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at a glance

Today's Readings

Isaiah 42: 1-7 Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38 Matthew 3: 13-17 Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power. The spirit of God came upon Him: "You are my Son, the Beloved."



Baptism of Our Lord 11th / 12th January 2020 Year A

In a nutshell

The prophet Isaiah announces the consolation of the people, because God is coming with forgiveness and salvation.

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Christ, who he will baptise with the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus' baptism with water, God proclaims: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'.

Our faith and hope must always rest in Jesus, who offers God's free gift of salvation to all.



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These same three aspects lie at the heart of what happens to us at our baptism. Perhaps it was only natural that after a time the Church would begin the practice of baptizing infants. This is the moment when we are aware of the God-given sharing in creation that has just taken place in the birth of each child. As we thank God for the gift of children it makes sense to link that thanksgiving with the words spoken by god the Father at the start of his Son's public life. We are all God's children, and that means first of all that we too are beloved by God.

Parents can aim to emulate that divine love in all that they strive to do in bringing up their children. It does not mean mollycoddling or spoiling them. It does mean both challenging them to fulfill their potential while caring for their nurture and growth like the shepherd with his lambs. Finally God's favour rests on both us and all our children, for we are God's children too. We sometimes lose track of this strong affirmation of god for each one of us. Just as the archangel Gabriel greeted Mary as "full of grace", so we begin and continue our lives under the support and favour of our God.

The Living Word 2020

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest

on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well

pleased.

Response to the psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John said: The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my

beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

Readers

Saturday Vigil Janet Neenan (Coordinator)

January 11th John Betros

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator) **January:** Gerry Walker, Charlie Robinson

Sunday 9.30 am January 12th Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
Tracey Wilcox, John Rouen

No 6pm Mass on Sunday 12th January.

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Siobhan Scott, and other volunteers.

Money Counters—Parish Office

January 12th Group 4 January 19th: Group 1 January 26th: Group 2 February 2nd: Group 3

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
January: Michael Zador & others

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

January: Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson,

Gary Keating

Sunday 9.30 amAdele Cornale (Coordinator)January:Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.Sunday 6pmAndrew Poidevin (Coordinator),

Paula O'Connor, Denise Haylen

Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar

Altar Flowers

Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott

Offertory Gifts—Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass

January 11th: Volunteers Please

Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am

January 12th: George and Nicholas Attard

Mass Offerings: Your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased: Eileen McMahon, Beverly Smith, Brian Grant (Canada), Patricia Wilcox, Mary Sullivan (Ireland), Gavin Lanigan (Scotland).

Anniversary:

Other Deceased: Michael Cremin, John Keane, Bernard Arns, Barbara Joy McCormack, Muriel

and Bill Knight, Sr Ann Fitzpatrick, Bill Jack and Jack and Alma Saidey.

Sick: Will Wildig, Simon Menchenan, Cathryn Ferguson, Paula Hudson, Muriel Eves,

Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Teresa Han, Robyn Hutton, Anne Stirling, Maureen O'Connor, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, 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, 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 Joanne Smyth

Parish Council Chairperson Rodney Coorey (Deputy-Chairperson—Sharron Critchley)

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

Morning TeaSundays after the 9.30 am Family MassWeekday MassesMonday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 amReconciliation20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass

Sacrament of Anointing During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month

Baptisms By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month,

usually during 9.30am Family Mass

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

Week Day Masses 9.30am will be on Tuesday and Thursday only for this coming week.

(Celebrated by Fr Frank from MSC Provincial House, while Fr Phil is away)

No Sunday 6pm Mass on the 13th January. Normal Masses (Weekends and Weekdays) resume from Sunday 19th January

Baptisms

We congratulate Ario Mirian, son of Abdol and Ingrid and Joshua Teixeira, son of Adrian and Kate, received into our Parish Community during 9.30am
Family Mass.

Wedding

Congratulations to Ciara Gibney and Aaron Ramsden, who celebrate their wedding this Saturday with Fr Terry Herbert; we wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.

Do you need help connecting with professional care services?

Christmas and the New Year can be a difficult time for families. CCareline helps Sydney-siders navigate the maze of social services and makes referrals to counsellors, therapists and case managers across Sydney. Call CCareline on 13 18 19.

Sacramental Program at St Brigids in 2020

Reconciliation

Enrolment: 4th and 6th February

Parent information evening: 18th February

Commitment Mass : 22nd February Reconciliation: 24th March

Confirmation: Bishop Richard Umbers

Enrolment: 28th and 30th April Parent information evening: 5th May Commitment Mass: 9th May Confirmation Practice: 12th June

Confirmation: 17th June

First Communion

Enrolment: 21st and 23rd July

Parent information evening: 4th August

Commitment Mass: 8th August

First Communion Practice: 5th September First Communion: 12th and 13th September



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.





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