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**Second Sunday of  
Advent  
Year B  
5th/6th  
December 2020**

### In a nutshell

**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'.**

**God consoles his people, assuring us that if we turn back to him our sins will be forgiven.**

**John the Baptist echoes the message of the prophet Isaiah; the voice in the wilderness who exhorts the people to look within themselves and return to the Lord their God, who is merciful, tender, loving and forgiving.**

### Today's Readings

*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*  
*2 Peter 3:8-14*  
*Mark 1:1-8*

Prepare the way for the Lord  
We wait for a new heaven and a new earth  
Make straight the paths of the Lord



The call to repentance lies at the heart of the Advent season. Like the people in today's readings, we, too, are called to a change of heart, as we long for a better world where injustice will cease.

Today's First Reading is full of hope and consolation for a nation weary of suffering. God is seen by the prophet Isaiah both as a warrior who fights for his people, and as a shepherd who nourishes and guides them to rest.

The Psalm reveals God's inner ways and intentions; he is a God of peace, mercy faithfulness and justice, who longs to help us. One of the themes of Advent is that of looking forward to the second coming of Jesus. St Peter advises us to wait patiently. We are to live in a way worthy of the our Christian calling; living lives that please God as we allow his peace to fill us. (Second Reading)

The Gospel underlines how radical John the Baptist was in his calling, just like the Old Testament prophets. His focus was on the need to repent, for people to change their world view and live accordingly. In this way, they will be more open to the teachings of Jesus, so that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (Isaiah 40:5).

This week, we might ask for the grace of trust, and to receive the deep love of God into our hearts. God is offering us new life in Christ, empowering us to be his instruments for change in a world torn apart by self serving actions and fear. Perhaps we can make this our prayer: 'Lord, make us channels of your peace and justice. Amen.'

**Entrance antiphon:** People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

**Response to the psalm:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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| <b>Readers</b>  |   | <b>Ministers of Communion</b>                              |   |
| <b>Saturday Vigil December</b>  | Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)<br>Chelsea Albert               | <b>Vigil 5pm December</b>                                  | Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)<br>Michael Zador & others         |
| <b>Sunday 7.00 am December:</b>   | Peter Frost (Coordinator)<br>Gerry Walker, Charlie Robinson | <b>Sunday 7.00 am December</b>                             | Peter Frost (Coordinator)<br>Gary Keating                   |
| <b>Sunday 9.30 am December 6th December 13th</b>  | Adele Cornale (Coordinator)<br>Mark Woolford<br>John Rouen  | <b>Sunday 9.30 am December:</b>                            | Adele Cornale (Coordinator)<br>Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty. |
| <b>Church Cleaners</b><br>Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.  |   | <b>Sunday 6pm</b>  | Andrew Poidevin<br>Paula O'Connor.                          |
| <b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>   |   | <b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b><br>Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller |   |
| <b>December 6th:</b> Group 3 <b>December 13th:</b> Group 4<br><b>December 20th:</b> Group 1 <b>December 27th:</b> Group 2 |   | <b>Altar Flowers</b><br>Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros     |   |
|   |   | <b>Piety Stall</b> (5pm Vigil Mass)<br>Carol Miller        |   |

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| <b>Mass Offerings:</b>    |  | <b>Your prayers are requested for the following:</b> |
| <b>Recently Deceased:</b> | Maureen Kerridge, Paulette Joseph, Nonie Nagle ( <i>Co, Clare Ireland</i> )<br>Lynne Sweeney, Wilma Baldwin, Joyce Masson.   |  |
| <b>Deceased:</b>          | Muriel and Bill Knight, Toni Barry, John Vonwiller.  |  |
| <b>Anniversary:</b>       | Jacinta Bowler Kordner, Russell Byrne, Steph Cummins ( <i>Ireland</i> )  |  |
| <b>Sick:</b>              | Janet Neenan, Goretti McMonagle Anna Zabourek, Hayley Connery ( <i>Ireland</i> ),<br>Rob Williams, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson,<br>Alex Campbell, Paula Hudson, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Marian Moreno,<br>Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield,<br>Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick,<br>Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock, Fay Mather. |  |



**Communal Advent Celebration of God's Mercy & Forgiveness**

(Also opportunity for individual sacramental confession, if desired)

**Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm**

| <b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b> |  |
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| <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 Weekday Masses</b>     | Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)<br><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,<br><i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>  |
| <b>Marriages</b>                      | <b>Saturdays</b> , by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance.  |
| <b>Parish Office:</b>                 | <b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b><br><b>Phone 9315 7562.</b><br>(For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731) |

### St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

**Baptism this Saturday Vigil Mass** - We welcome into our parish community *Lea Gimaret*, daughter of David and Julia.

**This Sunday** - We welcome our 2021 St Brigid's Kindergarten children and their families **to a special Mass at 11am followed by refreshments.**

**Friday 11th December**—For the very first time, **Sydney Youth Orchestra is proud to present their annual Advent Carols and Readings at St Brigid's Church, Coogee.** This is a choral and orchestral celebration of Christmas, featuring world class musicians of the Sydney Youth Orchestra and singers of Australian opera. Time 7.30 pm; Tickets \$20.

Book through Sydney Youth Orchestra's website. Follow this link <https://syo.com.au/carols/>  
(There will be no tickets at the door due to Covid guidelines)

**Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th December - St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal.**  
(Returned envelopes can be placed on any weekend collection.)

**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)

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### Many Australian families will be spending this Christmas in poverty

Many people are facing hardship for the first time and have suddenly found themselves frightened about how they will keep a roof over their head and put food on the table let alone celebrate on Christmas Day.

Vinnies is taking pressure off families who are at breaking point by providing food hampers, emotional support, and help with essentials.

Our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend—**Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th.**

Donation envelopes are attached to our newsletter this week. (due to covid restrictions).

Christmas cards will be on sale from this weekend at all Masses.

We appreciate your support, *Gerry Walker*







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**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

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](mailto: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.**