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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Mal 3:1-4 Malachi prepares the way for today's feast: the Lord will enter his Temple
Hebrews 2: 14-18 Jesus has come to confront the powers of evil
Luke: 2:22-32 Jesus is brought to the Temple



**The
Presentation of
the Lord
1st/ 2nd
February 2020
Year A**

In a nutshell

Jesus sets us a plan of life that seems totally at variance with our preconceived ideas of happiness and a successful life, and then bids us rejoice.

How are we to understand and live this?

We can do so only, if like Jesus, we transcend ourselves and our selfish interests and gratifications, if we embrace the common good of all peoples near and far, in this life and the next.

St. Brigid's Cross

During one of her travels, St. Brigid went to visit a dying pagan chieftan. As she sat near his bed, she picked up some rushes on the floor and began weaving a Cross. He asked her about what she was doing and, in explaining, she told him about Christ and the meaning of the Cross. He came to faith and was baptized.

It is customary on St. Brigid's Day to make a Cross -- known as a "St. Brigid's Cross" -- out of rushes or reeds (other materials may be used if no rushes or reeds are available). Once the Cross is woven, it is blessed with holy water and with the words



"May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost be on this Cross and on the place where it hangs and on everyone who looks on it."

**O Holy St Brigid our model and mother,
To your intercession great blessings we owe.
Lead us to Christ through your strength and your gentleness;
Grant us the peace that his love can bestow.
Protect us and pray for us now dearest patroness;
Kindle in us an unquenchable fire.
Teach us to love with your courage and confidence.
Lead us with joy to the Christ we desire.**

Sr Clare Keady csb, NSW Australia

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Response to the psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

Saturday Vigil February 1st February 8th	Readers Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil Chelsea Albert	Saturday Vigil February:	Ministers of Communion Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am February:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nicholas Attard	Sunday 7.00 am February:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am February 2nd February 9th	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Diane Karas, Sharon Critchley Mark Woolford	Sunday 9.30 am February:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
		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 February 2nd: Group 3 February 16th: Group 1		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros
	February 9th Group 4 February 23rd: Group 2		Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass February 1st: Volunteers Please	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am February 2nd: Pam & John McCarthy
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Jye Orel (9 years old), Eileen McMahon, Bridie O'Brien (Ireland), Barry McDonald, Lazlo Gregoriou, Beverly Smith, Brian Grant (Canada) Patricia Wilcox, Mary Sullivan.
Anniversary:	Jim Lynch, Helen Freestone, Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes and Anne Flaherty.
Other Deceased:	Marie Cunningham, Elsie, Essie, Heather and Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane, Bernard Arns, Barbara Joy McCormack, Muriel and Bill Knight, Sr Ann Fitzpatrick, Bill Jack and Jack and Alma Saidey.
Sick:	Simon Menchenan, Cathryn Ferguson, Paula Hudson, Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Teresa Han, 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, <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

This Saturday 1st February - all parishioners are warmly welcomed to a celebration of St Brigid in the parish hall after 5pm Vigil Mass (finger food and drinks).

Thank you for your generosity last weekend for the Vinnies bushfire appeal.

Monday 3rd February - First PPC meeting for 2020 at 7.30pm.

Friday 7th February - 9.30am Mass St Brigid's Primary opening school Mass and celebration of St Brigid. All welcome.

Sunday 9th February—Welcome to our first Children's Liturgy for 2020 during our 9.30am Family Mass.

Catechist Sunday

Today we celebrate **Catechist Sunday**. This is the Sunday we acknowledge over 1900 Catechists who generously give their time to teach the Catholic faith to over 27,000 primary and high school students in the 320 public schools situated in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

For the parish community here at St Brigid's—Claudette Ashburner and Adele Cornale—who have received certificates last year from the Archbishop for their 15 years of faithful service as Parish Catechists.

We recognize their response to their baptismal call to evangelize, the voluntary nature of their generosity, and their love for the children in a work, which is often unseen and unrecognized, yet crucial and rewarding.

Fr Phil

Sacramental Program at St Brigids in 2020

First Reconciliation

**Enrolment this week : Tuesday 4th February 9am-3pm;
and Thursday 6th, 3.30pm—5.30pm (@ Parish Office)**

Parent information evening: 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



Meditation and Sound Immersion Fundraiser

Please join us for relaxing meditation to the sounds of Tibetan and crystal bowls.

Friday 7th February 6.30pm-7.45pm,
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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.