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St. Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee



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Today's Readings



Jeremiah 33:14-16; I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.
Luke 21:25-28.34-36 Your redemption is near at hand.



The readings for the first Sunday in Advent, Year C warn us to get ready for the coming of our Lord, for change will come with him. In the first reading we hear that God will raise up "a just shoot" who will bring safety. In the second reading Paul encourages us to act with love and be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ. In the gospel, Jesus warns his followers not to focus on our current lives but to be ready for our new lives.

Here at St Brigid's, the advent wreath has been assembled; the first violet candle is lit indicating that our time of preparing for the King is at hand. Everyone has a hint of excitement as Christmas holidays approach. We are very busy with the end of the school year. However, it's easy with in all this activity, especially with Christmas music playing and Christmas decorations everywhere we go, to forget about the quiet preparation of Advent.

So, we know that Christ, who is perfect love, does not want us to fear, but wants us to rejoice with awareness. He wants us not to get lost in the celebration, but to celebrate, that we have been found in him. Find quiet and peaceful moments, to speak with God and be reminded that the time of celebration is at hand, and not yet at hand. Christ, Love and Fulfillment, is here now and still has not yet come again. We are both in a state of rejoicing and preparation. I encourage us this Advent season, amidst the jingles and the bright shining lights, to find quiet solitude where we can allow the anticipatory excitement to grow and we can prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of our King of Kings, Jesus Christ!

(There is a booklet "New Life in Christ" from Brisbane Archdiocese available in Church Foyer) Fr Phil Hicks msc

First Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021

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.

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

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| Readers | | Ministers of Communion | |
| Saturday Vigil November 28th | Sr Jan O’Neil (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert & Radmila Lewis | Vigil 5pm November | Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Sr Jan O’Neil |
| Sunday 7.00 am November: December: | Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gerry Walker and Charlie Robinson George & Nick Annas | Sunday 7.00 am November | Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost |
| Sunday 9.30 am November 21st | Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Di Karas & Sharron Critchley | Sunday 9.30 am November | Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty. |
| Sunday 6pm | Paula O’Connor (Coordinator) Marea Wilson | Sunday 6pm | Paula O’Connor. |
| Church Cleaners Paula O’Connor and other volunteers. | | Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller | |
| Money Counters—Parish Office November 28th : Group 3 December 5th: Group 4 December 12th : Group 1 December 19th: Group 2 | | Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros | |
| | | Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller | |

| Dates for your diary | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 4th/5th December Sunday 5th December Sunday 12th December | MSC Mission Office Appeal 11am Welcome Mass for Kindy 2022 and their families St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal at all Masses. |

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| Mass Offerings: | <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i> |
| Recently Deceased: | Janet Neenan , Irene Haughey (Ireland), Bin Bridge. |
| Anniversaries: | Mollie McCabe. |
| Sick: | Frank DiGeorgio, Margaret McShane, June Clements, Mariana Wagei, Melinda Craig, Beverly Flint, June Ferguson, Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott, John Cavanagh, Justin Wood, Rob Williams. |
| <p><i>During the month of November, priests in the parish offer Masses each day for the Faithful Departed—for those whose names are in the Memorial Book. Also “November Masses” envelope intentions are sent through the MSC Mission Office to assist priests overseas, who also celebrate Masses for your intentions.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fr Phil</i></p> | |

| St Brigid’s Parish Information | |
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| 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 (when we get more volunteers) |
| 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, please contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731) |

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday First Holy Communions at 4pm special Mass.

Thursday 2nd December 11am - Requiem Mass for Janet Neenan (no 9.30 mass)

Sunday 19th December - We are delighted to announce that we will once again be hosting the Christmas Carols, involving Sydney Youth Orchestra and Opera singers.

Employment opportunity

A fantastic opportunity exists for an experienced Executive Assistant with the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Kensington. The focus of the role is to provide Executive assistance and support to the Provincial Leader and Provincial Council. The position is permanent full-time, based in Kensington NSW. For further information and a confidential discussion, contact Nevine Piperides at Reach HR on 0418 698 327. Applications close Monday 6th December 2021.

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Wishing you every blessing for your families and keep safe. Fr Phil



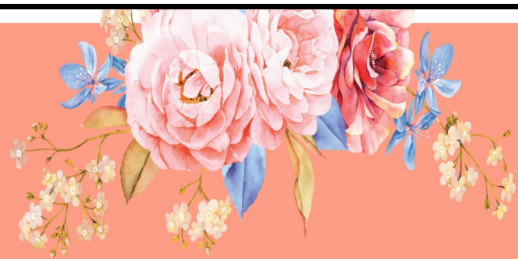
CWF Parish Appeal

Thank you for supporting the CWF Parish Appeal - if you can kindly return any envelopes



On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting the **Charitable Works Fund (CWF)** August Appeal. We cannot do the work that we do without your help! Once again, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our communities, while also building up our Catholic communities.

For more information about the Catholic Work Fund, please visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
The following children will be baptised
on Sunday

Marlowe & Helena Todorovski daughters of Zlatko and Laura
Isabel Algje daughter of Matthew and Julia
Leila Lyons daughter of Christopher and Lian

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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.

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.**