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at a  
glance



#### Today's Readings

*Genesis 12:1-4*  
*2 Timothy 1:8-10*  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

The call of Abraham, and God's promise  
God saves us, and call us to be holy  
Transfiguration: Jesus' face shone like the sun



**Second Sunday  
of Lent  
Year A  
7th/8th  
March 2020**

#### In a nutshell

As happened at his Baptism, Jesus is again proclaimed beloved Son of God at his Transfiguration. Peter, James and John are stunned by this announcement and by the glory they witness.

Jesus alone embodies the Law and the Prophets. With their courage strengthened, Jesus leads them down the mountain to continue their journey, ultimately to Jerusalem where he will suffer, die and rise from the dead.



**"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship."  
Pope John Paul II**

Twenty seven year old Phany lives in a village in Western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a rice farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village to take up construction work in the city.

Then in 2016, Phany joined a Caritas supported program, learning more productive farming and irrigation techniques. Her community learned to work together for better water management, to combat drought

Over 70% of Cambodia's population live in rural communities - and farming families living in poverty are the most food insecure. 13% of Cambodian's live below the poverty line, while 35 out of every 1000 babies die due to malnutrition.

In 2016, Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water for drier periods. She also learnt how to grow vegetables and raise chickens and ducks. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

With your help, mothers like Phany can continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. A brighter future woman, men and their families can start today.

**Let's Go Further, Together.**

## Raise your voices

**(7am Mass)**

**Entrance antiphon:** Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

**Response to the psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
<b>March 7th</b>	John Betros	<b>March</b>	Michael Zador & others
<b>March 14th</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil		
<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
<b>March:</b>	Peter Frost	<b>March:</b>	Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
<b>March 8th</b>	John Rouen	<b>March:</b>	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
<b>Church Cleaners</b>		<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator), Paula O'Connor, Denise Haylen
Paula O'Connor, Siobhan Scott, and other volunteers.		<b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b>	
<b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>		Carol Miller & Pilar Ovelar	
<b>March 28th:</b>	Group 3	<b>March 7th:</b>	Group 4
<b>March 14th:</b>	Group 1	<b>March 21st:</b>	Group 2
		<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
		Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		<b>Piety Stall</b> (Vigil Mass): Siobhan Scott	

<b>Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am</b>
March 7th: Volunteers	March 8th: Elaine Haigh & Maureen Fitzsimmons

<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<b><i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i></b>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	Sienna Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Colbran, Barry Telford.
<b>Anniversary:</b>	Jean-Paul Gilbert.
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, Essie, Heather and Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane, Bernard Arns, Barbara Joy McCormack, Sr Ann Fitzpatrick.
<b>Sick:</b>	<b>Chaiel Blacombe</b> , 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.

<b><i>Sacramental Program at St Brigids in 2020</i></b>
<b>Confirmation:</b> Celebrant is Bishop Richard Umbers. Enrolment: 28th and 30th April 2020. <b>Confirmation: Wednesday 17th June @ 7pm.</b>
<b>First Communion</b> Enrolment: 21st and 23rd July 2020 <b>First Communion: 12th and 13th September.</b>

<b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b>	
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>usually during 9.30am Family Mass</i>
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
<b>Parish Office (phone 9315 7562):</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b> <b>(Fr Phil—pastoral emergencies only: 0420 329 731)</b>

### St Brigid's this week and beyond

**Volunteers** - we are keen to hear from anyone in the parish that may be free to volunteer in any of the following ministries including, setting up for masses and funerals, readers, offertory, children's liturgy, gardening, cleaning, please contact the parish office 9315 7562.

**Easter Choir** - You are welcome to join the Easter choir, practice is underway on Wednesday at 7.30pm—9.30pm. Please call Angeline for further information 0405 420 159.

#### 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.

**Reconciliation Groups** - All our groups are settled into their third week of parish based family preparation of sacrament, thank you for your support and prayers.



St Brigid's Primary Dad's Soccer Team Are Recruiting - All abilities welcome

Dad's / Carers you are welcome to join the Dad's on Monday's at Coogee Oval at 6.30pm contact Ray Zammit on 0401 563 218 for further information.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

#### 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)



You are welcome to join us for playgroup at  
St Brigid's Primary School on Friday mornings  
9am - 10.15am

Joanne Smyth, St Brigid's Family Educator





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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.**