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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

We may choose life or death.
God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.
Jesus comes to fulfil the law.



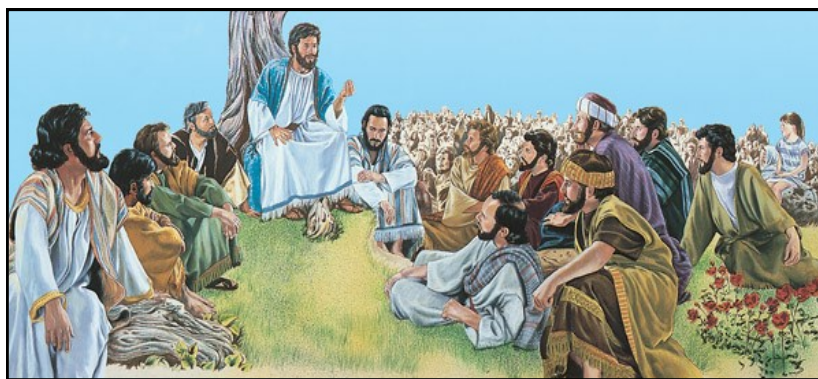
**Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary time
15th/16th
February 2020
Year A**

In a nutshell

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said...'; but I now say to you...".

This was a common method of teaching Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture.

The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers and interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time.



The book of Sirach from which our first reading this Sunday is taken is a collection of proverbial teachings. The ancients believed that certain actions had within them the very seeds of their consequences: wise choices result in blessing, foolish or evil choices result in misfortune or punishment.

The reading today addresses human freedom and human choice. The longer we live the more we realize that life opens up for us a series of choices. These choices form the path that our life will take. Even in the most difficult of situations, we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us an example of true wisdom. Choosing to serve people is to be preferred to serving the law. Jesus is not saying the law is wrong. Rather he brought the law to life, when he gave a new interpretation, so it could meet the needs of the people of his day.

Jesus is saying that true wisdom, which comes to us through the Holy Spirit, will help us to see and to choose ways of being, doing and helping, that will best meet the needs of the people in our lives. This is a very challenging way to live.

Liturgy Centre, Catholic Diocese of Auckland, 2020

Raise your voices

(7am Mass)

Entrance antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Response to the psalm:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
February 15th	John Betros	February:	Michael Zador & others
February 22nd	Sr Jan O’Neil		
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
February:	George & Nicholas Attard	February:	Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
February 16th	John Rouen	February:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
February 23rd	Therese Compton		
	Adele Cornale	Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator), Paula O’Connor, Denise Haylen
Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar	
Paula O’Connor, Siobhan Scott, and other volunteers.		Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers	
February 16th:	Group 1	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
February 29th:	Group 3	Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott	
February 23rd:	Group 2		
March 7th:	Group 4		

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am
February 15th: Volunteers Please	February 16th: Laura & Gerry Walker

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Marie Gurney , Mark Snuggs, Jye Orel, Pam Grant, Jackie Liscoe, Barry McDonald.
Anniversary:	Sr Patricia Davis, Jim Lynch, Helen Freestone, Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes and Anne Flaherty.
Other Deceased:	Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, Essie, Heather and Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane, Bernard Arns, Barbara Joy McCormack, Sr Ann Fitzpatrick.
Sick:	Cathryn Ferguson, Paula Hudson, Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, 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.

<i>Leadership Roles at St Brigid’s Parish Coogee</i>	
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)
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	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 9.30am 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

The Parish Office is currently undergoing renovations—for the next six weeks. All office activities are now conducted from the “blue room” up the stairs—next to Yoga Room.
Normal Office hours—Monday to Thursday 9am—3pm.

First Reconciliation—please note both Parent Evening and Commitment Mass, as listed below.

From the Parish Priest: *I will be absent from the Parish from Monday 24th March until Wednesday 8th April—on a sabbatical / renewal program at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre at Baulkham Hills—entitled “Retirement for Mission”. All Masses have been arranged with other MSC priests as celebrants—Sundays and weekdays: Tuesdays and Thursdays only.*

Thursday 5th March - St Brigids Primary School Catholic's Schools OPEN day.

Fr Phil

Mass to launch the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor

The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation.

You are invited to a Mass which will officially launch the cause.

Thursday 20 February at St Mary's Cathedral. 5:30pm

Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

All Welcome.

Sacramental Program at St Brigids in 2020

First Reconciliation

Parent information evening: Tuesday 18th February @ 7pm.

Commitment Mass: Saturday 22nd February @ 5pm Vigil Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday 24th March @ 7pm

Confirmation: Celebrant is Bishop Richard Umbers.

Enrolment: 28th and 30th April 2020.

Confirmation: Wednesday 17th June @ 7pm.

First Communion

Enrolment: 21st and 23rd July 2020

First Communion: 12th and 13th September.

Joanne Smyth, Sacramental Co-ordinator



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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.