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St. Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee



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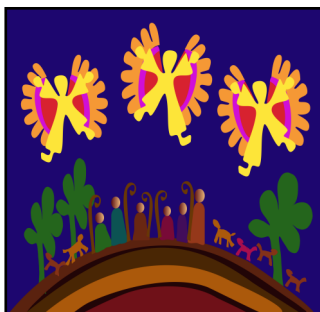
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Christmas Readings

<i>Isaiah</i>	<i>9:1-7</i>	<i>Our saviour comes</i>
<i>Titus</i>	<i>2:11-14</i>	<i>God's love revealed</i>
<i>Luke</i>	<i>2:1-14</i>	<i>Today a saviour had been born for you</i>



**Christmas Day
&
Feast of the Holy Family
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Year C December 2021**

In a nutshell

A light has shone on us this day, the Lord is born for us!

This day reveals the baby Jesus, born in a stable and greeted by humble shepherds.

The wonder of it fills our hearts with joy as we try to comprehend that this child is Emmanuel, God with us.

He makes himself small and weak so that we can reach out to him with love and tenderness.



7am Christmas Day

Entrance antiphon:

A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.

Response to the psalm: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

7am Holy Family


Entrance antiphon:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Response to the psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in God's ways.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Weekend Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil January 1st	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert & Sr Jan O'Neil	Vigil 5pm December	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil
Sunday 7.00 am December 26th January 2nd	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nick Annas Peter Frost & Linda	Sunday 7.00 am December	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am December	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor.
Money Counters—Parish Office December 26th : Group 3 January 10th : Group 1		Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
January 2nd: Group 4 January 17th: Group 2		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
		Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The office will now be closed
until Monday 10th January.

*If your matter is urgent, please call Fr Phil on 0420 329 731,
and he can assist you, even if he is away from Coogee.*

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Clare Reilly (mother of Brother Phil Reilly), Luke Davies, Julie Mangan (Ireland).
Other Deceased:	Bill Jack, Jack & Alma Saidey, Carmel(Saidey) Olde and Jack Olde Joan O'Keefe, Margaret Wordon.
Anniversaries:	Juanita Bowler Cordner (Co, Kerry, Ireland) Michael Flynn (Ireland).
Sick:	June Ferguson, June Clements, Gary Keating, Mariana Wagei, Melinda Craig, Beverly Flint, Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott, John Cavanagh, Justin Wood, Rob Williams.

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am and 9.30 am. (NO 6pm)
Morning Tea Weekday Masses	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (when we get more volunteers) Tuesday, and Thursday only (9.30 am) during January.
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 & Visitors,

A warm welcome to you all and especially to those of you that are visiting Coogee. Last Monday we enjoyed an evening with the Sydney Youth Orchestra and Australia Opera singers: our church was filled with beautiful music and carols. The video of the evening is on our parish website.

Thank you to each and everyone of you who has served in the parish in some way; it is impossible to name you all, but we are grateful for your contribution.

I feel blessed to be part of such a caring, loving community and appreciate all the support over the last challenging year. As we conclude the year, we can reflect on the new possibilities for growth that lie ahead.

Two thousand years ago a baby was born—a child who cried, smiled and gazed in wonder at his mother—like every new born baby. A miraculous gift of new life; a gift as old as humankind and as new as the wonder of every newborn baby.

This child was an extraordinary gift—the gift of God-made-flesh, God-with-us.

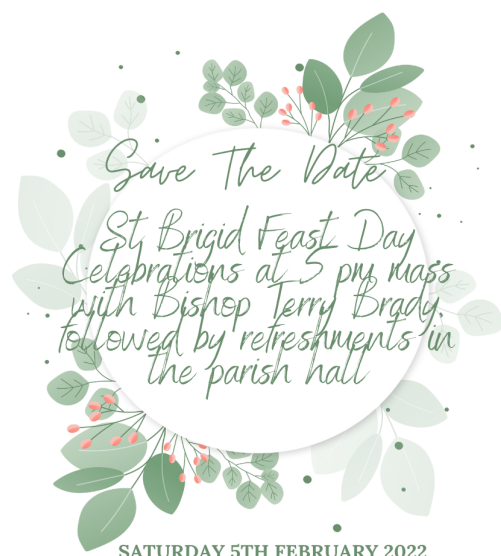
How simple, how awesome, outrageous, really, that God's intimate presence would be made known to us through such ordinary human experience; babies, childbirth, dusty stables, unfriendly towns, night skies, young parents with questions and anxieties, mouths to feed and accommodation to find...

Amidst all the ordinariness of what it means to be human, there is God unmistakably present, alive, affirming our humanity, demanding our attention and responses. What a gift!

May the Infant Jesus shower many blessings upon you and your families this Christmas and may it be a time of love, peace and harmony for one and all. If we come across individuals or families in need, may we reach out to them. For the many families travelling, please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you in 2022.

With love, from Fr Phil and Fr Thang and Fr Bob, and the three wonderful ladies in the Parish Office team—Caroline, Sharon and Inez.

Fr Phil msc, parish priest. December 24, 2021.



Christmas Day Collection

Every Sunday we have two collections: with the first collection supporting the MSC, and the second collection supporting all the other works of the parish. On Christmas Day there will be **one collection only**, that will be donated to an orphanage in Nepal, and various local charities.

Mobile Phones

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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.**