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**22nd Sunday
Year A
29th/ 30th
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In a nutshell

When Peter tries to deter Jesus from the path leading to his suffering and death, he is rebuked severely.

To follow Jesus is to experience the cross, but also resurrection.

We can support each other on this journey through life by sharing deep values of the heart, and helping those in need.

Our meeting with Jesus at the end of time is certain, and he will reward us.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself



We **all** want to belong. Today's readings are about belonging to God. How do we belong to God? To belong to God is to love. Jesus shows us that love is at the very heart of those who belong to God.

Jeremiah is a reluctant prophet who cannot ignore God's call "like a burning fire shut up in my bones." His only answer is "yes" and he belongs to God.

Jesus belongs to God. He is firm in his mission to serve the poor, the rejected and the voiceless, even to the point to losing his life. There were followers of Jesus who sought to stop him, because they were afraid of losing their lives. Fear is the opposite of love. Fear is exclusive; belonging is inclusive.

Jesus was single-minded in his purpose to love and create belonging. He berated those who sought to stop him. Our culture claims that we can protect ourselves by excluding others. Our culture promotes fear and exclusion as the way to preserve life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to belong to God; of letting go of fear. What fears do we have to leave behind to belong to God? Are we willing to allow God to entice us and change our behaviour? In today's Eucharist, let us pray that our way of life is an imitation of God who is love.

(Sunday 7am Mass)

Entrance antiphon:

I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord..
You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

Response to the psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
August	John Betros	August	Michael Zador & others
Sept	Chelsea Albert		
October	Sr Jan O'Neil	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
		August	Gary Keating
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
August:	George & Nicholas Attard	August:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
September:	Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker	Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)		Paula O'Connor.
August 30th	Di Karas, Sharron Critchely		
Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar	
Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.			Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller
Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers	
			Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros
August 30th:	Group 1	Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass)	
September 5th:	Group 2		Carol Miller
September 12th:	Group 3		
September 19th:	Group 4		

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

Recently Deceased: Sara Downey, Greg Fitzpatrick, Muriel Eves, John Rossiter, June Davis.

Anniversary: John Laurence Cunningham, Norman Hanna

Other Deceased: Scott Family, Anthony Gerald Cunningham, John Vonwiller, Essie Knight, Negus & Ferguson Families, Joan O'Keefe, Dale Black.

Sick: June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Jakob Pohlmann, Paula Hudson, Bernice Ralston, Elizabeth Khoury, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, 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.

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 you own pen if you wish), and social distance in the pews and outside afterwards.

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

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Thank you from the MSC Mission Office: “We are grateful for your continued support and generosity to the MSC Mission Office over many years. We collected a total amount of \$2,198.50 over the weekend 15/08 and 16/08, with further donations since then. Please accept our sincere gratitude towards the parishioners for their wonderful generosity and support to the MSC Mission Office.”
Fr Roger Purcell msc.

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Thursday 3rd September—11am Funeral Mass for Sara Downey. May she rest in peace.

Monday 7th September - Parish Council Meeting at the parish office at 7.30pm. **Fr Phil**



Cashless Giving

Our new donation point and stand can be found in the church foyer. This unit assists in engaging with a wider spectrum of people who don't necessarily carry cash with them. There are no receipts for these donations—all of which assist the pastoral work of St Brigid's.

The Scriptures this weekend

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-25

*Jesus said, "I must go to Jerusalem. There the nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make me suffer terribly. I will be killed, but three days later I will rise to life."
Then Jesus said to his disciples: "If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find it."*

Family Discussion

Talk about times when it is easy to follow Jesus, maybe times when you are with your family and friends doing what you like to do.

Now talk about those times when it is hard to be a follower of Jesus, times when doing the right thing can be difficult e.g., it is lunchtime at school and you are playing a game with your friends. You see someone sitting on their own, watching the game. What do you do? Do you keep playing with your friends and ignore the person on their own? Or do you go over to the person and invite them to join in the game? What if you know your friends will then walk away?

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