



Bridie

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



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Palm Sunday
Year A
1st/2nd April 2023

In a nutshell

We begin Holy Week by reading the passion and death of Jesus. We are invited to accompany him, meditating on the suffering he endured for us. He did no wrong, yet those who could not accept his goodness put him to death.

No one defends him, and Jesus does not defend himself. He loved us so much that he laid down his life to free us from sin.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Trust in God enables us to be eloquent in our witness.
Humility allows God our Father to achieve his plan for us.
The faithfulness and trust of Jesus are not in vain.

REFLECTION

I come to my place of prayer. I take time to relax, to breathe gently and offer this time to the Lord. I may pray for the grace to enter into the mystery of the Passion of our Lord, to be present to him and to deepen my compassion. When I'm ready, I read the passage slowly a couple of times. As I read this prophetic text, can I relate the words to Jesus's Passion? What strikes me or touches me particularly? How does it make me feel? I speak to the Lord, or maybe just remain with him without words.

Perhaps my own suffering or humiliation rises in my prayer and I can bring this before the Lord. Or maybe I consider all those suffering today, all over the world, in so many different ways. Can I see Jesus suffering in them and pray this passage for them all, that he may come to their help?

I ask the Lord to be with me too during this Holy Week. I close my prayer thanking the Lord for this time with him.

I take the time to settle to pray, perhaps before a cross or crucifix. I ask the Spirit to be with me as I prepare to contemplate Jesus' Passion.

There is so much even in this excerpt of the Gospel. I choose the part that has touched me. Why has it done so? I sit in silence before my Lord. When I am ready, I speak to him of what is in my heart.

Perhaps I ask him for the grace to follow him more closely during this sacred week. I finish with a slow, reverent sign of the cross.

Entrance antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust people. You, O God, are my refuge.

Response to the psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Gospel acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die forever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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 Dominic Sullivan and Family

Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

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April 2nd: Group 1

April 9th : Group 2

April 16th: Group 3

April 16th: Group 4

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm April Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),

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

Sunday 9.30 am April 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

Confirmation

Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 28 June 2023

Morning Tea

Morning tea today after
9.30am Mass. Thank you to
Margaret-Anne Otto
for hosting this week.



Mass Intentions —your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased Phillip Morrissey, John Walsh(Ireland)

Anniversaries Jessie and Thomas McGinn, Barbara Joy McCormack, Cecil Byrne, Maureen O'Connor

Deceased James Kelleher, Muriel and Bill Knight, Toni Barry, Bill Jack, 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

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,

Congratulations to all of the 31 children who received the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday night at St Brigid's parish. We would also like to thank the staff of St Brigid's primary school, our catechists and all of our Families.

Monday 3rd April - PPC Meeting at the parish office at 5.30pm.

Wednesday 5th April, 7pm - We will celebrate the sacrament of God's Mercy and Forgiveness .

Friday Coffee club - No Friday coffee club on April 7 due to Good Friday. Our next morning tea will be held on Friday morning 5th May in the parish hall. All are welcome!!

Fr Thoi and the parish team

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

MONDAY 3 APRIL

9:30am Daily Mass

TUESDAY 4 APRIL

9:30am Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

9:30am Daily Mass

7:00pm Community of Celebration of Sacrament of God's Mercy and Forgiveness

HOLY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

No 9:30am Daily Mass

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

10:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Solemn Commemorations of Jesus' Passion and Death

HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

7:00pm Easter Vigil in the Church

EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

7:00am Mass & 9.30am MASS (NO EVENING MASS)

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

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

One bedroom unit available to rent in Coogee 26th April - 29th May. Great views. Close to shops, 150m to beach. Fully furnished, lockup car space, suit a couple. Call Brad 0414892822

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

- **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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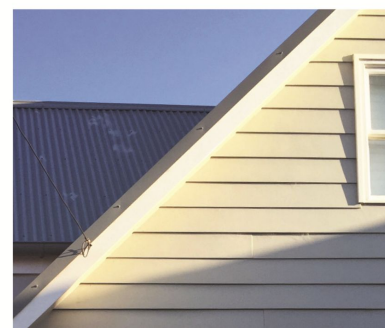
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.**