



Bridie

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



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

16 / 17 March 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)

Easter Mass Times

Reconciliation

Wednesday 27 March 7pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday 28 March 7pm

Good Friday

Friday 29 March 10am
Stations of the Cross
3pm Commemoration of the Lord

Easter Vigil

Saturday 30 March 7pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March - 7am & 9.30am

Readings for this weekend

Jeremiah 31:31-34 The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel.
Hebrews 5:7-9 Jesus as the source of our salvation
John 12:20-30 The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Reflection - The word 'heart' occurs almost a thousand times in the Bible, more than three times as often as the word 'soul.' Perhaps this is just another item of trivia but surely it gives us a clue about Christianity. It is a religion of the heart. It gets our blood pumping. As we approach the climax of our Lenten journey, this week's readings ask questions about our hearts. The psalm begs 'a pure heart create for me, O God.' Those words invite the Lord to come right inside us, into the very core of our being. The prophet Jeremiah quotes the Lord as saying, 'deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts.' In other words, we won't find God's most intimate whisperings to us just in books or lectures. We will find it when we are genuinely in touch with our core, our most intimate space. God's love is inscribed on our hearts.

In his letter, Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis speaks against 'a culture of walls.' He asks us to treasure the hope found in every heart: Hope 'speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold.' The word 'caritas' means love.

The work of Caritas Australia is a heartfelt response to the needs of the world, one that gives expression to our shared hope. Caritas always works in partnership with others. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the grain of wheat that must die to create a rich harvest. Of course, he is referring to his own passion. But there is a message here for us all. 'Anyone who loves their life will lose it.' We are called to wear our hearts on our sleeves. To reach beyond the safe and familiar.

Entrance antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Response to the psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Saturday Vigil 5pm March	Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator) Sr Jan O'Neill & Radmila Lewis
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator) George Annas
Sunday 9.30am	Adele & Gian Cornale
Sunday 6pm	Paula O'Connor (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

March 17th: Group 2	March 24th Group 1
March 31st: Group 3	April 7th Group 4

Ministers of Communion

Saturday Vigil 5pm March	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator), Michael Zador
Sunday 7.00 am March	Peter Frost (Coordinator),
Sunday 9.30 am March	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

Baptisms This Weekend

This Sunday we welcome Bonnie Kelly daughter of Conor and Joanna and Alice Barratt daughter of Ronan and Petra, God Bless these children and their families.

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea after 9.30am Mass. Thank you to Adele and Gian for hosting.



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased	Gerald McCabe, Paul Cleary, Helen Carney, Kevin Coorey, Bonnie Holden, Andrea Fozzard, Cecily Hallinan.
Deceased	Roy & Ella McDonald.
Anniversary	John Rinaldy Tan, Peter Miraziz, Maureen O'Connor, Monica McLaughlin.
Sick	Chris Simpson, Carlie Rohanna, Natasha Novka, John Miller, Helen Mannix, Esteban Ovelar, 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,

We welcome Sophie and Leanne, representatives from Caritas who will speak about the works of Caritas.

Parish Finance Committee - We welcome parishioners from our community that may wish to join our Finance Committee. If you have an accounting background and would like to contribute your time to this committee please contact the parish office.

Margaret Foody/Anthony Foody - If you remember these parishioners we would be grateful if you could contact the parish office.

Coffee Morning in the parish hall 10am -12pm. All welcome Friday 5 April and **Yarn club** in the blue room 7.30pm Thursday 11 April

Please note our new email.

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Thank You

Thank you to all the parishioners that attended my birthday morning tea on Tuesday, I appreciated all the beautiful cards and gifts. I am lucky to be part of this wonderful parish.

Caroline (Parish office)



Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.



May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door - An Irish Blessing



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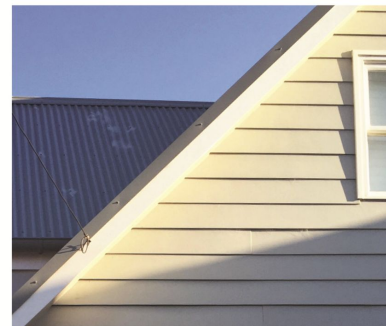
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The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

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**