



Bridie

St Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee



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Third Sunday in Lent
Year C 19th / 20th
March, 2022

Today's Gospel in a nutshell

Natural disasters happen. No one is to blame for them.

People suffer and die in violent crimes and accidents. Such tragedies and sudden deaths can be a 'wake up' call for us.

Where is God in all this?
How do we live our lives?

God is well aware of our sufferings, and gives us opportunities to make a new start, to grow in love and good works.

Readings for this weekend

Exodus 3:1-8.13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6.10-12
Luke 13:1-9

God's name revealed
We must learn from the example of our ancestors.
The parable of the fig tree

The Barren Fig Tree: A parable of repentance.



Jesus tells his audience a parable about a fig tree that has not borne fruit after three years. There are many interpretations of this parable and it is often interpreted in isolation from the gospel passage that immediately precedes it. Given the challenge to "repent" that is given so strongly, we can see the parable as an example to the listeners that their time for repenting is running out. The one year reprieve for the fig tree is an indication to the listeners, that their change of heart and change of spirit had better take shape in the very near future.

God is constantly offering us new opportunities to turn our lives around, and to make a positive difference in the lives of others we encounter.

Liturgy Help, 2022

Entrance antiphon: My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord,
for he releases my feet from the snare.
O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.

Response to the psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil March	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator) John Betros	Vigil 5pm March	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator) Michael Zador
Sunday 7.00 am March	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George & Nick Annas	Sunday 7.00 am March	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am 20th March	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) John Rouen	Sunday 9.30 am March	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Phil Docherty, Pilar Ovelar
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)	Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)
Church Cleaners Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Sacristy & Altar Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters (parish office)		Altar Flowers Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
March 20th:	Group 3	March 27th :	Group 4
April 3rd:	Group 1	April 10th:	Group 2
		Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller	

Sacramental Dates 2022			
First Reconciliation	Wednesday 30 th March	5pm & 7pm	
Confirmation	Tuesday 14 th June	5.30pm & 7.30pm	
<i>(These Confirmation Masses will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady)</i>			
First Communion	Sunday 11 th September	<i>(several Masses)</i>	

Mass intentions <i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>	
Recently Deceased:	Kevin O'Leary, Flor Cecilia Amaya, Marie Brown, Joan Chatfield, Michael Dillon, John McCarthy, Mazz Appleton, Hilda Nellany (UK), Mary Murray.
Other Deceased:	Negus and Ferguson Families, Sr Elaine Whittaker.
Anniversaries:	Mary Docherty, Maureen O'Connor <i>(16 March)</i> , John Rinaldy <i>(17th March)</i>
Sick:	All parishioners and family and friends who have Covid-19. Also, Catherine Sharpley, Diane Gordon, Rita Baraghi, 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, <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,

Easter Choir Practice is progressing well. All welcome to join in on Mondays commencing at 7pm.
(contact Josephine 0403 590 480)

Hospitality Volunteers: We are currently looking for parishioners to join our hospitality group to help out when we have parish events, and also revive morning teas after Sunday 9.30am Family Mass. Joanne Smyth from our parish pastoral council will be in the parish foyer after this Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 9.30am Mass if you wish to volunteer, or to have a chat .

Retreat: A Journey to the Heart of Jesus Last weekend we had the pleasure of hosting an MSC spirituality retreat and we had around 35 people attend. We will give a full report with photos in next weekend's Bridie.
Fr Phil

Thursday 17th March—St Patrick's Feast day—

We had a very special day with St Brigid's school children and families present at 9.30am Mass—the first gathering of the whole school in the church in two years (pre-covid).



Thank you to all who prepared the day.

Some parishioners also celebrated the day with lunch together.



Third Sunday of Lent, 19 & 20 March



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Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.





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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.**