

Bridie

St Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Year C 26th / 27th
March, 2022

Readings for this weekend

<i>Joshua 5:9-12</i>	The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt.
<i>2Corinthians 5:17-21</i>	We are reconciled to God through Christ.
<i>Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i>	The story of the prodigal son - a story of repentance and mercy.

The Joy of Forgiveness



The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the Father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet.

In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know and experience the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

Entrance antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts.

Response to the psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel in a nutshell

There are many people today who seem to give no heed to God. Their lives are full of ephemeral things.

The younger son in today's parable is a prime example. Yet, after he has tasted the riches, and then the dregs, of society, he comes to his senses. He returns to his father, who welcomes him home joyfully. It is never too late to come back to God.

	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
April	Linda Rath & Peter Frost	Sunday 9.30 am March	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) Phil Docherty, Pilar Ovelar
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 6pm	Paula O’Connor (Coordinator)
27th March	Gian Cornale		
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 27th :	Group 4	April 3rd:	Group 1
April 10th:	Group 2	April 17th:	Group 3
			Piety Stall (5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

Sacramental Dates 2022		
First Reconciliation	Wednesday 30th 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:	John Nolan, Sigmund Rath, Kevin O’Leary, Flor Cecilia Amaya, Marie Brown, Joan Chatfield.
Other Deceased:	Negus and Ferguson Families, Sr Elaine Whittaker.
Anniversaries:	Mary Docherty.
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.
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,

Wednesday 30th March—11am Requiem Mass for John Nolan.

On Wednesday 30th we will also celebrate **First Reconciliation** at 5pm and 7pm—thank you to all involved in preparing the children including Inez Augustine, Di Karas and Louise Doyle, and parents.

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

Position vacant: Province Bookkeeper, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Coogee. 3 days per week - ideally Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

For further information contact Andrew Mir at the MSC Provincialate 96658999.

Fr Phil

Holy Week

ST BRIGID'S COOGEE

April 12 (Tuesday)	7pm Community Celebration of Sacrament of God's Mercy and Forgiveness
April 14 (HolyThursday)	No 9.30am mass 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 15 (Good Friday)	10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Solemn Commemorations of Jesus' Passion and Death
April 16 (Saturday)	7pm Easter Vigil Mass
April 17 (Easter Sunday)	7am & 9.30am no 6pm Mass

*Monday 18th Easter Monday - No 9.30am Mass and office closed
Tuesday 19th - 9.30am Mass*



Fourth Sunday of Lent 26 & 27 March



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*.

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.



Sunday 27th - Morning tea is back after Sunday 9.30am Mass—thanks to Di Karas and Sharron Critchley for this week.

Tuesday 5th April—Social Justice Meeting in Blue Room 10am—all welcome
Tuesday 17th May - Biggest morning tea in the parish hall.

Saturday 25th June - Feast of the Sacred Heart, Saturday Supper after 5pm Vigil Mass.



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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.**