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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 4th/5th November 2023

IN A NUTSHELL

Today we celebrate our future: eternal life praising and glorifying God. We are journeying through time with our eyes fixed on the world to come where we will see God face to face.

Today's gospel passage of the Beatitudes calls 'happy' those on earth who are gentle, merciful, poor in spirit, peacemakers and those who suffer for what is right.

May we all find a place in God's heavenly kingdom.

Readings for this weekend

Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

The apostle John sees a vision of the life in heaven.
As children of God, we are promised that one day we will see God face to face.
The Beatitudes show the way to become holy

REFLECTION

As I settle into my place of prayer, I ask God to bless me: to give me the grace to slow down and be attentive. I pray not to be distracted by any of my cares or 'idols', whether external or internal. Like the psalmist, I pray to 'set my soul in silence and peace' before my Lord.

Once I am ready, I read Jesus's passionate address a couple of times. I hear his attack on religious hypocrisy, and his countercultural teaching on what it means to be his follower.

I notice where I am drawn. Is there anything that troubles or disturbs me about Jesus' guidance? I reflect and pray ... Perhaps I yearn for greater spiritual freedom and peace, and seek a more humble, Christ-centred way of life? Or maybe I notice some resistance to this, or temptation? Whatever arises, I surrender with trust and hope to God, my loving Father and Mother.

From the depths of my being, I pray with longing for the grace of a humble, open heart and mind. I may like to end my time of prayer by repeating the response to the psalm: 'Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.'

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Entrance antiphon: Do not abandon me, Lord. My God, do not go away from me! Hurry to help me, Lord, my Saviour.

Response to the psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. 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 November	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert John Betros
Sunday 7.00 am Sunday 9.30am	Peter Frost (Coordinator) John Rouen, Anna & Claudia
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

November 5th Group 4 **November 12th** : Group 1
November 19th: Group 2 **November 26th:** Group 3

Ministers of Communion

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

Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller & Paula O'Connor

Altar Flowers

Carol Miller & Margaret Betros

Piety Stall

(5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

Monday 6th November

PPC Meeting at 5.30pm in the parish office

Morning Tea

Thank you to Adele and Gian for hosting morning tea this weekend.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Evelyn Saunders, Damien Avenell, Valma Toms, Paula Hudson.
Deceased	Deceased members of class of 1963 Brigidine College, Brenda Dore, Bill Jack, Jack & Carmel Saidey Olde, Jack & Alma Saidey, Earle Bailey, Patrocinio Bayot,
Anniversary	Eufemia Benussi, Tony Rabbitte
Sick	Sr Margaret Mary Birgan OLN, Helen Mannix, Esteban Ovelar, Jule Winter, Chaiel Balcombe, Sam Khoury, Adelina Murray, Greg Biddle and Sharyn Eves, Maroun Ghorra, Catherine Sharpley

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

St Brigid's This Week and Beyond

Dear Parishioners,

Charitable Works fund appeal(CWF): This weekend is the CWF Appeal. We are fortunate for this last appeal to have seminarian Tai Pham give up his time and offer to speak. We welcome him this Sunday morning.

Safeguarding: To comply with the Archdiocese safeguarding policy we require a copy of ID eg. Drivers licence, medicare card for all our parish volunteers - please email a copy to Sharon - pssocoogee@yahoo.com or drop in to the parish office.

Baptisms - We welcome Nathan Champley, Sebastian, William and Rochelle Robinson who are baptised this Sunday. Congratulations and Welcome to the Parish! God bless you and your family.

Thursday 9 November - Crochet Club starts in the Blue room at 9pm - all welcome. Further information - radmilalewis@optusnet.com.au

Christmas Choir: Christmas is approaching and we would love to welcome you to join us for our Christmas Choir. Rehearsals will commence from Monday 30th October, 7pm-9pm. No experience required! Please contact Benoit 0420558963 or Josephine 0403590480

Sunday 19th November - Thank you morning tea for our volunteers after 9.30am Mass.

Fr Thoi

A new RCIA course is commencing in the Parish, starting Tuesday, November 28th 7pm. The course is an introduction to the Catholic Faith and runs for 12 weeks , one hour per week.

Dates: 28th November to 19th December and will commence after the Christmas holiday season 30th January to 19th March, culminating with baptism at Easter if desired.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you know anyone who is interested in finding out about the Catholic Faith, please invite them. The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Please contact the parish office for further information.

Therese and Paul Compton



Thank you from the Little Sisters of the Poor

We are very grateful for your warm welcome on Saturday. The Parishioners were very generous with their donations. We received a total of \$2,288.90. Could you kindly thank them for us and the assurance of our grateful prayers for them and all their loved ones.

God bless, Sr. Elizabeth Lee

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.



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund November 2023 Appeal

4th & 5th November 2023 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

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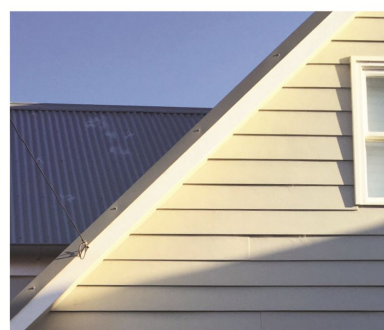
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

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.**