



Bridie

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



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**Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A
19th/20th August 2023**

In a nutshell

Jesus is in foreign territory.
A local woman implores him to heal
her daughter.

At first Jesus seems to ignore her,
but she persists with her plea: 'Lord,
help me.' Her strong faith touches
his heart and he grants her request.

At times we too can feel that our
prayers are not being heard. Jesus
hears, and will answer in his own
time and in his own way.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

The gift and call of God are irrevocable.

Woman, you have great faith.

REFLECTION

As I settle to pray, I reflect back on how my day or week has been. What needs do I have that I want to place before the Lord? Gently I become still as I prepare to read slowly through the Gospel text. After reading the passage a few times, I may like to imagine myself as a bystander, witnessing Jesus as a stranger coming to my town.

What do I see and hear? What do I notice about how Jesus and his disciples relate to this woman who is treated with disdain and rejection? How would I feel in her shoes, hoping desperately for help for my child? How do I feel when I see her pleading on her knees and being dismissed by Jesus? Am I shocked by his initial hurtful response?

I ponder whether I myself or my faith community ever reject people in need. Do I ever notice faithfulness and the love of God expressed in people of other faiths, or of none? How do I respond to that? I share my pondering with the Lord, and imagine praying with him, '*Our Father . . .*'

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

Entrance antiphon: God, our protector,
keep us in mind; always give strength to
your people. For if we can be with you even
one day, it is better than a thousand
without you.

Response to the psalm: O God, let all the
nations praise you!

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the
Kingdom

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Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm August	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert John Betros
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

August 20th: Group 1 **August 27th:** Group 2
September 3rd: Group 3 **September 10th:** Group 4

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm August	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), Sr Jan O'Neill
Sunday 7.00 am August	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am August	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

First Eucharist Sunday 10 September

Next Formation session:
26 August 4pm

Morning Tea

Thank you Chantal Frappier
for hosting morning tea.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Ron Betros, Elaine Haigh, Carmel Kearney (Fr Terry's sister)
Deceased	Earle Bailey, Patrocinio Bayot, Pacita B Corpus, Fausto Bayot Sr, Celeste Bayot, Antonio Bayot, Lourdes Bayot.
Anniversary	Nilda Coyco, Tamoy Coyco, Don Ferguson, Michael Todd, Noeline Joseph
Sick	Jule Winter, Chaiel Balcombe, Sam Khoury, Adelina Murray, Greg Biddle, Anne Eves and Sharyn Eves, Maroun Ghorra, 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

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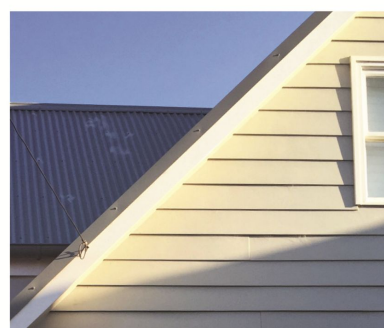
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

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.**