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



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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Year A 13th/14th May 2023**

## Thanksgiving Celebration Mass for Fr Philip Hicks msc

Please join us on  
**Sunday 21 May , at 9.30**  
am to honor Fr Phil's  
Golden Jubilee , 50 year  
Anniversary of Ordination  
and 8 years of Ministry at  
St Brigid's.

Refreshments in the  
parish hall after mass.

### Readings for this weekend

*Acts 6:1-7*  
*1 Peter 2:4-9*  
*John 14:1-12*

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood  
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day has been celebrated in Australia on the second Sunday of May since 1924. But, Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

Those who practised this custom were said to have gone "a-mothering", and soon it became known as "Mothering Sunday." As the popularity of "Mothering Sunday" grew, it became a day when domestic servants were given leave to be with their families. The day became one of the few times a year where a grown family could gather, as working families often had conflicting schedules. Once the tradition became a day for family reunion, with a reference to mothers in the name, it naturally evolved to include all mothers within the celebration. For children, the long walk back home became a time for picking flowers for mum, and this would grow to the tradition of giving gifts of all sorts to mothers.

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. As St Thomas of Villanova said, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

**Entrance antiphon:** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

**Response to the psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. **Or:** Alleluia.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through 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** Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)  
**May** John Betros & Jan O'Neill  
**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator)  
Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker  
**Sunday 9.30am** Pope Francis Students  
**Sunday 6pm** Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

### Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

### Money Counters

**May 14th:** Group 3    **May 21st:** Group 4  
**May 28th:** Group 1    **June 4th:** Group 2

### Ministers of Communion

**Saturday Vigil 5pm** Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),  
**May** Michael Zador Sr Jan O'Neill  
**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator),  
**May** Gary Keating  
**Sunday 9.30 am** Adele Cornale (Coordinator),  
**May** 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

Due to Mother's Day, no  
morning tea this  
weekend



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

**Recently Deceased** Lillias Roche, Noreene Alexander, Eddie Walsh (Ireland)

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

**Deceased** Jack & Carmel Saidey Olde, Jack & Alma Saidey, 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,

On this Mother's Day we wish all our Mother's God's blessings! May this day be a special one of affection and gratitude, and for those whose mothers have gone before us now, a day of gentle memory.

**Next Sunday 21st May**, we hope that you are able to join us at the Jubilee and thanksgiving celebrations for Fr Phil. Fr Phil has been instrumental in his contribution to our Parish for 8 years and we are grateful for everything that he has done. We look forward to this celebration to congratulate him on his Golden Jubilee, the anniversary of 50 years since his ordination and his ministry work at St Brigid's. There will be a morning tea in the hall.

### **Sunday 11 June - 2023 Walk with Christ**

Bishop Richard Umbers would like to invite you to unite in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi by attending the 2023 Walk with Christ Eucharistic procession throughout the streets of Sydney. The walk will commence at 2.30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. It will be preceded by a Festival in Martin Place commencing at 1.00pm

### **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



### **Novena through Eileen O'Connor for Jeremy Nysen**

As Lead for the Music Ministry at St Brigid's for over 20 years, Jeremy Nysen has made an outstanding contribution to the Parish. He contracted a very rare and hereditary neurodegenerative brain disorder called GSS several years ago.

We have organised a Novena through Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor in Dudley St to be prayed for Jeremy's healing through the intercession of Australia's next Saint-in-waiting, Servant of God Eileen O'Connor, who co-founded the Order in 1913.

The Novena will commence on Monday 8th May and finish on Tuesday 16th May. The Novena is prayed each day for 9 consecutive days, whenever is convenient for you.

Copies are available in the Church Foyer.

### **First Communion 2023**

Online registration 17th July - 1st August. Info session and commitment mass Sat 5th August at 4pm.

First Eucharist Mass Sun 10th September 11am or 1pm.

### **Social Justice Group**

All Coogee parishioners are invited to North Randwick Church on Sat 3rd June at 5.30 for Mass, followed by a talk on Timor Leste and a light supper with some good wine. Entry by donation.

### **PPC Meeting in the Parish Office:**

Monday 15th May at 5.30pm

# They're back!



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## **SMC 'BACK TO THE BEACH' CONCERT**

*Live at St Brigid's Church, Coogee  
Sunday June 4th, 2pm  
Tickets: \$35*

### **HOW TO BOOK:**

[www.trybooking.com/CIAGY](http://www.trybooking.com/CIAGY)

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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.**