

Please Note: We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the local practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the Chalice (cup). We kindly ask you to refrain from intinction (dipping the consecrated Bread into the consecrated Wine) even if this is your parish's custom.

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

November has traditionally been known as the month Catholics remember their deceased loved ones; members of the family, relatives, friends and the souls in Purgatory, in prayers especially at Masses. We are opening the Book of Remembrance this year. The envelopes are at the entrance to the Church. Please print the name/s clearly on the back of the envelopes and place the envelopes on any collection plate during Mass. The names will be included in our Book of Remembrance for this year and Masses offered for the repose of the souls of the dead and the well being of the living. Any envelope received after the 24th October will not be included in this year's Book of Remembrance though the Mass will still be offered for the repose of the soul of the dead.

SOUND SYSTEM IN CHURCH

The Parish needs \$9,171.80 to fix and upgrade the sound system in the Church. At the moment the donations to this project stands at \$3,170.00. May God keep blessing you as you consider giving towards this project.

READERS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting of all the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on Saturday, 21st October at 10.00am

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 10th October 2017

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 668.00 - For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,042.55 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.



I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Be assured of our prayers and your divine rewards.
Fr Isidore

FUND RAISING EVENT FOR RATNAPURA, SRI LANKA

The Annual Fundraising Food Fest for the benefit of the Parish of Ratnapura in Sri Lanka will be held on Sunday 5th November following the 8.30am Mass.

There will also be a cake stall. Parishioners are asked to please make cakes, slices, jams etc for the cake stall with all proceeds going to Bishop Cletus Perera to help with the work in his Diocese. Parishioners are encouraged to support this worthy cause by purchasing a meal on the day and also purchasing from the stall.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next parents preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants will be held on **Sunday 19th November at 10.00am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

We call on Parishioners who would like to contribute to the planning of the 2018 Parish Event/Calendar to please contact Fr Isidore or the Parish office so that we can include this events in the 2018 Parish liturgy and Events Calendar.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month outside school holidays. For more information please call the Parish Office.

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.

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



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.



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— YEAR A 15th OCT 2017

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Dear People of God

In today's first reading, Prophet Isaiah presents to us one of those Old Testament eschatological prophecies that forms the basis for the Christian eschatology – the promise of a better world and a joyous gathering of God's people into God's kingdom. It is a passage often used during Masses for the Dead. It is likely that the Jews may have understood this prophecy to refer to an event that would take place on Mount Zion, Mount Sinai or Mount Horeb. However, it is certain that the prophet was speaking also of an other-worldly mountain – an eschatological mountain where the Lord God will prepare a banquet of rich juicy food and fine strained wines. There will be no tears, no sorrows, no shame or humiliation on this mountain. Death will be destroyed for ever on this mountain.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews referring to the ecclesial gathering of the New Israelites at every liturgical, especially Eucharistic, gathering, tells us:

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24).

The Church believes that coming to Mass is coming to a spiritual mountain, to that Mount Zion, the city of the living God and the heavenly Jerusalem. We come to commune with myriads of joyful Angels and Saints (i.e. the spirits of the righteous made perfect), with Jesus mediating (or bridging the gap) between us and God by his covenantal sacrifice on the cross, feeding us with his life-giving body and blood. The Mass is a great banquet. At the Mass, as on Mount Calvary, Christ destroyed death for ever. Death was swallowed in victory, and the shrouding clothe that veils the temple was torn apart when Christ expired on the cross. The Holy Mass is a fulfilment of the first reading's prophecy.

In the Holy Mass, heaven and earth embrace each other and are united in the worship of the one true God. Whenever the people of God gather for any liturgical event, especially the Holy Mass, they are ushered into that heavenly Jerusalem. The Mass is a moment we spend in heaven while still here on earth, a moment for us to have a serious chat with God (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), with the Angels and Saints, and with each other, all in the Holy Spirit. The Eucharistic liturgy is then a foretaste of eschatological realities. The Mass is a feast. It is like God the great King, throwing a feast for the wedding of his Son, Jesus. That is why we describe the event of the Eucharist as celebrating Mass. It is the Wedding Feast of Jesus the Lamb of God and the Son of the Father. And so, we can say that in today's gospel, Jesus is referring to His Wedding Feast, being organised by His father. There may be other interpretations.

Using the parable of the wedding banquet (or Wedding Feast) in today's gospel, Jesus showed how those who were invited to the wedding feast were not ready to attend: 'one went off to his farm, another to his business ...' The king was not happy with those who turned down his invitation when everything had been prepared. What, on earth, could be an acceptable reason for anyone not to attend this great event? But other concerns topped their priority lists before that of attending the wedding of the Son of the King. So, he (God) was furious, and in his anger sent his servants again saying: 'The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.' The servants went and gathered everyone they could find, good and bad alike. When the hall was full, the king came in and noticed a man not wearing the appropriate clothes for the wedding. When the man had no reason for coming in unprepared, the king ordered his servants, not just to drive him out, but to 'bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

How often do we give reasons for not going to Mass, especially, Sunday Mass which is an obligation for Catholics and sinful when omitted? Where is the Mass in our priority list? Do we come into the Wedding Feast of the Lamb unprepared to receive Communion by not being in a state of grace?

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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Principal

MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH FROM 1ST JULY 2017

Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am
Wednesday 5.45 pm
Saturday 9.00 am

The Mass at 9.00am on the First Saturday of each month will be a Mass For the Sick with Anointing

The next Anointing Mass will be 4th November, 2017

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 Holy Hour with Benediction Thursday 6-7pm

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 12th November 10.30 am



HOME VISITS TO THE SICK AND AGED

Fr Isidore is happy and available to visit sick or aged parishioners in their homes. If you are housebound and would like a visit, or you know someone who is, please call the office or his mobile number to arrange for a visit. Let us all show concern and care for the sick, the needy and the aged.

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, Patrick Mackey, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Patricia Solomon, Amanda Gordon and Tina Vettori

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



JOIN THE ROSARY CRUSADE IN SUPPORT NATURAL FAMILY

This month of October Parishioners are encouraged to join in praying and fasting for Marriage and Family. We are encouraged to pray rosaries for marriage, offer hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, fast on Fridays for families, give up meat on Fridays, give up sweets and other treats on Fridays. Go to RosaryCrusade.org.au to make your rosary pledge and join the crusade.

SCHOOL OF THE WORD

Come and pray with the Word of God Topic: **THE PARABLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Every last Saturday of the month—10 am to 12 pm at St Brigid's Parish
Conducted by the Verbum Dei Missionaries. Contact: Ph (07) 3495 7105 Mobile 0410 802 810 /
0424 777 232 Email: vdmfbris@gmail.com Next Meeting 28th October 2017



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15 Oct 2017

FIRST READING *Is 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 22. R. v.6*

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. (R)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever. ®

SECOND READING *Phil 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *See Eph 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Mt 22:1-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew .

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

OCTOBER DEVOTION

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady. Traditionally the Parish will join with the entire Catholic world in Rosary and Benediction to honour Mary this October and ask for her Intercession.

Time: Rosary and Benediction - 5.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Wednesday 6.15pm after Mass.