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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Love your neighbour as yourself
1 Cor 3:16-23 You belong to Christ, Christ belongs to God
Mt 5:38-48 Love your enemies



**Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary time
Year A
22nd/23rd
February 2020**

In a nutshell

The real test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting.

It's easy to dislike the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.



At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us.

We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant in Liturgy Help, 2020

Raise your voices

(7am Mass)

Entrance antiphon: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Response to the psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
February 22nd	Sr Jan O'Neil	February:	Michael Zador & others
February 29th	Chelsea Albert		
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
March:	Peter Frost		
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
February 23rd	Adele Cornale	February:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
March 1st	Tracey Wilcox John Rouen	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 23rd:	Group 2	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
February 29th:	Group 3	Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott	
March 7th:	Group 4		
March 14th:	Group 1		

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am
February 22nd: Year 3 family	February 23rd: Laura & Gerry Walker

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Sienna O'Donnell (baby), Barry Telford , David Michelmores , Anne Baille , Marie Gurney, Mark Snuggs, Jye Orel.
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:	Chaiel Blacombe , 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

This Saturday 22nd February - Vigil Mass.

We welcome to all families to First Reconciliation Commitment Mass.

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.

Monday 24th February—10am Funeral Mass for Barry Telford.

Tues 25th & Thurs 27th February— normal 9.30am Mass, celebrated by Fr Steve Dives msc

Wednesday 26th February—Ash Wednesday—9.30am Mass (Fr Steve)

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

Fr Phil

Sabbatical Leave for Fr Phil

Fr Phil will be absent from the Parish from Monday 24th February until Wednesday 8th April—on a personal 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 also weekdays: Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

Men's Prayer Weekend: 27-29 March at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park:

Directed by Paul White and Fr Thang Nguyen msc.

Transitions occur frequently in our work, relationships, spirituality and health. During this retreat we will be reflecting on scripture and modern authors regarding the interaction between trust and discernment particularly at times of transition in our lives. (See brochures in Church Foyer)

Sacramental Program at St Brigid's in 2020

First Reconciliation

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.