



Bridie

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



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Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
27 / 28 April 2024

In a nutshell

Today Jesus tells us that he is the true vine, and we are the branches.

There are times when we feel we are being pruned, and there are times when we recognise the growth and fruit.

As long as we remain part of the vine, we will grow more and more in God's love, bearing fruit that may draw others to become part of this vine.

Readings for this weekend

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey
His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another
All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit

Reflection

Viticulture or the production of grapes was as common in Israel in Jesus' time as it is today. The vine are usually planted on the slopes of hills, which were less suitable for the plantain and crops. The ground is cleared of stones and terraced, the vineyard secure by an enclosing wall or hedge, and a watchtower is built for an additional protection. These steps are described in the Vineyard Song in Isaiah 5.

Metaphorically, Israel is compared with the vine. It was brought out of Egypt (the Exodus story) and planted in the promised land. It was the peculiar object of the care of the Lord from which he expected much fruit. But the vine yielded only "wild grapes", or, more precisely, grapes that rot before they are ripe. Israel did not produce the fruits expected by the divine grower because of its bloodshed and injustice.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus declares that he is the "true vine", he proclaims that he is the new Israel who bears fruits pleasing to God. But he also focuses on his disciples whom he calls "branches". United with Jesus, they become the new Israel, the new people of God. But to bear fruit that is pleasing to the vine grower, they must abide with Jesus. They must stay attached to Jesus as if their life depended on it. Pope Francis says that to remain in Jesus means - "To do good, to help others, to pray to the Father, to care for the sick, to help the poor, to have the joy of the Holy Spirit".

Entrance antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sign of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Response to psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

WISH TO DONATE ONLINE

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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 Adele Cornale & Gian Cornale

Church Cleaners

Paula O'Connor, Margaret & John Betros

Money Counters

April 28th: Group 3 **May 5th** Group 4
May 12th: Group 2 **May 19th** Group 1

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 28 April Therese Compton
Sunday 5 May Di and Sharron
Sunday 12 May Mother's Day no morning tea



Mass Intentions — your prayers are requested for the following:

- Recently Deceased** Victims of the Bondi tragedy, Chris Simpson, Lorcan Branagan, Gerald McCabe.
- Deceased** Ivan Maljevic, Ned Ferguson.
- Anniversary** Sergio Ovelar, Cecil Byrnes.
- Sick** Michael Killen (Ireland), Fr Terry Bowman msc, Carlie Rohanna, Natasha Novka, John Miller, Helen Mannix, Pilar and 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,

St Vincent de Paul receipts are in the church foyer thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to Carol Miller and all who were involved with the preparation of the Anzac Day Mass. We appreciate your help and support.

As many of you prepare for school next week we hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and we wish all teachers and students best wishes for the term ahead.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration to the program is open on Monday.



Online registration through the QR code

Fr Thoi and the Parish Team



Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

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Or complete the parish envelope.



Brigidine Ex-Student Reunion

On Sunday, 5 May 2024, we are having a high tea at Brigidine Randwick in Cullen Hall (entry via Ritz Car Park lift) at 1:00pm.

Please pass this message on to any ex-student you know. We would love to see them again.

Cost is \$55, payable at the door. For further details, please ring: Dianne on 0499 325 823 or Mary-Lynne on 0438 671 640

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.

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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

Friday 3rd May - Coffee club in the parish hall 10am - 12pm

Thursday 9th May - Yarn club in the blue room at 7.30pm

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

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

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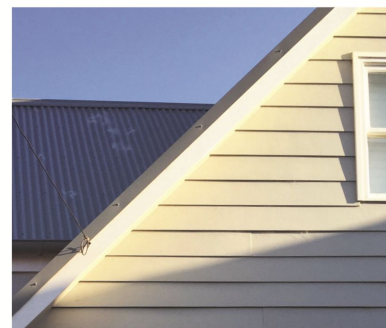
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The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

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 pssocoogee@yahoo.com.au**