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



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**Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)**  
**20 / 21 April 2024**

## In a Nutshell

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who has boundless love for all who listen to his voice.

Jesus wants to bring others into his fold, so that there will be only one flock and one shepherd. We will all know him as he knows the Father.

By our witness an example of the love of Christ in our lives, other too may become part of his flock.

## Readings for this weekend

Acts 4:8-12  
1 John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

This is the only name by which we can be saved.  
We shall see God as God really is.  
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

**Entrance antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**Response to the psalm:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. 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

**Saturday Vigil 5pm April** Sr Jan O'Neill (Coordinator)  
Sr Jan O'Neill & Chelsea Albert

**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator)  
Peter Frost

**Sunday 9.30am** Gian Cornale, Anna & Claudia

### Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

### Money Counters

**April 21st** Group 1      **April 28th:** Group 3  
**May 5th** Group 4      **May 12th:** Group 2

### Ministers of Communion

**Saturday Vigil 5pm April** Sr Gabriel (Coordinator),  
Michael Zador

**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator),  
Gary Keating

**Sunday 9.30 am April** 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

**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.

### MORNING TEA

Sunday 21 April Rodney & Adrianna  
Sunday 28 April Therese Compton  
Sunday 5 May Di and Sharron



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

**Recently Deceased** Victims of the Bondi tragedy, Chris Simpson, Lorcan Branagan, Gerald McCabe.

**Deceased** Ned Ferguson.

**Anniversary** Cecil Byrnes.

**Sick** Fr Terry Bowman msc, 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, *after* 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,**

Our parish community is shocked at all the events that have happened in the last week. We appreciate that many of you may be affected by the Bondi tragedy, we hold you all close in our prayers and in particular the families, friends and emergency workers. You are welcome to reach out to any of us if you need support.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held on the First Friday of the month at 9am followed by Anointing Mass at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome

**Anzac Day Mass Thursday 25th April 9.30am:** please write the name of a loved one that you may wish to remember on Anzac Day.

**Baptisms this weekend** - We welcome Finley and Leo Van den Hoek, sons of Neil and Barbara, River Ellevsen, son of Emma and Dane, Christian Ferreria son of Matthew and Christina and Patrick Algje son of Matthew and Julia. God bless these children and their families.

**Fr Thoi and the Parish Team**

### **Worship without fear**

#### **A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP**

The stabbing of Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel and Father Isaac Royel is shocking and has caused distress to many in the community.

Houses of prayer have traditionally been places of peace and solace, refuge and sanctuary and so the video footage of the attack upon a religious leader during a religious service inside a church has been especially confronting. The images of the violence that subsequently occurred outside the church are also confronting. We have seen these types of events in other countries but, up until now, Australia has been largely free from this type of blatant violence in and around places of worship. Every person in this country, be they bishop or priest, rabbi or imam, minister or congregant, should be able to worship in safety, without fear that they might be subject to acts of violence while gathering in prayer. I urge the faithful to not respond to these events with fear, avoiding places of worship because they are worried about further attacks, nor with anger, engaging in acts of reprisal or revenge.

The best response to violence and fear is prayer and peace. On behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and in solidarity with other religious leaders, I offer prayerful support to Bishop Emmanuel, Father Royel and all others affected. May the God of peace reign in our land.

### **Anzac Day Coogee Dawn Service 2024**

Anzac Day is a National day of remembrance and commemoration. Commemorative services are held each year at dawn, the time of the original Gallipoli landing. The Coogee Anzac Day Dawn Service is produced in collaboration with the Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL sub-branch and will be held at 5.30am on Thursday 25 April at Goldstein Reserve, Coogee. There are no tickets required, with 3,000 seats available on a first-come, first-served basis and plenty of standing room available. Please note that the gates will open at 5am and darkness and silence is encouraged until the ceremony commences at 5.30am.

Following Bondi's tragedy remember to prioritise self-care and reach out for support when needed. To assist you during this time, there are free support services available to you:

**Lifeline:** Call 13 11 14, text 0477 13 11 14 or chat online.

**Kids Helpline:** Call 1800 55 1800 or chat online.

**Beyond Blue:** Call 1300 22 4636 or chat online.

**1800RESPECT:** Call 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or chat online.

**13 Yarn:** Call 13 92 76.

**Mens Line Australia:** Call 1300 78 99 78.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Thursday 25th April** 9.30am Anzac Day Mass. Parish office is closed

**Social Justice Group** - Trivia Night at East Leagues Club Saturday 4 May - \$65. Supporting the Blue Dragon Foundation that fight youth homelessness and human trafficking in Vietnam.

**Saturday 4th May** - Coogee Daycare open day 10am - 1pm

**Monday 6th May** - Parish Council Meeting in the parish office at 5.30pm.



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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 [psscocoogee@yahoo.com.au](mailto:psscocoogee@yahoo.com.au)**