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



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**Third Sunday of Advent
Year B
16th/17th December 2023**

IN A NUTSHELL

John is baptising and proclaiming the imminent coming of the Messiah. He declares emphatically that he is not the Christ; he is a light showing the way.

John is led by the Spirit to prepare the minds and hearts of the people, so that they will recognise Christ when he comes.

This Advent may we have open hearts and open minds to see Christ and give him welcome.

Readings for this weekend

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8.19-28

I exult for joy in the Lord

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me

REFLECTION As Christmas draws closer, I may be busy preparing. But whatever time I have, I settle gently into prayer. Perhaps I focus on an Advent candle or something else that brings a sense of watching, of light shining in the darkness.

I try to let any chatter occupying my mind slow down. I place any concerns into the Lord's caring hands, and turn my attention towards him, aware of his loving presence in and around me.

When ready, I read the passage from Isaiah several times. I pause at any word, phrase or image that stands out for me, taking as much time as I need to mull it over. Why is it important to me?

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me.' Jesus chose these same words from Isaiah to explain his calling to the people when he spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth.

How are these words speaking to me right now? Perhaps I think of all that is going on in the world: homelessness, refugees, poverty, war, injustice, oppression, the environmental crisis . . . How do I respond? Maybe there is something I need liberating from myself . . . anxiety, sorrow, hurt, disappointment, fear, low self-esteem . . . ?

Perhaps I ponder 'a year of favour from the Lord': an opportunity for renewal, to make a fresh start. Whatever may arise, I speak from my heart to Jesus about it, just as I would to a dear friend. As I slowly bring my prayer to a close, I may like to echo Isaiah's words with a sense of gratitude: 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God.'

Entrance antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Response to the psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor 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

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| 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 17th Group 2 **December 24th** : Group 3
December 31st: Group 1 **January 7th** : Group 4

Ministers of Communion

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| 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 Margaret-Anne Otton for hosting morning tea.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

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| Recently Deceased | Rita Koh, Philomena Murray (Co, Galway), Judge Kevin Coorey, Veila Fierro, Matty McGuigan (Co Tyrone, Ireland) |
| Deceased | Roy & Ella McDonald, Tom & Nell Lynch, Alma and Jack Saidey, Bill Jack, Carmel(Saidey) Olde and Jack Olde |
| Anniversary | Henryk Matysiak, Dziecielski Family (Jan, Kazimiera, Andrzej and Rosa) |
| Sick | 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

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| 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 Sunday we welcome *Emilie Sacedo Molina* daughter of Edward and Elodie and *Parker Mary Yeats* and Bobby David Yates children of Harrison and Elizabeth. God bless these children and their families.

This weekend – Vinnies Christmas Appeal **at all masses**. 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.

Wednesday 20 December – 7pm Communal Celebration of God's Love and Mercy

Fr Thoi

PLEASE
NOTE...

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

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.

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.

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

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**.

If you are unable to attend you can still celebrate with them by participating in the Mass which will be livestreamed. Please join via the following link:

Private page:

<https://www.FamilyVideo.com.au/EileenOConnorAnniversaryMass>

Christmas Mass Times

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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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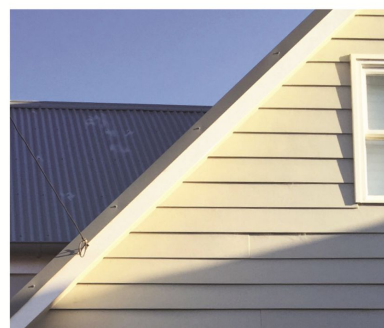
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Child sex Abuse is a crime.

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**