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



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First Sunday of Advent Year B 2nd/3rd December 2023

IN A NUTSHELL

Today we begin the season of Advent, a time when we are asked to 'stay awake' and be alert.

We are asked to act with integrity, and to turn away from anything that will dull our perception of the coming of Christ.

It is a time of fine-tuning our priorities. We are clay in the hands of the potter, God, who yearns for our love and attentiveness.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.
The revelations we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.
Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Gospel Reflection

In this parable we are told to "stay awake" three times in four verses. Someone who is asleep and dreaming thinks he possesses things which he really doesn't. We have fallen asleep when we think and act in the 'house' of this world as if it is we who ultimately possess it, and with no divine accountability.

Jesus is teaching that being truly awake begins with letting this fundamental truth sink in: the things of this world are not ultimately yours and they are not permanent - so don't cling to them or rest in them as if this were not true. Instead desire, cling to, and rest in the Eternal One who is the "Master of the House", and then you will be truly liberated to use and love all these temporal things for what they are: His gifts and opportunities. This is why sanctity is sanity - the saint acts in accordance with this reality. In doing so, he appears to the wicked servants to miss out, but in gaining the Master, he gains all other things too. The lazy servant who disregards the Master only dreams he is gaining something, and he has an appointment with reality sometime in the future.

The Lord teaches that the second aspect of being truly awake consists of knowing we have been given our 'own task', and we will be held responsible for it. God has given each us a temporary share in His being and power, and he wants us to do well with it so we will be like Him, and so be able to live with Him. He looks forward to returning to his home, and when he does, his presence will manifest the truth of each our own conditions. At that time, he will not be manipulated, negotiated with, threatened, bought, sued or protested. We have been told His is on the way, so let's do what we need to do. If you treat Christmas as His arrival, and spend Advent acting accordingly, you will not regret it - neither now, nor when you hear the knock at the door.

Christian Stephens

Entrance antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Response to the psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. 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 December	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George Anas
Sunday 9.30am	Lucy Marshan Katrina Jukic
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

December 3rd Group 1	December 10th : Group 4
December 17th: Group 2	December 24th : Group 3

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm December	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), Michael Zador
Sunday 7.00 am December	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am December	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

Christmas Volunteers

If you would like participate in any of Christmas Mass please contact the parish office or Fr Thoi. Thank you so much

Morning Tea

Please join us after Sunday 9.30am mass.
You are all welcome!!



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Sr Margaret Mary Birgan OLN, Evelyn Saunders, Damien Avenell, Valma Toms, Paula Hudson.
Deceased	Deceased members of class of 1963 Brigidine College.
Anniversary	Henryk Matysiak, Dziecielski Family (Jan, Kazimiera, Andrzej and Rosa)
Sick	Kevin Coorey, Laura Walker, John Miller, 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,

Welcome to all our families from our school community. We are delighted to have the kindergarten 2024 children with us today. Thank you to Di Cowan and the teachers for assisting with this family Mass.

This Saturday evening – All parishioners who are interested in Social Justice are welcome to an evening for Timor Leste at Randwick North Parish Community Room after 5pm Mass, entry by donation.

Thursday 7 December – Yarn Club in the Blue Room above the Parish office at 7pm.

Wednesday 13 December – Yr 6 Graduation Mass at 9.30am.

Saturday 16 / Sunday 17 December – Vinnies Christmas Appeal **at all masses**.

Baptism– welcome to Melchior Marcel Bastide, son of Hubert and Fanny and Fuller Munro St Pierre–Kua, son of Justin and Bi. May God bless the little ones and their family.

Catechist needed to share our Catholic Faith in Coogee Public School. Please contact Inez or Parish Office for further details.

Fr Thoi



Safeguarding Parish Audit:

Our parish has been selected along with 32 other parishes to be audited by the ACSL (Australian Catholic Safeguarding LTD). They will be checking that we are implementing and meeting the standards and requirements of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS). All safeguarding resources and information is available via the safeguarding link on our website to the Archdiocese safeguarding section of their website.



Vinnies Christmas Cards

Beautiful Christmas cards available from piety stall or Parish Office.
Pack of 10 cards for \$5 with different styles.
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Keep Christ in Christmas



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SYO Advent Carols and Readings

An exceptional choral and orchestral celebration of Christmas featuring musicians of the Sydney Youth Orchestra and singers of Australian opera.

7pm-8:15pm

Sunday, December 10, 2023
St Brigid's Church,
135 Brook St, Coogee

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Your Impact

With more and more vulnerable people experiencing poverty and on the brink of homelessness this Christmas, we urgently need your help.

Your donation can help provide the emergency assistance families, and many others, desperately need to survive, and the long-term support they need to build better futures.

It can also help give a family like Anna's a Christmas food hamper so they can enjoy a special meal together and create precious memories.

"I know I will never have to reach rock-bottom again. I know I will never have to go hungry. I know Vinnies will be there for me." – Anna



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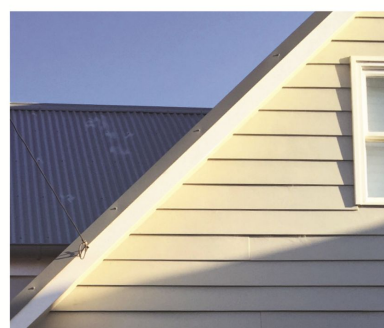
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

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 email psscocoogee@yahoo.com.au**