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St Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee



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SIXTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Year C

12th / 13th February 2022



Readings for this weekend

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Blessed are they who trust in the Lord 1 Corinthians 15:12.16-20 Christ is raised the first fruits Luke 6:17.20-26 Happy are poor. Woe to the rich!

"How happy are you, who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God."

When the Gospels eventually emerged from within Christian faith communities, they sought to give voice through Jesus' teaching to the difference between a God's-eye view of human affairs and human perspective. Luke's Beatitudes are far more concrete and starker than those of Matthew. Matthew's version allows for spiritual interpretation, while Luke looks at the lived reality of the first followers of Jesus. There are mostly poor, outcast and without security. Faith in Jesus does not save them from persecution or death. It does not make them rich, powerful or successful. However much we know this, we are often still tempted to think of Christianity as something safe and respectable. We try to tame the message of the Gospel and cut it down to fit our size.

When we do this, we turn the Gospel from a tiger into a domestic pussycat. We render it safe, comforting and comfortable, but we also risk rendering it powerless to make a difference to our own life and that of the world. The values behind Luke's Beatitudes are radical, dangerous and ultimately transformative. They invite us to overstep the safe boundaries that we have set for our faith and to risk losing our securities. Many saints, like Thomas More, Oscar Romero and Edith Stein, learned to find a God greater than anything they could ever imagine, when they took this risk. Their greatest apparent failures emerged as victory. The grace is there for anyone who asks for it, but God will not force it on us. It is a free choice and a free gift.

The Living Word, 2022

Entrance antiphon:

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

Response to the psalm:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!



Readers

Saturday VigilSr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)FebruarySr Jan O'Neil & Radmila Lewis

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator) **February** Charlie Robinson & Gerry Walker

Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator)

13th February Gian Cornale

Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.

Money Counters (parish office)

February 13th: Group 2 February 27th: Group 4
February 20th: Group 3 March 6th: Group 1

Ministers of Communion

Vigil 5pm Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
February Paula O'Connor

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

February Peter Frost

Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
February Phil Docherty, Pilar Ovelar

Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Sacristy & Altar
Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller

Altar Flowers
Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

Sacramental Dates 2022

First Reconciliation Wednesday 30th March 5pm & 7pm (Enrolment for first reconciliation is up on our website next week)

Confirmation Tuesday 14th June 5pm & 7pm

First Communion Sunday 11th September

Mass intentions Your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased: Glen Robert Thoroughgood, John Angius, Kim Eves, Shirley Tibbett,

Betty Scott, John Lawson, Aishling Murphy (Ireland), Eileann Murphy (Ireland).

Other Deceased:

Sr Elaine Whittaker, Dorothy Costigan, Frank Bowman.

Anniversaries: Jean-Paul Gilbert, Genevieve Gilbert, Ken Paterson.

Sick: All parishioners and family and friends who have Covid-19.

Also, Andrew Walker, June Clements, Mariana Wagei, Melinda Craig,

Beverly Flint, Michael Sweeney, Rowan Tierney, Alison Elliott, John Cavanagh,

Rob Williams.

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm

Morning Tea Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (when Covid allows us safely begin again)

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,

after 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,

Friday 11th February—St Brigid's School celebrated a very special Opening Mass for 2022 (with reduced capacity due to Covid). Congratulations for a beautiful liturgy. **Saturday 12th February**—Thanks from the Brown Nurses to all who supported their garage sale today.

Wednesday 2nd March—Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9.30am.

Monday 7th March—This will be the first meeting of **Parish Pastoral Council**—5.30pm in school library.

May you all keep safe and healthy in the weeks ahead, Fr Phil

Parish Retreat W/E 11th, 12th & 13th March

I warmly encourage you to join us for our parish retreat in March.

This is the first "retreat" in our parish for many years, please make a note of the dates on your diaries or calendars.

Further information can be obtained at the parish office.





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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.