

We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus. We also remember their families - may they be comforted and supported in their loss by this Community of Faith. :

We pray for the recently deceased:: Clive Scrivens

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

Albert Evans

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: Christine De Barro, Maureen and Paul Hurney ,Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Bev Boothby

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



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. All Welcome.



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.

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
Mark 10:14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded from harm by all. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. The full policy is available to read on the Archdiocese website—brisbanecatholic.org.au

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 830.10 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,212.60 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 16,439.61

I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Fr Isidore



IN EMERGENCIES or HOSPITAL CALLS

For University & Allamanda 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

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Dear friends in Christ,

Last Monday, we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus which marked the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the Ordinary time in the Church's liturgical year. The readings of today, the Sunday following that feast, explain the significance of Jesus' baptism: first, we saw John the Baptist in the Gospel, witnessing to Jesus' vocation as the Lamb of God, the Chosen Messiah; secondly, the inauguration of Jesus' mission as spelt out in the first reading. And thirdly, our participation in this vocation and mission of Jesus Christ through our own baptism as shown in today's second reading from St Paul.

The prophet Isaiah, in today's first reading says: "The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified.'" Linking that statement with other servant songs of the second part of Isaiah, (see Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) some biblical scholars and theologians have identified Jesus Christ as that servant whom the Lord was prophetically addressing in today's first reading. This interpretation is supported by some other New Testament references that identify Jesus as that faithful servant of God prophesied in the book of Isaiah. For instance, the old man Simeon in St Luke's gospel, talked of baby Jesus as a light to the Gentiles, and the glory of Israel. (See Luke 2:22-35). It is likely that Simeon interpreted that passage, read today from the book of Isaiah, as fulfilled in, and by, Jesus.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), "The baptism of Jesus is, on his part, the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's suffering Servant." (CCC n. 536.) "Jesus fulfils Israel's vocation perfectly: ... (He) reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will." (CCC n.539). He is the meek and humble Lamb of God, the Passover Lamb, prefigured in the Passover lamb of the book of Exodus 12:1ff, that sets the People of God free from slavery to sin and Satan. John the Baptist was convinced of this fact as he baptised Jesus. He saw the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus in the form of a dove, and heard the voice of the Father from heaven. And so, in today's Gospel he pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God, and convinced by what he saw and heard, bears witness that Jesus is the Chosen One of God.

So, in Jesus Christ, God is glorified in Israel. He is that servant of God who was set apart from conception and was entrusted with the God-given mission of restoring the tribes of Jacob to their former glory and bringing back from exile the survivors of Israel. This servant (as in the first reading) felt honoured by being chosen for such a task. He loved it more than food. To save the Samaritan woman, He ignored the food brought to him by his disciples, and to His Disciples who thought he had eaten, he said: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." (John 4:34). God made clear His will and work when He said: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Jesus handed His vocation and mission on to us. For Jesus said: "... As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (Jn 20:21). **Sharing then, in His vocation and mission through our baptism, do we, as Church and as individuals, feel honoured to take up that privileged responsibility of bringing God's salvation to everyone, even to the ends of the earth?**

Jesus is the Light of the world. So, we are in Him, light of the world and salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-15). We, as the Church, both individually and communally, should represent Christ Jesus sacramentally, in the mystery of His identity. St Paul says that God the Father "... chose us in Christ before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight" (Eph. 1:4). In today's second reading, St Paul sees himself as an appointed apostle of God writing to the Church of God in Corinth, and to us also, the holy people of God called to be saints together with all who pray to Jesus Christ. Do we fit those descriptions? Jesus came to destroy the power of sin. St John wrote: "... This is why the Son of God was revealed, to destroy the works of the devil." (1 Jn 3:8). And He said to His disciples: "... As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." (Jn 20:21).

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday to Friday 7am

Saturday 9am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.30am

Saturday 8.30am

Divine Mercy Prayer Wednesday 7.30am

Adoration with Benediction Thursdays 7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation St Brigid's Church Saturday 5.15pm

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont
2nd Sunday of each month 10.30am

Next Mass at St John's Sunday 12th February 10.30am



St Brigid's Parish Office Notes

Thank you for your response to the donations for the shelves and altar rails. The work has now been completed and all the donations have been received. We hope you are happy with this work and the commemorative plaques will be installed shortly.

As an ongoing tidy up of security at the Church and Office would everyone who has a key to any of the Parish buildings please contact me at the office on Tuesday or Thursday so their details can be updated.

AUSTRALIA DAY THURSDAY 26th JANUARY

Mass will be at 8.30am. Please note there **will not** be 7.00 am Mass on that day.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Mass for The Presentation of the Lord will be at 6.00pm. There will be a procession of the candles, with a Blessing of the Candles for the homes. Please bring your own candle to have blessed and to take home.

Please note there will be 7.00am Mass in the morning as usual.

Good day mate!

Just wondering if you have read this before. It is worth sharing with you. It's from the Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*, n.127, (St Pauls Publications ed.). Enjoy reading it.

Today, as the Church seeks to experience a profound missionary renewal, there is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbours or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home. Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15TH Jan 2017

FIRST READING Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING 1 Cor. 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION—CATHOLICISM: THE NEW EVANGELISATION

How do we proclaim the Gospel with creativity and innovation? Where is the Church alive with a renewed spirit? This new Adult Faith Series will explore the Church's mission within the challenges of contemporary culture and is based on Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire lectures. Topics of interest include cultural obstacles, attitudes and questions of faith and morality.

Sessions will be held over three weeks on Mondays 13th, 20th and 27th February 9.30-11.30am

Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Participation is welcome at any or all sessions which will feature a different weekly theme.

Gold coin donation for morning tea. Enquiries Ph Parish Office 5572 5433

SCHOOL OF THE WORD

Come and pray with the Word of God

Topic: **THE PARABLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

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Next Meeting 28th January 2017

