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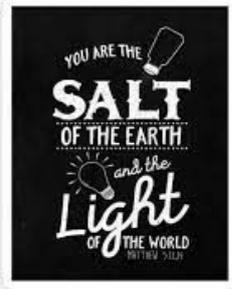
St Brigid's Parish Community, Coogee  
Cared for by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart



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**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year A 4th/5th February 2023**

## In a nutshell

**Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world', and also proclaims us, his disciples, as 'the light of the world.'**

**We who are joined to him in baptism truly share in his life, in his light.**

**If we really live this relationship with him, our lives, our attitudes, our good works and our generosity to those in need will show forth the light we share: the glory of God.**

## Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 58:7-10      Your light will shine like the dawn.  
1Cor 2:1-5          I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified  
Matt 5:13-16        You are the salt of the earth ..... And light of the world.

**Today**, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to *be* the salt of the earth; you are to *be* the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub.

**Reflection by Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help**

**Entrance antiphon:** Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

**Response to the psalm:** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the one who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

## WISH TO DONATE ONLINE

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### Readers

**Saturday Vigil 5pm February** Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)  
Chelsea Albert Radmila Lewis

**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator)  
Charlie Robinson Gerry Walker

**Sunday 9.30am** Mark Woolford Therese Compton

**Sunday 6pm** Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

### Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

### Money Counters

**February 5th:** Group 1   **February 12th:** Group 2  
**February 19th:** Group 3   **February 19th :** Group 4

### Ministers of Communion

**Saturday Vigil 5pm February** Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),  
John Betros, Radmila Lewis

**Sunday 7.00 am February** Peter Frost (Coordinator),  
Gary Keating

**Sunday 9.30 am February** Adele Cornale (Coordinator),

**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 Council Meeting

Monday 6th February – 5.30pm in the parish office.

### Morning Tea

Morning tea today after 9.30am Mass.  
Thank you to Rodney and Adriana for hosting.



### Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

**Recently Deceased** Mary Anderson, Damien Maree, Dr Kevin Coorey, Jo Hannigan

**Anniversaries** Kim Eves, John Lawson, Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes, Anne Flaherty

**Deceased** Eileen and Paul McMahon, Fitzpatrick Family, Kit and Bill Sanders, Bill Jack, Jack and Alma Saidey, Jack and Carmel Saidey Olde and Carmel Olde.

**Sick** Fr Phil (undergoing treatment) ,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, *after* 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,

**Thursday 9th February** - Requiem Mass for Mary Anderson at 10.30am. Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass or morning tea.

**Tuesday 14th February** - Social Justice meeting in the blue room at 10am, all welcome.

**Accommodation required** in Coogee/Randwick area - Unit/house for 4 people (house sit or rent) 27th March - 7th April (or part there off). Relatives coming overseas - contact Phil 0404 005 527

We welcome families baptising their children this Sunday: Hamish Witenden son of Gerard and Phillipa, Nico Stanley son of Peter and Joanna and Finn Charles son of Kyle and Allison.  
May God bless these children and their families. **Fr Thoi**

### Parish courses for liturgical ministers in 2023

Course	Dates	Venues
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	4, 11 and 18 February 9am - 12pm Saturday	St Agnes Matraville
Acolytes	4, 11 and 18 March 9am - 12pm Saturday	St Agnes Matraville
Readers	6 and 13 May 9am - 12pm Saturday	St Agnes Matraville
Sacristans	25 March 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday	St Mary's Cathedral

To enrol in any of these course please contact the parish office.

### Sacrament Dates 2023 (Contact Inez at [sacramentcoogee@gmail.com](mailto:sacramentcoogee@gmail.com) with any enquiries)

- **First Reconciliation** - online registration 5th Dec - 20th Feb. Parent info session followed by commitment mass at Sat 25th Feb at 4pm.  
Celebration of Reconciliation Wed 29th March 5pm or 7pm.
- **Confirmation** - online registration 24th Apr - 14th May. Parent info session and commitment mass Sat 20th May at 4pm and Confirmation Mass Wed 28th June.
- **First Eucharist** - online registration 17th July - 1st Aug. Parent info session and commitment mass Sat 5th Aug at 4pm. First Eucharist Mass Sun 10th Sep 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](mailto: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.**