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**20th Sunday  
Year A  
15th/ 16th  
August 2020**

### In a nutshell

Jesus is in foreign territory. A local woman implores him to heal her daughter.

At first Jesus seems to ignore her, but she persists with her plea: 'Lord, help me.'

Her strong faith touches his heart and he grants her request.

At times we too can feel that our prayers are not being heard.

Jesus hears, and will answer in his own time and in his own way.

### Today's Readings

*Isaiah 56:1.6-7*

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

*Romans 11:13-15.29-32*

The gift and call of God are irrevocable.

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Woman, you have great faith.

### MSC MISSION OFFICE APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

#### "WE ARE THE HEART OF GOD IN THIS TIME AND PLACE"

In our readings today is mention of "foreigners", "pagans", and those outsiders who have faith. We are all those who inherit our faith from these people, who were not of the original 'People of God' but who came to believe in Jesus Christ. In many foreign countries where the Mission Office supports Projects the people are the same, inheriting their faith from the missionary efforts of the past. We continue to impart the message of Jesus through giving fresh water, education and health, through assisting missionaries in the field.



We have many difficulties facing us today in our society and in the church, and we continue to place our trust in Jesus Christ. Our people in these 'foreign' places face the same problems of the world, especially this pandemic. They also continue to face their ongoing difficulties of lack of water, polluted water and water-borne diseases; the lack of educational facilities, school fees and materials; health problems of malaria, leprosy and HIV/Aids. Missionaries still struggle to survive on a daily basis and to be able to visit their people in remote communities for pastoral care.



Although we may be struggling with our own situation, our sisters and brothers struggle with more difficult situations. Your help and support is always appreciated and even more in these times as we reach out to give people a hand up in life.

*Roger Purcell msc*  
*MSC Mission Office*  
*Director*



### (Sunday 7am Mass)

#### Entrance antiphon:

God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people.  
For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

#### Response to the psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

#### Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

		<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
<b>August</b>	John Betros	<b>August</b>	Michael Zador & others		
<b>Sept</b>	Chelsea Albert				
<b>October</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil	<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
		<b>August</b>	Gary Keating	<b>August</b>	Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
<b>August:</b>	George & Nicholas Attard	<b>August:</b>	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.	<b>August:</b>	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
<b>August 16th:</b>	Mark Woolford, Therese Compton		Paula O'Connor.		Paula O'Connor.
		<b>Church Cleaners</b>		<b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b>	
		Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
		<b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>		<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
<b>August 16th:</b>	Group 3	<b>August 23rd:</b>	Group 4	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
<b>August 30th:</b>	Group 1	<b>September 5th:</b>	Group 2		

<b>Mass Offerings:</b>	<b><i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i></b>
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	<b>Muriel Eves, John Rossiter, June Davis,</b> Peter Elias, Alex McSpadgen, Terry McMahon, Joe Hallahan, Jim Rigby.
<b>Anniversary:</b>	Margaret Crawley, Eileen Richards.
<b>Other Deceased:</b>	John Vonwiller, Essie Knight, Negus & Ferguson Families, Joan O'Keefe, Dale Black.
<b>Sick:</b>	June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Jakob Pohlmann, Paula Hudson, Bernice Ralston, Elizabeth Khoury, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Maximilian Naum, Chris Schneider.

<b>Family Discussion</b>
Talk together about what you found surprising about what Jesus does and says in today's story. Has someone ever ignored you as Jesus did to the woman, when she called him the first time? Talk about how you felt. Why didn't the woman give up? Why did she continue calling Jesus to help her daughter? Talk about how Jesus is always ready to answer the prayers of anyone who has strong faith in God.

<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 (NOT during Covid19)
<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, <b><i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i></b>
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
<b>Parish Office:</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b> <b>Phone 9315 7562.</b> <b>(For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)</b>

## St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

**Baptism** - This weekend we welcome *Harrison O'Sullivan*, son of Jessica and Stephen, into our parish community.

**Sunday 23rd August:** We welcome our children for Children's Liturgy at 9.30am Family Mass.

### COVID-19 Update

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue to sanitise your hands, sign in (bring your own pen if you wish), and social distance in the pews and outside afterwards.

**Cotton face masks** available to purchase for \$15 at our Piety Store, and can also be picked up at the Parish Office. Order at <http://www.aimisa.com.au/>

**Fr Phil is absent from parish: Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd (retreat).**  
(normal Masses these coming weekdays, and next weekend)

### The Scriptures

#### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:23-28

A Canaanite woman kept following Jesus and shouting, so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the people of Israel! They are like a flock of lost sheep."

The woman came closer. Then she kneeled down and begged, "Lord, please help me!"

Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

"Lord, that's true," the woman said, "but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want."

At that moment her daughter was healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Sacramental Dates

- Saturday 12th & 19th, and Sunday 13th September — **First Communion Masses. (4)**
  - Friday 23rd October (7pm) & Saturday 24th (2pm) - **Sacrament of Confirmation.**
- Please see our website for registration details. (Saturday is now full!)
- Please call / email Joanne Smyth for any further information:  
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We are kindly asking for your help in promoting the CyberSafety Survey in your parish community. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please promote and share this link to the CyberSafety Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3> for the next 4 weeks in your bulletin, social media platforms, website, emails, youth ministry groups and livestreams to encourage your parish community to take part. The Safeguarding Office hopes that with your help, together we can develop a suite of eSafety resources that will educate the Archdiocese community about eSafety.

**St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.**