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



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Readings for this weekend

Sirach 15:15-20 We may choose life or death.
1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.
Matthew 5:17-37 Jesus comes to fulfil the law.

REFLECTION

Before starting to pray this Gospel, I may want to read the Opening Prayer on the front page several times, and let its meaning come to the fore: 'Teach me . . . so my heart can become a dwelling pleasing to you'.

When I feel quiet and ready, I read the text above slowly and reflectively. I stop and ponder where my attention is drawn. As in today's Psalm, the focus is on the law, and here Jesus invites me to look beyond its letter.

I may not have killed, but anger is probably an emotion I can relate to. Perhaps I can recall incidents when my temper got the better of me. I speak to the Lord about them and tell him how I dealt with the situation. With hindsight, would I do the same again?

I ponder the examples Jesus gives for breaking the law. Actions are not always necessary: a look or a word is often enough. As I reflect on the way I interact with others, to what extent do I recognise that I may not have strictly kept to the law? If need be, I may want to express my sorrow in my own words, or with a favourite act of contrition. As I finish my time of prayer, I thank the Lord for being with me, for listening to me and guiding me. Glory be . . .

Courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A 11th/12th February 2023**

In a nutshell

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said...'; but I now say to you...".

This was a common method of teaching

Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture.

The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said..) and then offers and interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time

Entrance antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Response to the psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;



OPEN DAY
7 March 2023 9-10.30am

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	Lucy Marshan & Katrina Jukic
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

February 12th: Group 2 **February 19th:** Group 3
February 26th: Group 4 **March 5th :** Group 1

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), 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

Open Day

St Brigid's Primary will be having their open day on Tuesday 7th March 9-10.30am

Morning Tea

Morning tea today after 9.30am Mass.

Thank you to Chantal Frappier for hosting.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Pierre Serge Frappier, Mary Anderson, Damien Maree, Dr Kevin Coorey, Jo Hannigan
Anniversaries	Monsieur Jean-Paul Gilbert, Madame Genevieve Gilbert,
Deceased	Bill Jack, Jack and Alma Saidey, Jack and Carmel Olde.
Sick	Maroun Ghorra, Fr Phil (undergoing treatment) ,Geoff Wall, 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. In case of emergency Fr Thoi 0403 140 510

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

Easter Choir - You are invited to join the choir for Easter. Rehearsal will be held in the church every Thursday night at 7pm. Please call Angie/George 0405 420 159.

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 from overseas - contact Phil 0404 005 527

Fr Thoi

Parish courses for liturgical ministers in 2023

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

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

Wednesday 8th March

International Women's Day breakfast and speakers in the parish hall, more details to follow soon.



St Vincent de Paul

We would like to thank you for generosity with our Christmas appeal. \$2,015 will make a huge difference supporting local families.

Friday 10th March

The next coffee club will be held in the parish hall at 10am. All welcome.

Sunday 21st May

Fr Phil's Thanksgiving and Jubilee Mass



Sacrament Dates 2023 (Contact Inez at 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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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.**