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



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**Fourth Sunday**  
**Year A 29th/30th April 2023**

## In a Nutshell

We are not sheep, but we can make a choice to follow Jesus and be part of his flock. Jesus promises us his life and love, to be shared with others.

We are not asked to be mindless imitators of another person or to be swayed by specious arguments.

Jesus is the gate through which we enter into the fullness of life he came to bring us.

## Readings for this weekend

*Acts 2:14,36-41*  
*1Peter 2:20-25*  
*John 10:1-10*

In a loud voice Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ  
Christ Jesus leaves an example. Through his wounds we are healed  
Jesus uses the images of shepherd sheepfold to show his love for us

## Gospel Teaching

All four Gospel writers use the metaphor of Jesus as shepherd. John explains that the life and work of Jesus demonstrate God's love for everyone. Just as the sheep recognise the shepherd's voice, so we know the voice of Jesus when he calls us. This kind of love resembles the love the Father has for Jesus. It is a love that binds us at once to the Father, to Jesus and to each other. The gate guards against all that threatens the well-being of the sheep. Jesus emphasises that sheep recognise the voice of the one who cares for them. They follow their shepherd and will not follow a stranger whose voice they do not know.

"Life" or "eternal life" in John's Gospel is not just about life after death. It is life that begins here and now; it is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent. It is knowing the voice of the good shepherd who truly cares for us. It is life in community, finding security and nourishment as part of the flock. It is life that abounds in meaning and value, and endures even beyond death. For John, Jesus reveals the presence of God. The thief comes to kill and destroy, but Jesus comes to offer life in abundance.

## Living Word 2023

**Entrance antiphon:** The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Response to the psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. **Or:** Alleluia.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. 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 April** Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)  
Radmilla Lewis and John Betros

**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator)  
Peter Frost and Linda Rath

**Sunday 9.30am** Mark Woolford Terese Compton

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

### Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

### Money Counters

**April 30th:** Group 1      **May 7th :** Group 2

**May 14th:** Group 3      **April 21st:** Group 4

### Ministers of Communion

**Saturday Vigil 5pm April** Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),  
Michael Zador Sr Jan O'Neill

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

**Sunday 9.30 am April** Adele Cornale (Coordinator),  
Phil Docherty

**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  
Enrolments are open.

### Morning Tea

Thank you to Adrianna for  
hosting morning tea.



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

**Recently Deceased** Noreene Alexander, Robert Perry, Phillip Renfree, Joanne (Kelly) Hetherington,

**Anniversaries** Sergio Ovelar, Michael O'Sullivan, Diane Gordon, Sr Patricia Byron, Jessie and Thomas McGinn, Barbara Joy McCormack, Cecil Byrne, Maureen O'Connor

**Deceased** Ned Ferguson, Robert Perry

**Sick** Anne Eves and Sharyn Eves, 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, *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. In case of emergency Fr Thoi 0403 140 510

## *St Brigid's This Week and Beyond*

Dear Parishioners,

A very warm welcome to anyone visiting our parish. It is good to have you with us. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our community at St Brigid's please visit our website [www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au](http://www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au) We will always welcome volunteers so please contact the office if you would like to assist in any way 9315 7562.

Altar flower arrangements can be donated to honour any special occasion. Donations can be made on a one-time basis or annually. The suggested donation for floral arrangements is \$100. Volunteers will then beautifully and simply arrange your flowers for Sunday. Please submit your donation at least one month prior to the date you would like to dedicate the flowers. To reserve a date on the calendar, contact the parish on 02 9315 7562 or [stbparish\\_coogee@yahoo.com.au](mailto:stbparish_coogee@yahoo.com.au)

*Fr Thoi and the Parish team*

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Enrolments for preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open.

Online form can be found on our website. Please scan the QR code



### **Tuesday 9th May - Volunteer at Thread Together - Banksmeadow**

We would like to invite members of our Parish and School Community to a morning volunteering at Thread Together. 9am - 12.30pm.

[www.threadtogether.org](http://www.threadtogether.org)

This is a great community opportunity and if you would like to join us please call the parish office.

**Sacrament Dates 2023** online registration 17th July - 1st August.  
Parent info session and commitment mass Sat 5th August at 4pm.  
First Eucharist Mass Sun 10th September 11am or 1pm.

### **Brigidine Randwick Ex-Students Association 100 Year Reunion**

Did you attend Brigidine College at Randwick? Please join us for high tea, a tour of your old school and a catch up with old friends. **Sunday, 7 May, 2023, from 1.30pm to 4pm - Synan Hall** near the main quadrangle

**Bookings and enquiries:** Mary-Lynne at [marylynne\\_ted@yahoo.com](mailto:marylynne_ted@yahoo.com) or Dianne at [diannemullin@bigpond.com](mailto:diannemullin@bigpond.com) (or by phone 0499 325 823)

### *PLEASE JOIN US*

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION MASS  
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OF ORDINATION AND 8 YEARS OF  
MINISTRY AT ST BRIGID'S

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



### **Donate to the Charitable Works Fund May 2023 Appeal**

**6th & 7th May 2023 is our parish appeal.**

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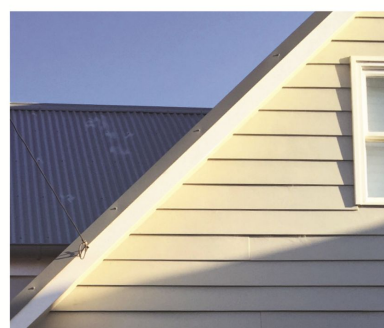
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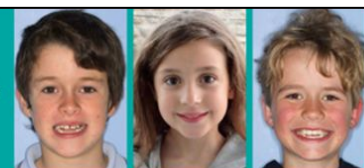
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## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

**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](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.**