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Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.
 Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

REWRITE THE STORY – ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
 Domestic and family violence defines the story of too many members of our community. Together we can help end domestic and family violence. Everyone in the Archdiocese of Brisbane can get involved in Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. When women flee domestic and family violence they often do so with nothing. Centacare, in collaboration with the St Vincent de Paul Society, has recently established a number of 12 month post-crisis respite support homes to help families get back on their feet and begin rewriting their stories.

This Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month we are looking for support to help fit out one of these homes with new furniture. To make a donation to this fund : **Option 1:** EFT BSB; 064-786 Account Number 521390103 Account Name: Charitable Works Fund Reference: Please call 3324 3200 to receive your unique reference number. **Option 2:** Cheque—Make a cheque payable to Centacare Domestic and Family Violence Service and send to: Centacare Domestic and Family Violence Service C/o Catholic Foundation G.P.O. Box 282, Brisbane. Q 4001. For more information and to make a tax deductible donation visit: rewritethestory.org.au.

BAPTISM PRAYERS
 We pray for Tyler Forbes who was baptised Saturday. We pray that he will grow in grace and wisdom and abound with the love of God, all his life's journey. We pray for his parents, family and godparents.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 5th June 2018

1ST COLLECTION:	\$ 594.10	- For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION:	\$ 1,091.30	- For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. The Parish Planned Giving Sunday is coming up on 23/24 June, 2018. Be assured of our prayers and of your divine rewards. Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

RCIA ENROLMENT NOW OPEN
 The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a faith formation program designed for people who have not received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Eucharist, and/or Confirmation . Anyone wishing to be initiated fully into the Catholic Faith should call the office on Monday or Friday 9.00am to 12 noon or Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am to 3.30pm or the school office to pick up an Enrolment Form for RCIA. All forms for 2019 should be completed and returned to the office by the end of August 2018.

ST BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP.
 The craft group meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Centre . Everyone welcome.

MEETING FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES
 There will be a meeting of all the Sacristans, Co-ordinators, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on Saturday, 16th June immediately following the Novena. This meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NERANG CONFERENCE
MEETINGS held in St Brigid's Parish Centre at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. For further information please call Ed 0413 547 470. All Welcome.



IN EMERGENCIES or HOSPITAL CALLS

- For University & Gold Coast Private Hospital - Southport Parish on 5510 2222**
- For Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish on 5576 6466**
- For Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish on 5572 5433**
- For John Flynn Hospital -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish on 5598 2165**

We here at St Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT & THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. The Privacy Act impacts upon us all today and if you wish to peruse the Compliance Requirements and the Privacy Act, please go to the Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au. The Policy is on our website

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My Dear People of God
 The first reading of today is the story of the aftermath of the fall of Adam and Eve. For some people, Genesis chapters 1 to 12 didn't really happen as written. For them it is a myth. But for those who read the bible with the eyes of faith, those who can hear God talking through the pages of the Scriptures, it is the mysterious, fascinating and eternal Word of God: ancient but ever new. For Jesus, the stories in those chapters were not myths but historical facts. Responding to the question of divorce raised by the Pharisees who cited Moses as supporting divorce, Jesus said: "Moses wrote this commandment for you because your hearts were hard. However, from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'" (Mark 10:4-9, see also Matthew 19:3-6).

In the above passage, Jesus emphasised the eternal efficacy of the Word of God which can be mutilated, demeaned, or misinterpreted by humans in their rationalisations and cravings. Moses, because of their hardness of heart, altered God's plan to suit those Israelites who could not change to accommodate God's will. St John says:

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever." (1 John 2:15-17).

St Paul, agreeing with that in today's second reading, says: "... we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things (spiritual and heavenly things) are eternal".

The Genesis passage leading to today's first reading shows how people can love the world to the point of disobeying God. Adam and Eve, through the Devil's insinuations started craving for the world's beauty, pleasure and pride. When Eve told the Old Serpent (the Devil) what God said and that they, she and her husband, would die if they disobeyed God, the devil said: "You won't die! ... God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." And the Scripture continues, "The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was **beautiful**, and its fruit looked **delicious**, and she wanted **the wisdom** it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too." (Gen. 3:4-6).

What could Adam have done? Disagree with his wife? That would have shown he didn't loved her much, one would think. What could Eve have done? Wasn't the serpent's argument convincing? However, despite their excuses, Adam and Eve were not spared the punishment due for their disobedience to God's will and command. And we are still suffering and enjoying the ripples of the consequences of their disobedience – yes! enjoying because God wouldn't allow our wrong choices and foolishness to override his Love for us. He so loved us that he sent a Redeemer to save us from Satan's power and from suffering, sin and death - the negative consequences of disobeying God.

