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



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Christmas Edition – Christmas, The Holy Family & The Epiphany (24, 25, 31 December & 7 January)

Reflection...

From the beginning of this Mass, we agreed that if we're looking for someone to guide us through the final days of Advent, into our Christmas celebrations, and finally into the living-out of the Christmas message in the year ahead, we could not do better than turn to our Blessed Lady.

If we take time, make time – even just a few minutes each day in this often hectic period – to recall how Mary treasured and pondered “these things” in her heart, we too will ponder them, and come to appreciate why the wonder of Christ's birth – even at the end of a difficult year like 2023 – calls for celebration, for rejoicing and for gentle, loving wonder, in the company of Mary. It is she who best teaches us how to love Jesus; it is she who shows us, despite our littleness, to love Jesus as she did by making him the love of our lives. And so as Pope St John Paul II put it, “the faithful, living in the spirit of the liturgy, by thinking about the inexpressible love with which the Virgin Mother awaited her son, are invited to take her as model and prepare themselves to meet the Saviour”.

Every Sunday two collections are taken up with the first collection supporting all the clergy and the second collection supporting the parish.

At all Christmas masses we will only do one collection and this will be donated to Children in Need.



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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) Sr Jan & Radmilla Lewis
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George Anas
Sunday 9.30am	John Rouen, Anna & Claudia
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

December 24th : Group 3 **December 31st** Group 1
January 7th : Group 4 **January 14th:** Group 2

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

Hospitality Team

Thank You to our volunteers who have provided morning tea on a Sunday date 9.30am mass.. Our parishioners look forward to this every week.

Morning Tea

There will be no morning tea over the Christmas and New Year break. We will resume again on Sunday 7 January.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Chaiel Balcombe, Rita Koh, Philomena Murray (Co, Galway), Judge Kevin Coorey, Veila Fierro, Matty McGuigan (Co Tyrone, Ireland)
Deceased	Desmon & Alice Ryan, Roy & Ella McDonald, Tom & Nell Lynch, Alma and Jack Saidey, Bill Jack, Carmel (Saidey) Olde and Jack Olde
Anniversary	Alex Whelan, Eileen McMahon
Sick	Robyn Miller, Esteban Ovelar, Jule Winter, 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	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 our visitors over the Christmas season. We are delighted to have you in our parish and hope you are enjoying your holiday.

Thank you to all who have assisted in our parish during the year and to all who served in a ministry during our Christmas Masses. We are lucky to have you and we are very grateful; our community and parish continues to grow stronger.

We wish all the children, parents and teachers at St Brigid's Primary School and all surrounding schools a very safe and relaxing holiday break.

May you all have a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. Take care if you are going away and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Fr Thoi & the parish team

PLEASE NOTE...

There will be no Mass on Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December and New Years Day .

The parish office will close on Thursday 21 December and will reopen on Monday 8 January 2024.

There will be no 6pm Mass on Sunday's during January. 6pm Mass on Sunday's will resume on Sunday 4 February.

The Church will close after daily morning Mass during January.

Mobile Phones.

You might have your mobile phone in your pocket or bag right now. Don't forget to turn it to silent so you enjoy our Mass.

EILEEN O'CONNOR ANNIVERSARY MASS

Wednesday 10th January 2024 marks the 103rd anniversary of the death of Servant of God and co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor.

The Sisters warmly welcome you, the faithful, friends and family to join them as they celebrate with Mass here at **St Brigid's Church at 10am.**

St Brigid's Feast Day Celebrations

Please join us to celebrate St Brigid' Feast Day on Sunday 4 February at 9.30am with Morning tea in the hall afterwards.

On Sunday 7 January we welcome Charlotte and Ella Fitzpatrick, daughters of Robert and Lisa, and Lando Nolan son of Thomas and Ciara into our parish community. God Bless these families.



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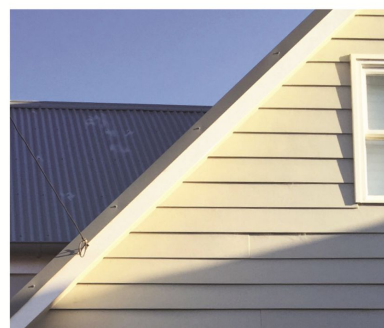
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The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

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**