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



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**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Ordinary Time Year A
25th/26th November 2023**

IN A NUTSHELL

The scene of the Last Judgement can seem a very formidable occasion. God calls to himself those who have been concerned about the welfare of others, when they were thirsty, hungry, sick, or a stranger or in prison.

To be loving towards others, and generous with our time, is an expression of our love for God. At the end of time we will be judged on love.

Readings for this weekend

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46
women one from another

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men and

STORY OF CONNECTION

Golf, like life, is a story of connection and something less. The challenge is to remain connected, to stay in the moment. I can remember the champion Australian golfer Stuart Appleby saying in March 2004: 'Staying in the present is the secret to playing really good golf . . . Your mind is a very tumultuous place.' (*The Age*, Melbourne)

Often when beginning his talks, well known American Franciscan priest Richard Rohr challenges his audience with the seemingly unremarkable words, 'Try to be here'. This is the biggest challenge his listeners will face all day. After all, it is not an easy task to leave behind the worries of the previous hour or two, the squabbles of the last 30 minutes, the excitement of some event to come. Yet God is to be found only in the present – right where we are – and we don't need to look anywhere else. Quoting the German theologian Karl Rahner, Richard Rohr says: 'What the Incarnation is saying is that henceforward God is exactly where we are and only there is he to be found.'

God is simply right where we are which, of course, is why he is so difficult to find. We are always looking elsewhere. Benedictine author Joan Chittister writes beautifully about this: 'God is not in the whirlwind, not in blustering and show, Scripture teaches us. God is in the breeze, in the very atmosphere around us, in the little things that shape our lives . . . God is where we are, including in the very weaknesses that vie for our souls.' (*In How Can I Find God?*, ed James Martin)

In theology we often talk about the sacrament of the present moment – the eternal present in which God resides and can be found with the greatest ease. American humourist Don Marquis said that 'procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday'. I also remember veteran golfer and humourist Lee Trevino quipping, 'The older I get, the better I used to be'.

Entrance antiphon: The Lamb, who was slain, is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

Response to the psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him, who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! 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.

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Readers

Saturday Vigil 5pm November	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Chelsea Albert John Betros
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson Gerry Walker
Sunday 9.30am	Therese Compton Mark Woolford
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

November 26th : Group 3 **December 3rd** Group 1
December 10th : Group 4 **December 17th**: Group 2

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm November	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), Michael Zador
Sunday 7.00 am November	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Gary Keating
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

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

Thank you to Rodney and Adrianna for hosting morning tea



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	Judge 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,



SYO Advent Carols and Readings Sunday 10 December - \$15 Per ticket book
www.syo.com.au/coogee-carols-2023

Friday 1 December - Coffee Club all welcome 10am

Sunday 3 December - St Brigid's Primary 2024 Kindergarten welcome mass at 9.30am

Saturday 2 December - 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

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

Fr Thoi



*This month's
flowers are
donated in
memory of
Lynne Sweeney*

Thank You

Vinnies Christmas Cards

Beautiful Christmas cards available from piety stall or Parish Office.

Pack of 10 cards for \$5 with different styles.

All proceeds go to support Vinnies

Keep Christ in Christmas

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.



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: During November we remember those who have died throughout the year. Take time to write down the names of your deceased relatives and friends.

The names of all those included will be remembered in our daily Mass

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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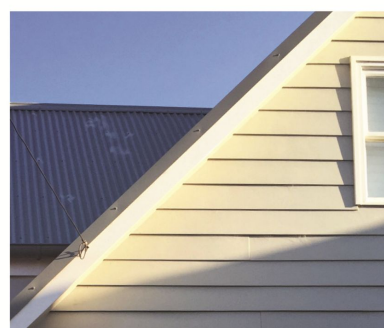
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

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 pssocoogee@yahoo.com.au**