



25 October, 2016

Dear Friends of Brigid,

The warmest of warm greetings to you all as we continue to shiver through Springtime!

Our **final Gathering for 2016** has been brought forward and we are now gathering on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> December, so it will be an earlier 'thank you' to all. December usually has so many commitments for many, hence the earlier date.

Friday 25 November will follow our usual format :

**Dinner at 6pm**, then a short reflection followed by song, merriment and thanks for another great year at Brigid's Well.

**We want to make this a special end of year celebration so hopefully everyone can make a special effort to attend this Christmas in November celebration.**

This earlier gathering also enables us to provide donations to BASP which can be used in preparing Christmas hampers for our asylum seeker and refugee friends.

The following essentials have been listed as needed:

- **food and household goods. Some things are much more in demand than others**
- **Staples are:** Sugar , flour , tinned tomatoes, tins of fruit, Tuna (plain), Long life milk, tea and coffee, cheese, biscuits, honey, noodles.
- **Basmati rice** as well as **dried lentils, burghal and chick peas** (in preference to those in tins) are especially welcome.
- **washing powder, cleaning products and toilet paper.**
- **Cooking oil is always welcome.**
- Quite a number of families have small children, so **disposable nappies and wipes** are an ongoing need.
- **Something Special :** A **voucher for Coles, Big W, Kmart or similar stores** allows individuals and families the independence to buy something they really want and need.
- **We have an ample supply of tinned soup and beetroot so no more needed at this point.**

Of course financial donations are always appreciated as the demands on BASP to finance rents, utilities bills, furniture removalists, etc, are continuous.

Also our catering group will need numbers to provide sufficient food for the party so we would appreciate early replies to Catriona and Ursula-9509 7906 or [kildara@netspace.net.au](mailto:kildara@netspace.net.au)

We want to conclude the year with a joyful gathering so please try to make the 25 November a great evening as we thank you all for your efforts for this year.

So I hope to see you at **6pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Kildara Centre.**

Go gently but go well,

Barbara Horrigan, for Coordinating Group