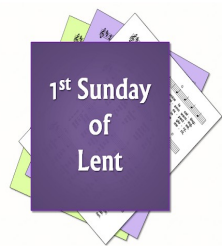


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First Sunday of Lent
Year B
20th / 21st
February, 2021

In a nutshell

To begin this season of Lent, we are given a hopeful sign, a rainbow that lifts our spirits.

This is not a season of doom and gloom, but an opportunity to renew our relationship with God.

To 'repent and believe the Good News' will free us from our anxieties, and help turn our minds and hearts towards God

Today's Readings

Genesis 9:8-15 God gives us the rainbow as a sign of God's everlasting covenant with humankind.
1 Peter 3:18-22 The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.
Mark 1:12-15 Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him



God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our
Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our
commitment to live in solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and
Our prayers anchor us in love and
compassion.
Through living simply and loving
generously,
May we care for our global family
and our common home, as we
*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more".**
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

**Saint Oscar Romero*

Entrance antiphon: When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour.
Long life and contentment will be his.

Response to the psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil February	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil & John Betros	Vigil 5pm February	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador & others
Sunday 7.00 am February:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nicholas Attard	Sunday 7.00 am February	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am February 21st	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Gian Coranale	Sunday 9.30 am February:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)	Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin Paula O'Connor.
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters—Parish Office February 21st: Group 2 February 28th: Group 3 March 7th Group 4 March 14th: Group 1		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Myrim Jimenez (<i>Venezuela</i>), Genevieve Gilbert (<i>France</i>), Norman MacKillop (<i>UK</i>), Red O'Connor, Ken Paterson, John Stirrat, Anna Zabourek.
Other Deceased:	Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB, Ela Tarraton, Frank Bowman, Lyn Sweeney,
Anniversary:	Alice & Desmond Ryan, Essie Knight and Bill Knight, Marie Cunningham, Paul Lum, Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes.
Sick:	Petra King (New Zealand), Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott, Bernice Ralston, John Cavanagh, Janet Neenan, Hayley Connery (<i>Ireland</i>), 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, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Judy Chock.



Volunteers urgently needed for Catechists for one hour on Wednesdays at Coogee Public School; and also others to assist at Children's Liturgy on 9.30am Sundays.

Please contact Joanne sacramentcoogee@yahoo.com or 9315 7562.

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	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

Sr Ivy Khoury on behalf of Caritas Australia will be speaking at our Masses this weekend.

Sunday 28th February—Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Family Mass.

Wednesday 3rd March - Spirituality in the Pub - "Reconnecting", The Paddington RSL, 7.30pm -9.00pm

2021 Sacramental Program at St Brigid's

First Reconciliations are scheduled for Wednesday 24th March @ 5pm and 7pm

All children need to be registered on-line—go to St Brigid's website.

*We now have 10 copies of **The Swag** available in the Church Foyer—this is the quarterly magazine of the **National Council of Priests**. It has excellent articles about aspects of our Church.— no charge. Many parishes now get this in. Just take one home for some really good reflective reading*

Fr Phil

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Reflection on readings for First Sunday in Lent.

All three readings today remind us of the desire of God leading us to "aspire not to have more, but to be more." The rainbow in the sky, the covenant, the baptism of Jesus and his temptation in the wilderness all remind us of the salvation that God wants for us and for our world. In the gospel, Jesus proclaims, "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As John baptises Jesus, his true identity as the Son of God is revealed. "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased". Immediately following this we are told that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days. We have all experienced being in a wilderness in our lives. Sometimes there is more than one experience of wilderness in our lives, where we are lost, confused and searching.

Caritas Australia, 2021

How can we be more for others, when they experience times of wilderness?

**Project Compassion Sunday**
14th February 2021



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Be More**". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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