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



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Third Sunday of Lent
Time Year A
11th/12th March 2023

Nutshell

Jesus bypasses Jewish customs in asking the Samaritan woman for a drink. The ensuing conversation prompts the woman to run and tell everybody in the town about Jesus.

Her openness and willingness to listen with her heart gives her an inkling that this man could be the Messiah.

An unexpected encounter can also transform our lives if we always seek Jesus and the living water he offers us.

Readings for this weekend

Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.
Romans 5:1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
John 4:5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

REFLECTION

Every summer seems to get a little longer and a little hotter. We have all become conscious of issues surrounding water. Either there seems to be too much, as during last year's summer floods or when the sea levels rise in the Pacific. Other times, there seems to be too little water as when the rivers in our country run low or members of God's family around the world experience drought. Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has been responding to the dire needs of places such as Ethiopia and Somalia where a cruel drought, compounded by a shortage of grain from Ukraine, has led to dire consequences.

Today's readings may well cause us to reflect on the current state of God's creation. In the book of Exodus, we hear that people are complaining to Moses because they are dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a woman in a Samaritan town. She has come to draw water from the well in the hottest part of the day. In both cases, access to water is precarious. Yet God responds not only to a thirst for water but to a deeper thirst as well. Moses' people are thirsty for direction, leadership and hope. The woman in John's Gospel has a thirst for love and acceptance which, Jesus tells her, will come from within if she is able to accept him and his message of life.

As the story unfolds, we learn of her loneliness and see her reconnecting with her community.

This week, Caritas Australia shares with us an account of its response to a water shortage in Zimbabwe. Thanks to our support for Project Compassion, Caritas Australia is involved in providing access to water in many places. It seems such a basic thing. One we mostly take for granted. But once a community has access to water, it grows in every possible way. People have more time for health care and education. People find energy to build their future. This week's scripture readings have a strong sense of a hope-filled future. May we too, in our time, be sources of hope For All Future Generations.



Entrance antiphon: I will prove my holiness through you. I will gather you from the ends of the earth; I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins. I will give you a new spirit within you, says the Lord.

Response to the psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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Tel: 9315 7562



Readers

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| Saturday Vigil 5pm March | Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Jan O'Neil Chelsea Albert |
| Sunday 7.00 am | Peter Frost (Coordinator) |
| Sunday 9.30am | George and Nick Annas Di Karas Sharron Critchley |
| Sunday 6pm | Paula O'Connor (Coordinator) |

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

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| March 12th: Group 2 | March 19th : Group 3 |
| March 26th : Group 4 | April 2nd: Group 4 |

Ministers of Communion

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| Saturday Vigil 5pm March | Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), March |
| Sunday 7.00 am March | Peter Frost (Coordinator), Peter Frost |
| Sunday 9.30 am March | Adele Cornale (Coordinator), Adele Cornale |
| 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

Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 28 June 2023

Morning Tea

Morning tea today after
9.30am Mass. Thank you to
Jess Moyes for hosting.



Mass Intentions —your prayers are requested for the following:

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| Recently Deceased | Rita Herbert (Reading, UK) Michael O'Connell, Yvonne Chamberlain |
| Anniversaries | Ruth and Henry Ferguson, Winifred Doherty (Ireland) Jamie Landers, Monsieur Jean-Paul Gilbert, Madame Geneviève Gilbert. |
| Deceased | Muriel and Bill Knight, Toni Barry, Bill Jack, Alma Saidey, Carmel & Jack Olde. |
| Sick | Anne Eves and Sharyn Eves, Maroun Ghorra, Fr Phil (undergoing treatment) Geoff Wall, Catherine Sharpley and June Ferguson |

St Brigid's Parish Information

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| 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,

On Wednesday our Parish Hall was host to the Women's International breakfast with guest speakers. This was a wonderful community event; thank you to all for attending.

Tuesday 21st March - Mary MacKillop Day trip \$10 including transport. Lunch and morning tea, please call the parish office. Limited numbers.

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

Fr Thoi and the parish team

PLEASE JOIN US

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION MASS
TO HONOR 50 YEARS
OF ORDINATION AND 8 YEARS OF
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FR PHILLIP HICKS MSC

Sunday 21 May | 9.30am

Celebration Mass followed by refreshments
in the parish hall

RSVP to the parish office for catering
9315 7562

RCIA PROGRAM

The parish is offering a programme commencing in May to run for twelve weeks, for those considering becoming Catholics. It is also open to anyone simply interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith. For example, you may know someone who is married or in a relationship with a Catholic and who would like to know and understand more about what being a Catholic means.

If you know of anyone who would like to participate, please invite them, the programme is open to everyone.

Date of commencement: May 2nd Time: 7pm to 8.30pm every Tuesday Duration: 12 weeks.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office 93157562, or Therese (0425375280) or Paul (0425375279) who will be convening the program.

Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Day lunch at the Legion Club at 12.30pm. Order at the bar, books are essential, so please call Carol on 0438 536 189. All welcome



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

- **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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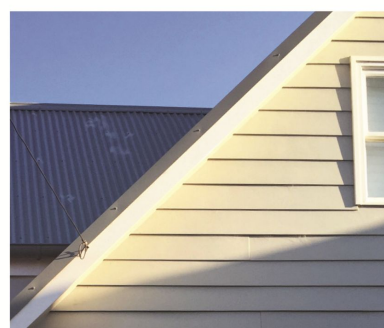
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.**