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**Twenty Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A
30th/1st October 2023**

IN A NUTSHELL

Today's readings are about acting with integrity.

To please others we say we will do something, and then we don't do it.

At other times our conscience troubles us and we end up doing something we said we wouldn't do!

Jesus points out that we all have the tendency to be false to ourselves.

He encourages us to change our ways and believe in him

Readings for this weekend

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

The Lord's ways are fair and just; often ours are not.
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus
Two sons were asked by their father to go out and work.

Be Still And Listen

Our Church continues to excite and surprise the faithful and the world. The 'Francis phenomenon' has been powerful and transformative for the Church, and the perception of our Church. Francis has not so much bought renewal to the Church, but reminded us of what the Church is. Appreciating the approach of broad and deep listening is key to understanding the transformative approach of Francis.

New Era

Since the election of Francis, the Church has entered an era where seeking the wisdom of the laity and actively pursuing the voice of marginalised groups has become the norm. Synodality is a deep listening to the thoughts of others and allowing those thoughts to affirm, alter or re-direct one's own thinking.

The concept of synodality is not new to the Church. Councils have occurred many times in the Church's history, and a synod is simply a more streamlined, although less authoritative, way to explore issues and seek a way forward. Francis has made this approach central to his leadership. He has held synods with specific groups through to the 'Synod on synodality'. As the current synod reveals the vitality and centrality of listening for our Church it seems that Francis' legacy will be enlightenment on the importance of listening.

His approach is not surprising. Vatican II was a seminal moment for synodality. The Council was called to listen and respond to the modern world. Non-Christians, women and the laity were intentionally included in many sessions. Their commentary on the documents and the uncounted associated conversations with the Council Fathers who voted on the final documents moved the Church forward in such a way that even today we have yet to fully understand or implement.

Brendan Nicholls 27 August 2023

Entrance antiphon: O Lord, you had just cause to judge people as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

Response to the psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia

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Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm October Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)
John Betros and Jan O'Neil
Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

Sunday 9.30am John Rouen Anna and Claudia
Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

October 1st: Group 3 **October 8th :** Group 4
October 15th: Group 1 **October 22nd:** Group 2

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm October Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),
Sunday 7.00 am October Peter Frost (Coordinator),
Sunday 9.30 am October Adele Cornale (Coordinator),
Phil Docherty
Sunday 6pm Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller

Altar Flowers

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 Phil and Monica
for hosting morning tea this
Sunday.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased Werner Benedikovics

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

Anniversary Elizabeth Khoury, 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

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| 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 |

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

Monday 2 October - There will be no 9.30am Mass and the parish office will be closed. I hope you enjoy this public holiday spending time with family and friends.

Friday 6 October - All welcome to coffee club on Friday at 10am, thank you to Radmila for leading this group.

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October - For the Synod We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

Floral Memorial Donation

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.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

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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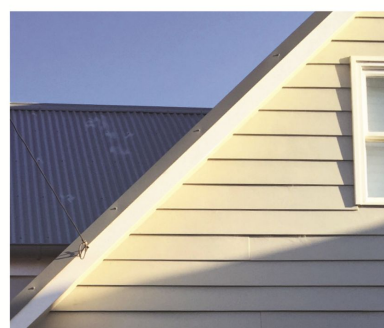
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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.**