

Third Sunday of Advent 12th December

2021

St Brigid's Parish Community look forward to welcome you at our Christmas Mass

**Chrismas Mass** 

Times

Fr Phil msc, Fr Thang msc & Fr Bob msc

Saturday Dec. 25,

7am 9.30am

no 6pm mass

Friday Dec. 24,

5pm

7pm 9pm





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#### **Today's Readings**

Zephaniah 3:14-18The prophet tells the people of Israel to rejoice for the Lord will save them and be in their midst.Philippians 4:4-7Paul tells his congregation to rejoice always for the Lord is at hand.Luke 3:10-18In the face of the coming judgement, John the Baptist explains how his questioners must behave.



"When the woman came out of tent and we saw she was pregnant, I thought "We're not leaving her here. We've go to do something". - John, Vinnies Volunteer

Heidi was heavily pregnant living in a tent. She and her partner Nikolas had lost their home, and when they could no long stay with family and friends, they had no other options. Thankfully, our Vinnies Volunteers could be there to help Heidi and Nicolas get back on their feet.

This Christmas, many families' like Heidi and Nikolas' are struggling. Since the pandemic began, many have lost work, and now as the bills continue to mount, some are struggling to keep a roof over their heads

With a growing number of families turning to Vinnies this Christmas, in critical needs of assistance, your support is urgent.



Entrance antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Response to the psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Saturday Vigil December 12th	<b>Readers</b> Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert & Sr Jan O'Neil	Min Vigil 5pm December	<b>isters of Communion</b> Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neil
Sunday 7.00 am December:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nick Annas	Sunday 7.00 am December	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am December 12th	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) John Rouen	Sunday 9.30 am December	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator) Marea Wilson	Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor.
<b>Church Cleaners</b> Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		<mark>Sacristy &amp; Altar</mark> Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
		Nahala	Altar Flowers

Money Counters—Parish Office December 12th : Group 1 December 19th: Group 2 December 26th : Group 3 January 2nd: Group 4

Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

# Dates for your Diary

- Monday 20th December—Christmas Carols and Readings—Sydney Youth Orchestra and Australia Opera singers—\$10 tickets please book online. •
- Tuesday 21th December 7.30pm, Community Sacramental Celebration of God's • Mercy and Forgiveness.

Mass Offerings:	Your prayers are requested for the following:
Recently Deceased:	<b>Niall McMenamin (Co Tyrone, Ireland), David Murtagh (NZ),</b> Moyra Milchelmore, Marjorie Devitt, Valerie Micallef, Janet Neenan.
Other Deceased:	Joan O'Keefe, Margaret Wordon.
Anniversaries:	Michael Flynn (Ireland), Lauren Julian.
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.

Mass Times	<b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b> Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea Weekday Masses	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass <b>(when we get more volunteers)</b> 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</i> 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, please contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)	

## St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we have our **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**: due to the lockdown and loss of employment many families will be struggling this year—thus we appreciate your support.

On Wednesday we had a Graduation Mass for our Year 6 students—it was a wonderful celebration with a group of children who experienced a year like no other. I wish them all the very best for high school.

**Monday 20th December** - We are delighted to announce that we will once again be hosting the **Christmas Carols**, involving Sydney Youth Orchestra and Opera singers. Tickets are \$10 each - no doors sales, so please book online - syo.com.au/carols

*Christmas Masses—we need more "volunteers" for Readers / Collectors and Communion Ministers.* 

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





PRESENTED BY PAYNTER DIXON

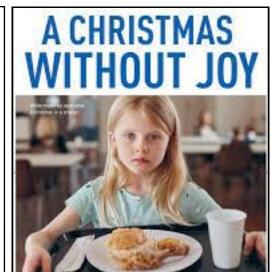
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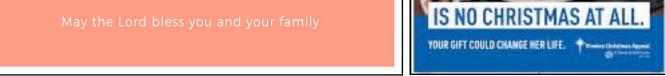
9-25 December 2021 lightsofchristmas.com.au



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

Noel and Ivy Morgan - Silva son and daughter of Andrew and Laurie Tom and Sophie Heydon son and daughter of Paul and Nikki







### 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 <u>safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</u>.

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.**