anniversaries:	Ron McDonald, Colleen Pritchard.
Sick:	Paula Hudson, Carmel Kearney (Fr Terry's sister—very ill), Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Maureen O'Connor, Sister Gabriel oln, Tony Cruikshank, Esteban Ovelar, 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.

Leadership Roles at St Brigid's Parish Coogee	
Parish Priest	Fr Phillip Hicks msc
Parish Safeguarding Support Officer	Sharon Waller
Parish Office Manager	Caroline Doherty
Parish Pastoral Associate	Anne-Marie Snelling
Parish Council Chairperson	Rodney Coorey (Deputy-Chairperson—Sharron Critchley)
Parish Finance Committee Chairman	Michael Zador

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

Sunday 13th October—Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Family Mass.

Monday 14th October—Requiem Mass for **Brenda Dore** at 10.00am here at St Brigid's.

Tuesday 15th October - Requiem Mass for **Vincent Schembri** at 10.00am here at St Brigid's.

Note please that there will not be normal **9.30am mass** on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October - Catholic Mission Parish Appeal Weekend

RCIA program - The RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation Adults) is commencing **this Tuesday 15th October at 6pm**, and will run until Easter next year With a break over Xmas and January)
If you are interested please contact either Fr Phil or Anne-Marie in the Parish Office, 9315 7562.

HSC - As students prepare and study for their upcoming HSC exams we encourage you to pray for them at this time. **Prayer cards are available in the church foyer.** If you still would like to leave the name of any student, family or friend in the church foyer, we will make a prayer card for them.

Wednesday 4th December - Gingerbread Event in the parish hall. There is a flyer in the Church foyer this week. Please make a note of the date - and make a booking on the clipboard in the Church Foyer, as places fill up quickly for this very popular parish community event.

Blessed Meals Project - If you would like to make a meal for parishioner or a family to lighten the load and support them during a difficult time, please ask the parish office for a container.

Brenda Dore, was a much loved member of our parish community here at St Brigid's: Brenda was involved with the Catechist program, a reader, a Eucharist Minister and assisted with the RCIA programs. It is impossible to list the many areas in which Brenda contributed to parish life, but it is fair to say that she made a valuable contribution. We all enjoyed Brenda's company at morning tea on Thursdays and we will miss her dearly. May she rest in peace.

Our sincere condolences to Ted and the Dore family. We farewell and celebrate Brenda's life on this Monday at 10.00am.

Mary MacKillop Parish Day Trip

On Wednesday 11th December, we are hoping that a group of Parishioners will join Fr Phil and the office staff to visit Mary MacKillop museum for a tour, lunch and Mass. We will organize a bus from St Brigid's to depart in the morning and return in the afternoon. Costs still to be confirmed but will include transport, museum tour and lunch.

We would be delighted if you could join us, please call the parish office on 9315 7562 for more details.

St Brigid's Primary School Friday Playgroup

You are very welcome to join us every Friday in the School Hall during term time.

9.00am-10.30am. Come along and meet some other parents with preschool children and babies, and enjoy a tea / coffee while the children play.

Look forward to meeting you there.

Joanne Smyth, Family Educator



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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