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Today's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

John 20:19-23

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different language

In the one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit



**Pentecost
Sunday**

**30th/ 31st May
2020**

In a nutshell

A mighty wind proclaims the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles.

The Spirit fires them up with great enthusiasm as they tell all the people in Jerusalem of the wonderful things Jesus has done.

The Spirit can also renew our own lives if we are open to Receive his gifts, and then this fire will spread to all whom we meet.

Praying for unity in the time of COVID-19



We mark this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in circumstances that we have never experienced before, writes Fr Gerard Kelly. Source: *MNNews.Today*.

We may not even be able to gather in one place to pray together. We may be participating in a virtual mode. Nevertheless, this time of pandemic makes our prayer this week even more urgent.

In the midst of the upheaval and chaos that has taken over our society and our lives - we have also witnessed many examples of creativity and kindness.

We have seen signs of national unity that would have seemed unimaginable just six months ago. We have seen local communities reach out to those in need, providing care packages to those who cannot get out, for example, to do their own shopping. We have seen four and five-star hotels open their rooms to the homeless.

For those who have eyes to see, there have been so many acts of unusual kindness. One way to think of this pandemic is with the image of a boat. There is only one boat, and we are all in it together. True, the image may limp a little, and we know that some are more vulnerable than others, but as a Christian people, it is an image that we might want to hold on to. It is the image given to us by the churches in Malta when they developed the theme of this year's Week of Prayer.

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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: **Brian O'Connell** ,Christina Fitzsimons and Brendan McStravick.

Anniversary: **Susan Betros**

Other Deceased: **Noel Aisbett**, Francis and Will Champion, June Ann Knight, McGlinn Family, Eileen and Paul McMahon, Alma & Jack Saidey, Bill Jack, Jack Olde, Marie Cunningham, Brenda Dore, 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.

Revised St Brigid's Parish Sacramental Program 2020

First Reconciliation now rescheduled Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July @ 7pm. (We may need to extend to a third evening) All registered families have been notified by email.

First Communion continues on 12th and 13th September Masses—however, we may need to extend to an additional weekend, depending on Covid19 regulations.

Confirmation still tbc. (you can register on-line)

For any sacramental queries, please contact Joanne <sacramentcoogee@yahoo.com>

The Gospel for the Feast of Pentecost

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

The disciples were afraid of the Jewish leaders,
and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room.
Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group.
He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side.
When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy.
After Jesus had greeted them again, he said,
"I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me."
Then he breathed on them and said,
"Receive the Holy Spirit".
If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven.
But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

Family Discussion

How do you think the disciples were feeling when they had locked themselves in the room?

How do you think they felt when Jesus suddenly appeared in the middle of the group?

How did Jesus give the Holy Spirit to the disciples?

What did Jesus send the disciples to do?

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The image is of Paul facing shipwreck. The boat acts as a sort of microcosm of the society: Paul and the other prisoners are on the boat; there are the soldiers and the centurion; there are the sailors. There are different layers of society present on that boat.

Paul urges courage and gives everyone a reason to hope. When they eventually manage to get to the safe shores of Malta, the local people welcome them. “They showed us unusual kindness”. [Acts 28:2] is where the theme of this year’s Week of Prayer comes from.

St Brigid’s Parish News

At present we still need to keep the church locked, except when there are Masses. We have resumed 9.30am weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. However, we are restricted to 10 people + priest. Also, we record names and phone numbers, and practice social distancing within the church.

Hopefully, we get word soon to expand with “stage 2”, which will allow 20 people for religious services. Given the small number of people allowed, we cannot realistically provide any Sunday Masses—hopefully by late June / early July.

Baptisms are resuming on Sunday morning 7th June (with restricted numbers), and in the weeks following; and we also have bookings for weddings. *God bless you all.* *Fr Phil*

Planned Giving Program

Our envelopes have arrived for the next financial year 2020/2021. To make it easier during this Covid-19 period there is alternative option of monthly credit card donations to the planned giving program. Please ask the office to send you a authorized payment form. If you would prefer to pick up your envelopes, they will be in the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

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 a donating to. “*Planned giving*” is fully tax-deductible, or loose “*2nd Collection*” - these support the maintenance of parish buildings and pastoral programs; “*1st Collection*” is for the support of our MSC priests.

From the Archives: During our recent renovations at the Parish office, we came across a beautiful cookbook compiled by parishioners in 1992. **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”.

Carrot and Walnut Slice

1 cup SR flour
1 cup plain flour
1tspn nutmeg
1 1/2 cup brown sugar (lightly packed)
125gm butter
3/4 cup grated carrot
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1sppn carb soda
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup oil
1/3 cup milk

- Sift first three ingredients into bow, add sugar, rub in butter.
- Remove 3/4 cup mixture, press over base of greased lamington tin.
- Add carrot, walnuts to remaining mixture, mix well.
- Add oil, milk, carb soda to beaten egg, stir in and mix well.
- Bake in moderate oven for 35 minutes.
- Stand for 5 minutes before turning on rack to cool
- Cut into square.





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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.