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



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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year B  
3rd/4th February 2024**

## In a nutshell

Jesus' preaching and cures make such a deep impression on the people of Capernaum that everybody is looking for him. In the midst of all the acclaim, he withdraws so he can be alone with his Father in prayer.

There Jesus discerns that he must continue his preaching elsewhere, because that is why he came. We, too, need prayer to enable us to discern what really matters.

## Readings for this weekend

Job 7:1-4.6-7      Job gives free rein to express the suffering in his life.  
1 Cor 9:16-19.22-23      Paul sees it as his duty to preach the Gospel, and to offer it free of charge.  
Mark 1:29-39      Jesus cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another

## The Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Brigid

Legend holds that Brigid made her first cross from rushes she picked from the floor as she visited a pagan chieftain who was dying. While sitting by his bed she began to weave the rushes into the shape of a cross and tell the stories of her Christian faith. The cross became a symbol of peace and protection, protection of animals and protection from fire and disease, and a blessing for home and hearth. Crosses were exchanged too in times of clan feuds as a sign of reconciliation. From that time Irish people have never ceased to weave these crosses. These rushes represent our hopes, our dreams, our gifts, and our efforts in working towards a more caring society.

She gathered the dreams to weave something new. She gathers our rushes of sorrow and gladness, of happiness and pain, tears and laughter, kindness and caring, of voluntary groups and organizations, of families, relations and friends, of schools and hospitals, of work and sport and recreation, and all the little words and deeds offered in hope, in faith, and in love. She weaved them all with loving hands into a new form, a richer and more beautiful creation. God too weaves patiently and persistently with the rushes of our lives. He invites us to keep offering him the shreds of our suffering and the stuff of our dreams and to take our place beside him to weave the shape of new creation.

**Entrance antiphon:** Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name, and glory in your praise.

**Response to the psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. 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

<b>Saturday Vigil 5pm February</b>	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) John Betros & Radmila Lewis
<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Charlie Robinson & Gerry Walker
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Adele & Gian Cornale
<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

### Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

### Money Counters

<b>February 4th</b> : Group 4	<b>February 11th</b> Group 1
<b>February 18th</b> : Group 2	<b>February 25th</b> Group 3

### Ministers of Communion

<b>Saturday Vigil 5pm February</b>	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), Michael Zador
<b>Sunday 7.00 am February</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator), Gary Keating
<b>Sunday 9.30 am February</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator), Phil Docherty
<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

### Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller & Paula O'Connor

### Altar Flowers

Carol Miller & Margaret Betros

### Piety Stall

(5pm Vigil Mass) Carol Miller

### MORNING TEA ROSTER 2024

Sunday 4 February St Brigid's Feast Day

### Morning Tea

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after 9.30am Mass.



### Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

<b>Recently Deceased</b>	Fr William Aliprandi, Fr Vincent McHenry, Oliver McAfee, Frank Askin (Ireland), David Radin (Scotland), John Daley.
<b>Deceased</b>	Chaiel Balcombe, Roy & Ella McDonald, Tom & Nell Lynch, Alma and Jack Saidey, Bill Jack, Carmel (Saidey) Olde and Jack Olde.
<b>Anniversary</b>	Marie Cunningham, Michael Summers, Mable Rodden, Peter Byrnes and Anne Flaherty.
<b>Sick</b>	John Miller, Helen Mannix, Esteban Ovelar, Jule Winter, Sam Khoury, Adelina Murray, Greg Biddle and Sharyn Eves, Maroun Ghorra, Catherine Sharpley.

### St Brigid's Parish Information

<b>Mass Times</b>	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30am and 6pm
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Thursday at 10am and Sundays after the 9.30am Family Mass.
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.30 am
<b>Reconciliation</b>	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30am Mass, First Friday of every month.
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after</i> 9.30am Family Mass.
<b>Marriages</b>	Saturdays, by appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
<b>Parish Office:</b>	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,**

**Our Sacramental program** information is on our website [www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au](http://www.stbrigidscoogee.org.au)

**WWCC – Renew a Working with Children Check** online instead of going into a Service NSW Centre to present your identity documents, you renew online and use your device to scan your face. The scan is matched with the photo used on your NSW Driver Licence or NSW Photo Card.

**Friday 9 February** – All parishioners are invited to the ordination to the priest hood of Kenji Knoda MSC at 7pm at OLSH Randwick rsvp to [reception@sacredheart.org.au](mailto:reception@sacredheart.org.au). and to thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 10 February at 6pm at OLSH Kensington rsvp to [olrkensoparish@gmail.com](mailto:olrkensoparish@gmail.com)

**Social Justice Group: Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February at 10.00am** in the blue room above the parish office. Everyone is welcome .

**MSC Provincial Office Coogee – Vacancy for a Full Time Administration Assistant.** We are looking for an Administration Assistant to support the work of the Province Secretary in administrative tasks. Wage rate: \$33 to \$38 based on experience. To obtain a copy of the Position Description or inquire about the job, please email: [mscsecretary@misacor.org.au](mailto:mscsecretary@misacor.org.au)

### **Safeguarding**

Our parish will be audited in February by The Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. Their role is to help Catholic entities and organisations create and maintain a safe and nurturing environment for all who engage with the Catholic Church in Australia.

Safeguarding resources for children, young people and adults are available through the link in the safeguarding section of our parish website and in the church , hall and children's liturgy area in the room above the parish office.



**Low Gluten Hosts** – If you can please advise the priest who is presiding Mass if you need a special low gluten host for communion.

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



**Coffee club** in the parish hall 10am – 12pm.  
All welcome  
Friday 1 March  
Friday 5 April

**Yarn club** in the blue room 7.30pm  
Thursday 8 Feb  
Thursday 14 Feb  
Thursday 11 April

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## **ST BRIGID'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS**



### **SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY MASS AT 9.30AM**

### **REFRESHMENTS IN THE HALL**





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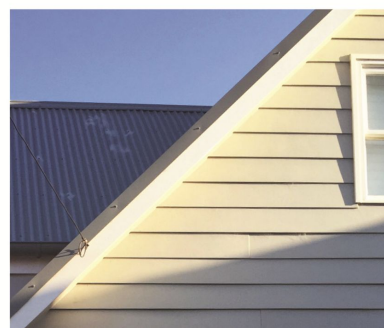
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## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

**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](mailto: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](mailto:pssocoogee@yahoo.com.au)**