

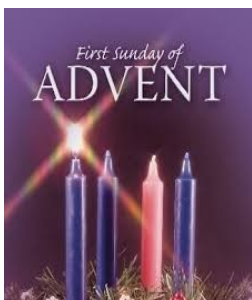
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Today's Readings



**First Sunday of
Advent
Year B
28th/29th
November 2020**

In a nutshell

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time when we are asked to 'stay awake' and be alert.

We are asked to act with integrity, and to turn away from anything that will dull our perception of the coming of Christ.

It is a time of fine-tuning our priorities. We are clay in the hands of the potter, God, who yearns for our love and attentiveness.

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8 Oh,

that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 The revelations we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.



A 2010 novel by Emma Donoghue has the brief title of "Room". It tells the story of a mother who is imprisoned in a garden shed together with her young son, Jack. The boy has always lived in the shed and has experienced the outside world only through a small skylight and on a TV screen. When his mother tells him that there is a whole wonderful world outside the shed he does not believe her. He feels safe in the confined space of the room and is afraid of change. But finally the boy escapes and discovers the beauty and immensity of this larger world.

What is the point of this image which the novel give us? It is a way of helping us to understand Advent, which is about the coming of Christ. The problem is that Advent is often imprisoned in the world of shopping and the commercial build-up to Christmas. Recorded carols and office parities anticipate the feast but do not provide any room to prepare for the real significance of the coming Mary's boy child in Bethlehem. So each year on the first Sunday of Advent, the Church calls us out of the narrow protected world, where we are reluctant to change, into the wider world of God's coming.

The Living Word, 2020

Entrance antiphon: To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame.

Response to the psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	Vigil 5pm	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
November	John Betros	November	Michael Zador & others
December	Chelsea Albert		
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
November:	George & Nick Attard	November	Peter Frost
December:	Gerry Walker, Charlie Robinson	December	Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
November 29th	Gian Cornale	November:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
		Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin
			Paula O'Connor.
	Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar
	Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller
	Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers
December 20th:	Group 1	November 29th:	Group 2
December 6th:	Group 3	December 13th:	Group 4
			Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass)

Mass Offerings:		Your prayers are requested for the following:
Recently Deceased:	Paulette Joseph, Nonie Nagle (Co, Clare Ireland)	
	Lynne Sweeney , Wilma Baldwin, Joyce Masson.	
Anniversary:	Russell Byrne, Steph Cummins (Ireland)	
Sick:	Janet Neenan ,Goretti Mc Monagle Anna Zabourek, Hayley Connery (Ireland), Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Fay Mather.	



St Vincent de Paul Conference, Coogee

We are pleased to announce that we have started to rebuild and renew the St Vincent de Paul conference in our parish. In order to run this successfully, we will rely on the valuable volunteers in our parish. If you interested in learning more please contact - Joanne Smyth on **sacramentcoogee@yahoo.com.au**

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, after 9.30am Family Mass.
Marriages	Saturdays , 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

This Sunday **all tap donations in the church foyer** will be donated to The Good Shepherd Clinic in Beirut—please support if you can.

Baptisms - This Sunday we welcome **Kai Farrugia**, son of Mark and Angela; and **Levi Rull**, son of Ian and Jessica after 9.30 Family Mass.

Next Sunday 6th December - We welcome our 2021 St Brigid's Kindergarten children and their families **to a special mass at 11am followed by refreshments.**

Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th December - St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.

Sunday 10th January 2021 there will be a special Mass at St Brigid's at 11am—to honour the centenary of the death of **Eileen O'Connor**. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher. **If any parishioners would like to attend—it is essential to contact the Parish Office, to receive an official invitation.** Participation is by invitation only. The parish will also have our own celebration on July 4th, 9.30am Mass, celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady.

Forever Johnno will hold their annual 'Presents for sick kids' – if you would like to donate please drop into The Coogee Bay Hotel Sunday 13th December 1.30pm-4pm.

Fr Phil

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Thursday) at 5PM 7PM 9PM

Christmas Day (Friday) AT 7AM & 9.30AM

Also, Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate Mass for our Irish Community at 11am on Christmas Morning.

(Please register for Christmas Masses through the parish website)

Together We Can Overcome

A call for donations for those in need.



The following items are required for their pantry

Food: Breakfast cereal, rice, pasta, tinned fruit, coffee, condiments, cooking oil, dried fruit/lentils, long life milk, noodles, tea, soup, tinned kidney beans/chickpeas/corn/fish/diced tomatoes and spices

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Child sex Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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.