



Bridie

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



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Second Sunday of Advent Year B 9th/10th December 2023

IN A NUTSHELL

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight'.

God consoles his people,
assuring us that if we turn
back to him our sins will be
forgiven.

John the Baptist echoes the
message of the prophet
Isaiah; the voice in the
wilderness who exhorts the
people to look within
themselves and return to
the Lord their God, who is
merciful, tender, loving and
forgiving.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Prepare the way for the Lord
We wait for a new heaven and a new earth
Make straight the paths of the Lord

Advent is a sacred time of longing and preparation for the Lord; a time for waking up to listen to the Spirit calling deep within us.

The words of Isaiah (**First Reading**) bring to this Sunday's liturgy a cry of consolation for a people desperate for peace. As we make a straight path to welcome the Lord into our lives, he gathers us up into his arms like a shepherd tenderly holding his lambs.

Our world is thirsting for this peace now, the deep peace that only Christ can bring. The **Psalm** is a prayer that speaks to the longing and yearning that is within us all. Christ is not slow to respond to our desire for this peace. Peter's letter (**Second Reading**) to the early Christian community teaches that the Lord wants no one to be lost: he desires for all to be gathered unto himself. Since we do not know the time of the Lord's return, our prayerful preparations will draw us nearer to the peace that he promises.

The **Gospel of Mark** that we follow throughout this coming year begins the revelation of the Good News with that same call of the prophet Isaiah that began our readings: 'Prepare a way for the Lord'. John the Baptist, a voice crying in the wilderness, calls us to repentance and renewal. He baptises with water, but tells of the time when we will be made new by the Holy Spirit.

Let us continue our Advent journey together, praying for this same spirit of renewal and preparation. Let us pray too for peace in our hearts, in our communities and especially in the Holy Land.

Entrance antiphon: People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

Response to the psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

WISH TO DONATE ONLINE

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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	Dominic Sullivan & Family
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

December 10th : Group 4 **December 17th** Group 2
December 24th : Group 3 **December 31st**: Group 1

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

Thank you to Therese Compton for hosting morning tea.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Judge Kevin Coorey, Veila Fierro, Matty McGuigan (Co Tyrone, Ireland)
Deceased	-
Anniversary	Henryk Matysiak, Dziecielski Family (Jan, Kazimiera, Andrzej and Rosa)
Sick	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,

Baptism – This week we welcome Gabrielle Maree Stalker daughter of Paul and Fiona into our parish community. God Bless Gabrielle and her family.

Parking – We can no longer park in front of the Childcare gates, this area needs to be kept clear in the event that there is an emergency and we require access for an Ambulance on site. We appreciate your cooperation.

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

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

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.



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135 Brook St, Coogee

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Christmas Mass Times

ST BRIGID'S PARISH COOGEE

Ph: (02) 9315 7562
www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au

Christmas Eve
Sunday, 24 December
NB: No 7:00am Mass
9:30am - 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
5:00pm - Family Mass
9:30pm - Mass

Christmas Day
Monday, 25 December
7:00am & 9:30am - Mass

Boxing Day
Tuesday, 26 December
No Mass

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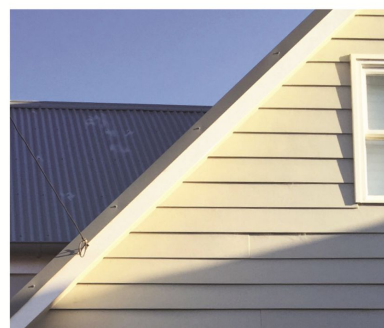
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

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**