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



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**Twenty Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year A  
23rd/24th September 2023**

## IN A NUTSHELL

We judge others foolishly, based on what we see. God sees into the heart, and his judgments are just.

We are each given a task to do, and God asks us to do our best.

If we are constantly weighing up rewards for ourselves and others, we miss the point of the Gospel story. Jesus asks us to love him and then he will be our reward

## Readings for this weekend

*Isaiah 55:6-9*  
*Philippians 1:20-24.27*  
*Matthew 20:1-16*

My thoughts are not your thoughts  
For me to live in Christ  
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

## REFLECTION

I guide myself to become still before the Lord in the way that I find most helpful. When I am ready, I slowly read the first words of the passage as an invitation to prayer: 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.' I then prayerfully read the rest of this short extract.

If there are words or phrases that call on my attention, I focus the gaze of my prayer upon these. It might help to repeat these phrases, allowing them to become the central focus of my prayer. Perhaps I ponder on the ways in which I seek the Lord in my life. Do I feel the nearness of the presence of the Lord? Or maybe I feel far from the Lord, or lack confidence to call upon him? I share my thoughts and feelings with the Lord.

The passage invites us to turn back to the Lord. Here we can accept the forgiveness and loving presence that the Lord wants us to embrace. Is there anything that holds me back from this loving invitation? Perhaps my own self-judgment and critical thoughts cause me to resist the Lord's generous love? If so, I listen to God's words: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways.'

When I am ready to close my prayer, I do so by expressing my own words of gratitude, and prayerfully make a slow sign of the cross. *Glory be to the Father . . .*

**Entrance antiphon:** I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

**Response to the psalm:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

## WISH TO DONATE ONLINE

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### Readers

<b>Saturday Vigil 5pm September</b>	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert, John Betros
<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George Anas
<b>Sunday 9.30am Sunday 6pm</b>	Dominic Sullivan & Family Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

### Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

### Money Counters

<b>September 24th</b> : Group 2	<b>October 1st:</b> Group 3
<b>October 8th:</b> Group 4	<b>October 15th:</b> Group 1

### Ministers of Communion

<b>Saturday Vigil 5pm September</b>	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), Sr Jan O'Neill
<b>Sunday 7.00 am September</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Peter Frost
<b>Sunday 9.30 am September</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator), Phil Docherty
<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	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

### Coffee Club - 10am in the parish hall

October	Friday 6th
November	Friday 3rd
December	Friday 1st

### Morning Tea

Thank you to Joanne and  
Liam for hosting morning tea  
this Sunday.



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

**Recently Deceased** Ron Betros

**Deceased** Bill Jack, Jack & Carmel Saidey Olde, Jack & Alma Saidey, Earle Bailey,  
Patrocinio Bayot,

**Anniversary** Michael Rule, Viola Corbett, Joseph and Margaret Sullivan

**Sick** Greg McKeon, Esteban Ovelar, Jule Winter, Chaiel Balcombe, Sam Khoury,  
Adelina Murray, Greg Biddle, Anne Eves and Sharyn Eves, Maroun Ghorra,  
Catherine Sharpley

## St Brigid's Parish Information

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Thursday at 10am and Sundays after the 9.30am Family Mass.
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.30 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30am Mass, First Friday of every month.
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after</i> 9.30am Family Mass.
<b>Marriages</b>	Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
<b>Parish Office:</b>	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,

I do hope that you have managed to stay cool in this unusually warm weather. As we commence school holidays I would like to wish our teachers and students a well deserved break, term 3 has been busy with First Eucharist and many school events. We appreciate the work that the teachers do and wish well them during the holidays.

### HSC Students 2023

Please write the name of a student, you would like Parishioners to pray for before and during their HSC Exams, on the list in the church foyer.

Fr Thoi



### MORNING TEA ROSTER

Sunday 24 September	Joanne & Liam
Sunday 1 October	Adele & Gian
Sunday 8 October	Rodney & Adrianna
Sunday 15 October	Margaret Anne Otton
Sunday 22 October	Sharron & Di
Sunday 29 October	Chantal Frappier
Sunday 5 November	Phil & Monica
Sunday 12 November	Therese & Paul

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 Coogee please visit our parish website at [www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au/](http://www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au/)

If you would like to reserve a date for Altar flowers, please contact the Parish Office. Altar flower arrangements can be in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion; birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, marriages, etc.,

The suggested donation for flower memorials is \$100

### Prayer for HSC Students

- Dear Lord, we ask for your blessing on our students undertaking HSC Examinations over the coming weeks.
- Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.
- Grant them the ability to comprehend questions and effectively plan and articulate their responses.
- May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude and Knowledge.
- May their faith and piety give them the strength to face these examinations and the satisfaction of achieving their personal best.
- We ask these things through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



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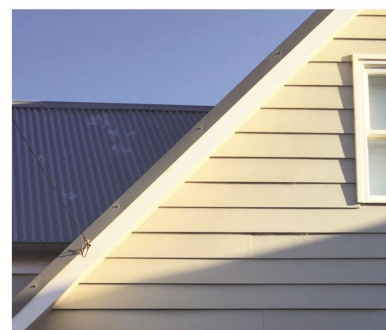
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**Child sex Abuse is a crime.**

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](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.**