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24th Sunday
Year A
12th/13th

In a nutshell

The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget'.

Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all.

To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me?

Today's Readings

Ecclesiasticus: 27:30-28:7 Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven
Romans : 14:7-9 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord
Matthew: 18:21-35 I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

First Communion



Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. You left us the outstanding manifestation of your limitless love for us.

Thank You for giving our children the opportunity to experience this love in receiving the Sacrament for the first time.

May your Eucharistic presence
keep him/her ever free and fortified in faith,
pervaded by love for God and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue,
that he/she may continue to receive You throughout life
and attain final union with you. Amen.

(Sunday 7am & 6pm Masses only this weekend)

Entrance antiphon: Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Response to the psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	September Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
September	Chelsea Albert	September	Michael Zador & others
October	Sr Jan O'Neil		
November	John Betros		
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
September:	Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker	September	Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
September 13th	Mark Woolford	September:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
	Therese Compton	Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
			Paula O'Connor.
Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar	
Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers	
September 12th: Group 3		Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
September 26th: Group 1		Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass)	
September 19th: Group 4		Carol Miller	
October 3rd: Group 2			

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

Recently Deceased: **Beryl Stone, John Fleming, Jason Coby** (Ireland),
Mary Lou Jaejer, Sara Downey.

Anniversary: **Michael Rule, Viola Corbett**, John Laurence Cunningham,
Norman Hanna

Other Deceased: **Richard Healy**, George & Ellen McKelleher, Scott Family.

Sick: **Rita Koh**, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, 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,

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.

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

Children's Liturgy is on during our 9.30am Family Mass this Sunday.

Our First Communion celebrations are this weekend 12th September (5pm Vigil Mass) and 13th September (9.30am Mass and an extra 11am Mass); and again on Saturday 19th September, during our 5pm Vigil Mass.

We welcome all families and hope you enjoy your celebrations.

Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal will be on weekend of 26th/27th September.

The PFR of the Archdiocese of Sydney ensures all incardinated priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. **Fr Phil**

The Dempsey Medal is awarded annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and laity. The Dempsey Medal seeks to encourage and to recognise outstanding contributions and service by members of the Sydney Archdiocesan community to the local Catholic church or the wider society.

We are proud to announce that Carol Miller is the well deserved recipient of the medal this year. Carol will receive her medal from Fr Phil during 9.30am mass on Tuesday 15th September.



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.

Thank you for all your contributions.

Piety Store...

Is open on Saturdays before and after our 5pm vigil mass. We have a number of items that might be suitable gift for young and old.

Please take a moment to browse.

Tiny Saint keyrings are \$7 each.

Australian Ceramic Crosses \$25

Mary McKillop Holding Cross, large \$25

Bibles - \$20

Various prayer cards & Greeting cards



This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is celebrating National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row! The celebration of this week provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for and protect the Children and Young People in our communities.

The Safeguarding Office has developed two new resource buttons 'Children's Resources' and 'Young People's Resources' on the Safeguarding Website that provides age appropriate resources for Children and Young People about safeguarding and how to stay safe within the Archdiocese of Sydney. These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding Website <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

I also encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring



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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.