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Today's Readings



**Sixth Sunday
of Easter
Year A
16th/ 17th May
2020**

In a nutshell

Jesus wants us to love him, because only then will we do what he asks of us. This is truly keeping his commandments.

We will be given an Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will guide us and be with us always. Love will be the motivating force which will keep us close to Jesus.

We will also share this love with others, sometimes without even knowing it.

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit
1Peter 3:15-18 In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.
John 14:15-21 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the foot of the cross,
were united with Jesus' suffering,
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",
you know our needs,
and we know that you will provide,
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,
joy and celebration may return
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us.
For he took upon himself our suffering,
and burdened himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.



*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

The Parish office remains open - Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm
Please call the office if you require any assistance, 9315 7562.
(Fr Phil can be contacted directly on 0420 329 731)

**Catholic Careline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline during this time of
uncertainty, when it can be difficult to know where to turn to for help!!**

If you wish to have an anniversary mass offered or a mass or prayers offered for an intention, please email the parish office stbparish_coogee@yahoo.com.au or call 9315 7562.

Mass Offerings: *Your prayers are requested for the following:*

Recently Deceased: Donald Knaggs, Jim Kavanagh, Paolo Bellini, Maureen O'Connor.

Anniversary: Sergio Ovelar, Ned Ferguson

Other Deceased: Francis and Will Champion, June Ann Knight, McGlinn Family, Eileen and Paul McMahon, Kit Sanders, Barry Telford, Alma & Jack Saidey, Bill Jack, Jack Olde, Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, Essie, Heather and Patricia Scott, Michael Cremin, John Keane.

Sick: Bernice Ralston, Chaiel Blacombe, Cathryn Ferguson, Paula Hudson, Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Anne Stirling, 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, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Chris Schneider.

Parishioners are invited to watch Masses streamed live as listed below.

OLSH Randwick has excellent online Masses and liturgies :

<https://www.facebook.com/olshparish.randwick/>

Wollongong Diocese has excellent Sunday Mass at 9am each week:

www.dow.org.au

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is an official sponsor of this virtual free pilgrimage which began on Sunday 26 April and will run for 6 weeks.

The pilgrimage is aimed at helping Catholics nurture their faith in the lead up to Pentecost while public Masses are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each Wednesday and Sunday, formative videos from will be released for registered participants to engage online. Each set of videos will reflect on the Sunday readings of that week with a particular focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in our Church and world. To register for this free online pilgrimage to Pentecost, simply go to www.pentecostpilgrimage.com and enter your details to receive a link to the videos as they are released over the next six weeks.

For information and to sign up go to <http://www.parousiamedia.com>

Are you struggling in this time of crisis?

You are not alone. CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline that can connect you with a local volunteer from your community.

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St Brigid's Parish News

From Parish Priest:

Dear Parishioners

This is a personal note from me: I hope all our families are keeping healthy and in good spirits: in terms of public worship we are still limited to ten people, therefore we cannot offer Sunday Masses; but we are hoping that weekday Masses can resume soon. Also some Baptisms for small groups. We are also able now to visit the elderly, bringing Communion to them, following necessary Covid19 guidelines, of course.

Hopefully within each of your families you can pray together each day, in whatever form is comfortable to you. As schools resume we will be able to have small prayer services in the classroom— or even class Masses. We will let you know when this will go ahead.

Our parish office staff will continue to be available for any assistance you may require, if only to have the newsletter emailed to you. Please call the office if you need to talk with us. It is important that we stay united and supportive of each other, as St Brigid's Parish family.

Welcome Fr Thang Nhu Nguyen msc—On Friday May 1st, Thang Nhu Nguyen began his appointment as Vocations Director for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Thang will be living at St Brigid's Coogee Bay Road Presbytery, and will be assisting Fr Phil in our parish ministry, as his vocations ministry allows.

Thang made his profession in Vietnam in 2008 and was ordained in 2016. He came to Australia in 2017; lived in the Formation Community at Cuskelly House, Blackburn, Melbourne; studied English as a second language at the Yarra Theological Union and, in 2018, studied the Spiritual Direction Course at the Heart of Life Centre. Since the beginning of 2019, he has been on the staff of the St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park. Welcome Thang!! We look forward to you all meeting Thang at a morning tea in the not too distant future.

Parish income: we still receive rental income from Only About Children child-care; however this will be reduced in the months ahead. We still also receive parishioners' credit card planned giving contributions. Thank you for this.

Some people have dropped their planned giving envelopes at the parish office. Again, thank you.

If you wish to make a donation to the parish, you may do so directly through our website www.stbrigidSCOOGEE.org.au

If you click the **SUPPORT US tab on the front page it will bring you to a secure donations page. Click on the green donate button, and choose which area you are donating to. "Planned giving" is fully tax-deductible, or loose "2nd Collection" - this supports the maintenance of parish buildings and pastoral programs; "1st Collection" is for the support of our MSC priests.**

Thank you, **Fr Phil Hicks msc**
(parish priest)

A message from the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding Office—With many children on-line for their education at present during Covid19, we have been asked to promote and share the following link to the CyberSafety Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>.

The CyberSafety Survey is made up of 26 questions, 13 of these questions are to be answered by adults and the other 11 questions are to be answered by children and young people. The survey is anonymous and will only take 5 minutes to complete, very quick and easy.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates your support in safeguarding your parish community and supporting 2020 Child Protection Week initiative.

From the Archives: During our recent renovations at the Parish office, we came across a beautiful cookbook compiled by parishioners in 1992. Below is the second recipe we are reprinting.

Foreword— "The heart of St Brigid's is the people who share their faith. This heart of this book is the people who share their recipes and household hints".

Hints

1. A penny in the vase will prevent petals from falling even when roses are in full bloom.
- 2 1/2 tsp of sugar in an air tight biscuit tin will keep the biscuits crisp no matter how long they are there.
3. A lemon will yield more juice if it is warmed before being squeezed.
4. To cut a meringue pie neatly but both sides of the knife.

Quick Salmon Quiche

Beat together well in a mixing bowl.

3 eggs

1 1/2 cups of milk

Combine 1/2 cup SR flour

1/2 cup melted butter

1 cup grated cheese

1 tin (210/220g) pink salmon

1 cup cooked mixed vegetables/spinach/broccoli

Add egg and mix mixture to mixing bowl and mix well.

Pour into flan tin and bake in moderate oven for 30-40 minutes.





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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.