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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 not yet on our website but will be in the near future.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 631.65 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,068.85 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.



The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 17,521.76

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

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.



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

Become a Part of the PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM And help your Parish grow.

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the Parish (wages, rates, electricity, building maintenance, etc.) as well as pastoral planning for Parish growth (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources, etc.) To obtain Planned Giving envelopes, please complete this form and place on the Collection Plate, or contact the Parish Office on 5596 2632. (Please print clearly)



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KEVIN BIANCHI
Principal

First Sunday of Advent - Year A Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th November 2016

For last five years, I have the joy and privilege to serve as Parish Priest at the Saint Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang. Thank you for your friendship, support and patience. I will keep you in my heart and in my prayers. Please remember me in your prayers as I start my ministry as the Parish Priest at Saint Flannan's Parish Zillmere.

Last weekend in our parish we have the 2016 National Church Life Survey. Thank you to Archdiocese of Brisbane for subsidising our parish and all who participated in that project.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Peter's Pence Collection, to support the charitable works of the Holy Father Pope Francis. We collected \$413.25.

We finished furnishing the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. In a very short time we will install the wooden handrails to the sanctuary. If you would like to sponsor new items in the name of your family or in memory of deceased members of your family, you can do it. More details inside the newsletter.

On 22nd of November to mark the end of The Year of Mercy Pope Francis gave us the Apostolic Letter "Misericordia at misera". The text is available at: <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/11/22/161121b.html>

Traditionally we will decorate our Christmas Tree with the angels prepared by our children. The shapes are available at the entrance to the church.

Fr Rafal Rucinski

Mass and Prayer Times at St Brigid's Church

Daily Mass 7am Monday to Friday

Saturday Mass 9am

Rosary 8.00am Sunday, 7.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8.30am Saturday

Divine Mercy Prayer at 7.30am on Wednesday.

Adoration with Benediction Thursdays from 7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Sunday Mass Vigil at 6pm on Saturday and 8.30am on Sunday.

Reconciliation 5.15pm Saturday

St John's, Windabout Road, Beechmont: Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30am.

Next Mass at St John's **Sunday 11th December at 10.30am**



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: Adleen (El) Radecki

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

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

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



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Christmas Appeal will be held on the weekend of 10th and 11th December. Envelopes will be on the seats on the weekend of 3rd and 4th December for return the following week. The list of items which are required for the Christmas Hampers is on display at the Piety Cupboard near the entrance to the Church.



Celebration of Fatima Day at Marian Valley on Thursday 13th of December. Bus will leave opposite St Brigid's Church at 0830am. For booking please call Viviane on 0755359623.

FATHER RAFAL'S FAREWELL.

This morning (Sunday) we will be having morning tea in the Parish Centre as a farewell to Father Rafal. Everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity to thank Father for the past 5 years and to wish him well at his new parish at Zillmere.



First Sunday of Advent

Our readings introduce us to the great themes of Advent. In Isaiah we are inspired by one of the great visions of life in God, with all the nations and peoples streaming to the dwelling of God, where they walk in the light of God. The image of light is at play in the passage from Paul, where he challenges us to do actions that belong to the day, while reminding us of the closeness, the dawning, of the reign of God. For Matthew that means to be watchful; the presence of God is unexpected and we do not want to be caught unawares.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Our first reading presents us with one of the most splendid and inspiring visions of life in God across all the scriptures. All the nations, all the peoples, perhaps all the races and all the religions, stream towards the dwelling place of God. They journey in hope of teaching, arbitration, and peace. Underpinning all is our Advent theme of walking in the light.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14.

In the second reading the lectionary offers one of the few 'future oriented' passages from the Letter to the Romans. Again there is an underlying theme of light, with a contrast between the deeds done under cover of darkness, and those which stand in the clarity of the light. Within the image of light is a play on the coming of the dawn, and the dawning closer to salvation

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

This passage from the sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew calls us to watchfulness. Already living in the Master, we are exhorted to live now as if the Master were present. With this is the challenge to be so present to our being in God, that the unexpected arrival of the Master will not catch us unawares..

WORD OF GOD

The Verbum Dei Missionary Community will be leading us in prayer and meditation on the Word of God that enables one to live and share it with others. The Verbum Dei Sisters will advise us when we will recommence in the New Year. We would like to thank the Verbum Dei Sisters for the continual contribution to our parish. We will advise you in the Newsletter.



SPONSORSHIP OF SHELVES AND HAND RAILS

As stated on the front page of this Newsletter sponsorship in memory of deceased family members or in your Family name is now available. The envelopes are at the front of the church.

The shelf under St Anthony is	\$500.00
The left hand Rail up to the Altar is	\$600.00
The right hand rail up to the Altar is	\$600.00