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St Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee
Cared for by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart



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Second Sunday of Advent
Year A
3rd/4th December 2022

IN A NUTSHELL

John the Baptist exhorts us to make ourselves ready for the coming of Christ by preparing our hearts and minds to receive him.

We are asked to reconsider our values. Do we act with justice and integrity?

Deep in our hearts we know when we do not live up to these ideals.

Advent is an opportunity to reassess our lives, turn to the Lord, and prepare for his coming.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Justice and peace
Be tolerant and friendly
John the Baptist: prepare for his coming

Gospel Reflection

In recent years, scientists have described how trees communicate with each other through roots and fungus. God's marvelous design reveals that the health of one tree relies on the surrounding trees.

This is a metaphor for how interconnected we are and reminds us that each of us comes from a family and complex system of culture and relationships. If one bears bad fruit or no fruit at all, the whole community is affected. John vehemently calls us to repent in order to bear good fruit or else we, like the tree and chaff, will be separated.

Entrance antiphon: People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

Response to the psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 20th December

7.30pm Communal Celebration of God's Love & Mercy

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December 5pm (Family Mass) & 9.30pm

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December 7am & 9.30am (no 6pm)

Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm December	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert and John Betros
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George Anas
Sunday 9.30am	John Rouen - Anna & Claudia
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros and other volunteers

Money Counters

December 4th: Group 4	December 11th: Group 1
December 18th: Group 2	December 25th: Group 3

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm December	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), John Betros, Radmila Lewis
Sunday 7.00 am December	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am December	Adele Cornale (Coordinator), Pila Ovelar
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Sacristy & Altar

Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller

Altar Flowers

Pilar Ovelar, Carol Miller & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall

(5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

Parish Walk and Talk on Monday 5th December Let's meet outside Barzura cafe at 2pm opposite the coogee surf club. If weather is good we will walk a short distance 30-45 minutes and then have a coffee at either Barzura or a convenient cafe. Contact Linda 0475-333-844.

Sunday 4th December

Thank you to Sharron Critchley and Di Karas for hosting our morning tea.



Mass Intentions —your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Denis Carty, James Heathorn, Brian Houghton, Whalya Ryoaz
Anniversaries	Russell Byrne
Deceased	Guillermo Zuniga, Lucy Santan, Betty Mcawall, Robert Keyes, Georgina Dubos Robinson Family, Desmond and Alice Ryan
Sick	Geoff Wall, Sean Mullin, Catherine Sharpley and June Ferguson

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm
Morning Tea	Thursday at 10am and Sundays after the 9.30am Family Mass.
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, First Friday of every 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.

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of hosting morning tea for some of our wonderful volunteers, we are sincerely grateful for everything that you do in our community.

This Sunday we welcome our present and new families that will start in kindergarten in 2023, for those of you that are new to our community we hope that this is the beginning of a faith filled relationship and I look forward to meet many of you at the morning tea.

Christmas roster - The roster is attached at the end of this page. Please let the office staff know if you can help in any way with our roster.

Tuesday 13th December - All parishioners are welcome to Christmas Lunch at the Coogee Legion Club at 12.30pm. Order your Christmas lunch at the bar.

Please RSVP to Carol by Monday 5th December - 0438 536 189.

Sunday 11th December - NB no 6pm Mass due to the Advent Carols. Tickets on sale
www.syo.com.au/adventcarols

Jewellery for victims of Domestic Violence

WOOLLOOMOOLOO, seems to be a gathering place for people on the margins of society-homeless people, couch dwellers, car dwellers and victims of domestic violence. There are many services offered for these people but one group that we support is the victims of domestic violence. We do this by supporting a lady who lives among the marginalized at Woolloomooloo. Amongst other things, she runs classes for women who have been abused. At the moment they are doing art classes, patchwork quilt classes and jewellery classes.

The women can sit around, tell their stories, debrief and sort out the jewellery pieces. Then they make them into big pieces e.g. butterflies. They will sell the finished products by setting up stalls at NADOC. If you can donate any costume jewellery that you are not using please forward them to us.

Please drop items to St Brigid's parish office.

God Bless You.

Sister Fidelis McTeigue, Saint Patrick's Church, The Rocks, Sydney

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
invites you to

CHRISTMAS

at the Cathedral
a festival evening at St Mary's

8 DECEMBER 2022

We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



4:00pm: Confessions available
5:30pm: Mass

CATHEDRAL SQUARE

7:00pm: Live Entertainment
Pop-up shops
Food Stalls
Activities for the kids

8:00pm: Christmas display official launch by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
10:30pm: Cathedral and Crypt closes

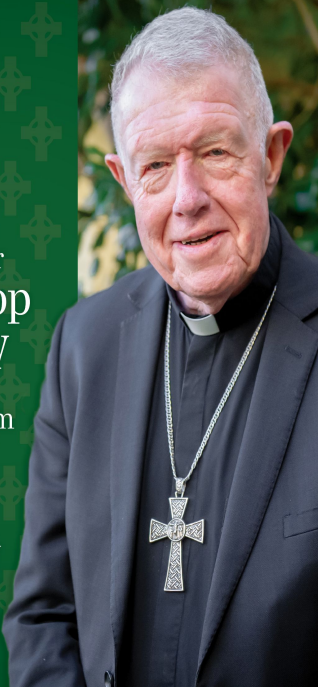
Christmas at The Cathedral runs nightly from 8 Dec to 25 Dec



Thanksgiving Mass for
Auxiliary Bishop Terence Brady

Friday 9 December 7pm
St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP



Any Parishioner who would like to attend Christmas at The Cathedral on 8th December, please contact the parish office on 93157562

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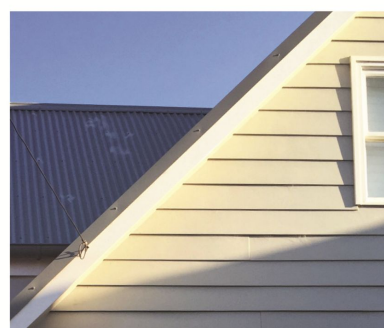
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.**