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



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Christmas Day Year A

24th/25th December 2022

Christmas Collection

Thank you to all of you for generosity throughout 2022. Our weekly collection includes our planned giving program. This is an opportunity for parishioners to support Parish finances with a commitment to donate funds at regular intervals. Parishioners can join our traditional envelope donation system or can donate through monthly credit or debit card donations.

We appreciate that people prefer to donate electronically and the plate is becoming a thing of the past - if you would like to donate using the QR code or please use the tap machine located in our church foyer.

This year we will only have one collection during each Christmas Mass this will be donated to a local charity.

Readings for this weekend

<i>Isaiah</i> 9:1-7	The Lord redeems the entire earth.
<i>Titus</i> 2:11-14	God has spoken through his Son
<i>Luke</i> 2:1-14	Today a saviour has been born for you.

REFLECTION

I come to spend some quiet time with the Lord. Maybe I have the luxury of a candle and a crib to help me visualise the events of that special night. Or maybe I rely on my imagination and my memories of previous years.

I read the text above, perhaps several times, before putting it aside. I may find myself being present in the scene, next to the shepherds. I look around, what do I see? I smell the grass, the sheep. I feel the roughness of the shepherd's staff. I hear the shuffling of animals, the barking of dogs.

Then suddenly, I see the angel of the Lord and the light changing in the sky. How do I react? Am I fearful, like the shepherds, or amazed, or ...? I hear the angel's comforting words, news of peace and joy. As I pause for a moment to take this all in, the singing starts. What is it like? Perhaps it's a tune I know well, or one I've never heard before.

I focus again on the angel's words: a baby, in a manger, a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Could it be that God has chosen to come to earth in disguise, where we least expect him? Can he really have come in such simple surroundings, as a helpless baby, he who is so Almighty? In what way is this a joyful event? I ponder.

Eventually, I come back to the here and now, still carrying all these events in my heart, thankful that I was there, with the shepherds and the angel, perhaps better able now to share this great joy with all around me. 'Glory to God in the highest ...'

Entrance antiphon: A light will shine on us this day, the Lord is born for us: he shall be called Wonderful God, Prince of peace, Father of the world to come; and his kingship will never end.

Response to the psalm: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

WISH TO DONATE ONLINE

We are pleased to offer the option for Parishioners or visitors to donate online through our website. Scan this QR code to donate. Please call the parish office with any questions.

Tel: 9315 7562



Readers

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

Church Cleaners

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

Money Counters

December 25th:	Group 3	January 1st:	Group 4
January 8th:	Group 1	January 15th:	Group 2

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

Holidays

We wish all the children, parents and teachers at all Schools a very safe and relaxing holiday break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023

Morning Tea

Morning tea will be back on mid January.



Mass Intentions —your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased Maurice Collins (Mossie - Ireland)

Anniversaries Michael Summers

Deceased Eileen and Paul McMahon, Fitzpatrick Family, Kit and Bill Sanders,
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,

As I celebrate my first Christmas with you, I would like to thank you all for your warm generosity, I appreciate all your kindness and to each volunteer, thank you. This community relies on each one of you and I am extremely grateful for everything that you do in our parish.

As you all celebrate Christmas, may God Bless you with Joy, take the time to rest and be still.
Fr Bob Irwin send his very best wishes from Vietnam.

Tuesday 10th January at 11am - Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invite you to an annual Mass to mark the anniversary of the death of Eileen O'Connor who is on the path to becoming Australia's next saint.

Principal Celebrant: Emeritus Bishop Terence Brady. Please note no 9.30am Mass.

Parish office will be closed from Monday 26th December - Thursday 5th January and will reopen on Monday 9th January.

Keys - A bunch of keys were left in the church after the Christmas carols on Sunday, please call the parish office.

Fr Thoi & the parish team



Centenary Celebrations



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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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.**