How often have we disobeyed God because of human ties: family ties, marriage ties, friendship ties, corporation's image, political affinities, philosophical ideologies, gang oaths, and so on. All these are bound to mount pressures, (spiritual, physical, psychological and/or emotional pressures) on us to do or not to do the will of God. How do we react to that? Jesus, faced with the same problem in today's Gospel, shows us how to react to such situations. He placed doing God's will and work above any human ties, and aligned himself with anyone who knows, understands and does the will of God. Such a person becomes his brother, sister, mother, friend, and so on.

Sometimes the desire to do God's will conflicts with the desire to please (oneself or) others, especially, our loved ones. This can lead to misunderstanding, disagreement and division. So, Jesus predicted: "Do not assume that I have come to bring peace to the earth; ... For I have come to turn 'A man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law". He never wished it so. But if it comes to that, let us always be on the side of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (see Roman 14:17). God bless you all.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

<p>CHURCHES</p> <p><i>St Brigid's Church</i> 39-49 McLaren Rd Nerang Q 4211</p> <p><i>St John's Church</i> Windabout Rd Beechmont Q 4211</p> <p>SCHOOL</p> <p><i>St Brigid's Primary</i> McLaren Road Nerang Q 4211 Phone: 5596 4188</p> <p>WEB PAGE: www.sb.qld.edu.au</p> <p>DAVID SEWELL Principal</p>	MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH		
	Week Day Mass		
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	7.00 am	
	Wednesday	5.45 pm	
	Saturday	9.00 am	
	Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the First Saturday of each month at 9.00am		
	The next Anointing Mass will be 7th July 2018		
	Sunday Mass		
	Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm	
	Sunday	8.30 am	
Rosary			
Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am, Wednesday at 5.00pm, Saturday at 8.30am. And Sunday at 8.00am			
Divine Mercy Prayer	Thursday	7.30am	
Adoration	Thursday	6.00-7.00pm	
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am			
Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church	Saturday	5.15pm – 5.45pm	
	Sunday	8.00am - 8.15am	
St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 2nd Sunday of each month			
Next Mass at St John's Sunday 8th July 10.30 am			

ANNUAL PARISH PLANNED GIVING THIS MONTH

As the financial year is coming to an end, I wish to use this opportunity to remind all our Parishioners and friends, of our Annual Parish Planned Giving Sunday coming up on the weekend of 23/24 June, 2018. We will brief you on the financial status of the Parish on or before then. God has been good to us. *From Fr Isidore*

We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

We pray for the recently deceased :

We pray for the dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We also remember their families—may they be comforted and supported in their loss by This Community of Faith.

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Jasmine Fay Parada, Maureen and Paul Hume, Patricia Smith, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Patricia Solomon, Amanda Gordon, Shelly Ryan, Christine Kay

Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing homes.



2018 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 5th August 2018 at 8.30am and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday 24th November at 6.00pm and Sunday 25th November at 8.30am.

SACRAMENTAL MEETINGS FOR CONFIRMATION ONLY

17th June, 24th June, 22nd July, 29th July, and 3rd August, 2018. Every meeting starts immediately after 8:30am Mass. Program for meetings for the candidates to receive First Holy Communion will be out sometime later.

KEYS TO CHURCH AND SURROUNDS

Due to some issues with the alarms and keys recently we need **everyone** who has **any key** which **unlocks** any door at the Parish to please advise the office immediately of the key number and code. This will ensure that your individual unique key will still work in the lock as the codes and locks have to be reset for access to continue. We thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL OF THE WORD

Come and pray with the Word of God The theme for this year will be **"Christ set us free, so that we should remain free"** (Galatians 5:1)

Every last Saturday of the month—10 am to 12 pm at St Brigid's Parish Next meeting

Saturday 30th June 2018 Conducted by the Verbum Dei Missionaries.

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 10 June 2018

FIRST READING *Gen 3:9-15* A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 129. R. v.7*

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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| <p>1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)</p> <p>2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)</p> | <p>3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (R)</p> <p>4. Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)</p> |
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SECOND READING *2 Cor 4:13-5:1* A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 12:31. 32*

Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mk 3:20-35* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next preparation meeting for 2018 for Baptisms of infants will be held **Sunday 17th June at 10.30am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.