



Bridie

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



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Third Sunday of Advent Year A 10th/11th December 2022

IN A NUTSHELL

Rejoice! Have courage, hope, and do not be afraid. In prison, John the Baptist hears of the wonders Jesus is doing.

Can he be the Christ? Yes! John rejoices, even though he will die for the truth.

We too can be joyful messengers to the world, as we live out our lives in truth and integrity.

By our ordinary, everyday kindness we preach the Gospel in our words and actions.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 35:1-6,10 God himself will come and save us.
James 5:7-10 You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.
Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reflection

If you are a gardener this reading provides rich wisdom. Like the hope of a farmer who is waiting for the soaking rain, sun pollinators, rich soil, growth and ripening, we wait in hope this Advent season for the fulfillment of the promises of God. We wait with hopeful and expected patience for the time when God returns. Are there seeds or projects you've planted and lost hope in? Perhaps there are things God has sown in you you've been too impatient to nurture? Allow God to take his time in you and in the needs of the world around you.

Daily Prayer 2023

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

Response to the psalm: Lord, come and save us.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!



Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm December	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert and John Betros
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
Sunday 9.30am	Adele and Gian Cornale
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

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

Money Counters

December 11th: Group 1 **December 18th:** Group 2
December 25th: Group 3 **January 1st:** Group 4

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

Hospitality volunteers required for 2023. Please contact the office if you would like to go on our roster for morning tea after Sunday 9.30am Mass

Sunday 11th December

No morning tea due to the Christmas Carols



Mass Intentions —your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Denis Carty, James Heathorn, Brian Houghton, Whalya Ryoaz
Anniversaries	Russell Byrne
Deceased	Bill Jack, Jack and Alma Saidey, Jack and Carmel Saidy Olde and Carmel Olde.
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,

The parish office will be closed on Monday and Thursday this week.

Christmas roster - If you are able to assist during any of our Christmas Masses please let the office staff know.

Our Saturday 5pm Choir would like more singers to join them, if you are interested please can you call the parish office.

The parish council enjoyed a end of year meal together on Monday night - I appreciate the valuable contribution that these members make towards are parish community.

I hope you enjoy the Carols this evening (Sunday 6pm) thank you to the Sydney Youth Orchestra for sharing their talents at St Brigid's.

Christmas Eve - Family Mass 5pm		Christmas Eve 9.30pm	Christmas Day 7am	Christmas Day 9.30am
First Reading	Adele Cornale	Di Karas	Charlie Robinson	Katrina Juric
Second Reading	Adele Cornale	Therese Compton		Katrina Juric
Prayers of the Faithful	Anna & Claudia	Chelsea Albert		
Ministers of Eucharist x 4	Paula O'Connor	Sharron Critchley		
Offertory x 2				
Collection x 6	Jeanine Pickering	Phil Docherty		Phil Docherty
Counters	Michael Zador	Michael Zador		

Sacrament Dates 2023 (Contact Inez at sacramentcoogee@gmail.com with any enquiries)

- First Reconciliation - registration 5th Dec - 20th Feb. Parent info at 4pm followed by Mass 25th Feb. Celebration of Reconciliation - 19th March 5pm or 7pm
- Confirmation - registration 24th April - 14th May. Parent info at 4pm followed by Mass 20th May and Celebration of Confirmation 28th June
- First Eucharist - registration 17th July - 1st August. Parent info at 4pm followed by Mass 5th August. Celebration of First Eucharist 10th September 11am or 1pm.

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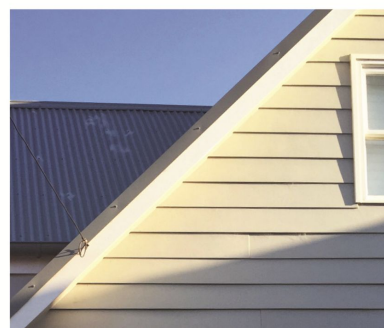
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.**