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at a
glance



Today's Readings

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 God gives Samuel a special insight to choose Jesse's son David
Ephesians 5:8-14 God has brought us out of darkness so we can live in the light of the Lord
John 9:1-41 A blind man is healed and, in the face of opposition, comes to faith by seeing Jesus as his saviour

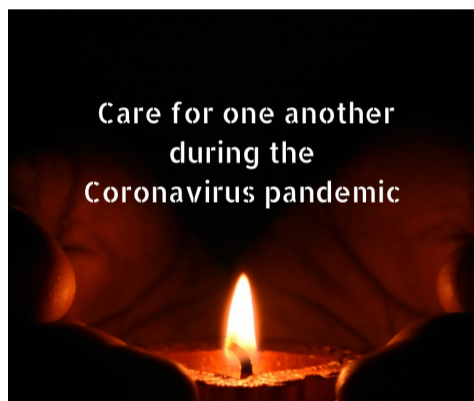


**Fourth Sunday of
Lent
Year A
21st/22nd
March 2020**

In a nutshell

Today's gospel passage reminds us that blindness may not be only a physical disability. Exposure to excessive information can dull our perception of the things that really matter.

The blind man acknowledges that Jesus is from God, yet knowledgeable people are sceptical and disbelieving. Jesus can open the eyes of our minds and hearts if we believe in him and live our lives in the truth.



This is an occasion for all of us - especially in families - to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those at the frontlines - especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy - that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

Amen

Raise your voices

(7am Mass) Entrance antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Response to the psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil 21st March	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert	Saturday Vigil March 21st:	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am 22nd March	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	Sunday 7.00 am March 22nd:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am 22nd March	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Di Karas Sharron Critchley	Sunday 9.30 am March 22nd:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor, Siobhan Scott, and other volunteers.		Sunday 6pm March 22nd:	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator), Paula O'Connor, Denise Haylen
Money Counters—Parish Office		Sacristy & Altar Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
March 22nd:	Group 2	March 29th:	Group 3
April 5th:	Group 4	April 12th:	Group 1
		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		Piety Stall (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott	

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass March 21st: Volunteers	Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am March 22nd: Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Terese HanDok-hee, Peter Saide , Paul Lum, Kathy O'Connor, Penny & Pably Yohanen.
Anniversary:	-
Other Deceased:	Francis and Will Champion, June Ann Knight, McGlinn Family , Kathleen Colbran, Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, Essie, Heather and Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane
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>Sacramental Program at St Brigids in 2020</i>	
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.	

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

We appreciate that this is challenging time especially for those that live alone or who may be vulnerable. If anyone in our parish needs any assistance in accessing groceries or prescriptions or any help in the coming weeks, please contact the parish office.

If you are available and would like to assist our parishioners in any way or if you would like donate a meal please call the parish office.

Sunday Morning Tea & Children's Liturgy - will be postponed for the foreseeable future, thank you for your understanding.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgies

Tuesday 31st March - 7pm	Communal Celebration of Mercy and Reconciliation
Holy Thursday - no morning mass 7pm	Mass Commemoration of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday - 10am	Stations of the Cross (followed by confessions)
Good Friday - 3pm	Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (followed by confessions)
Holy Saturday - 7pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday - 7am and 9.30am Masses	No evening mass



On the Brightside

Corona Mass



Directions For the Archdiocese of Sydney From 18th March 2020 until further notice

Many people are already self isolating and attendance of Masses will be predictably be under 100. But for the sake of caution during this time of pandemic and on the advice from the Bishops conference, the following directions will be observed:

- Individuals should consider their own health, including any potential to infect other with a contagious disease, before attending any public liturgical celebration.
 - No indoor Mass or indoor church event should be conducted for over 100 people
 - Holy Water must be removed from all fonts
 - Alcohol sanitizers are available in the church
 - All Ministers of Holy Communion should wash hands before and after distributing.
 - The Celebrant should be the only one to drink from the Chalice until further notice.
 - It is recommend that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand because of the high risk of transmission if people continue to receive on the tongue.
 - The faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass - whether due to coronavirus or some other condition - or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the scriptures or watching mass on television or online (<http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>)
 - Churches should remain open for private prayer
 - Holy Week services will be celebrated privately at the Cathedral and can be live streamed or available on demand at (<http://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>)
- Further instructions will be issued by the liturgy Office regarding Baptisms of several children, The RCIA and the various days of Holy Week (if these go ahead)
- (These directives will be reviewed as required)(Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP)



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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.