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### ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS

**1ST COLLECTION:** \$ 692.90 - For Clergy Support

**2ND COLLECTION:** \$ 1,353.35 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.



The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 16,980.68

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

### 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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## ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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### PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

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### CHURCHES

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KEVIN BIANCHI  
Principal

### Second Sunday of Advent - Year A Saturday 3rd / Sunday 4th December 2016

My dear people of God

In today's first reading, we hear the word of God from the mouth of the Prophet Isaiah. The first two verses of that reading are: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." And the last two verses are: "They will not hurt or destroy all on my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him and his dwelling shall be glorious"

This, in a way, summarises the prophecy of the whole first reading – a prophecy which has been fulfilled and at the same time, is yet to be fulfilled. It has been fulfilled in the sense that Jesus, the shoot from the stump of Jesse did indeed come as St. Paul mentions in today's second reading (Romans 16:12. See also Rev. 5:5). Yes, He has come, but He is still to come again. The prophecy is yet to be fulfilled for there are hurts and destruction on all of God's earth – broken hearts and homes; human-caused poverty, pain and suffering; wars and the pollution of nature; wanton destruction of lives especially of the innocents in the womb; sins that destroy God's temples which is what

we are. There appears to be endless list of hurts and destructions all around us. Even the root of Jesse, Jesus who is the Christ, is yet to stand as a signal to the peoples, the nations do not inquire of him in their decision makings and policies. His dwelling too – our bodies (His temple), our families (the domestic Church) and the Church at large – are not yet glorious. All these show that the prophecy, which was meant to have been fulfilled, is not yet completely fulfilled, hence comes each year the advent season. Filled with love of God and neighbour, and wishing no one to be sad or destroyed, we wait in hope for the fulfilment of this prophecy here on earth as it is in heaven.

As the Archbishop said last week, “Advent is a time of waiting, but there’s nothing passive about that...” For hurt and destruction to cease and the prophecy thus fulfilled, the earth has to be “full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.” This is the work of the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of Wisdom, life-direction, knowledge, courage and admirable (fear) respect for God. As Christ’s disciples, we need this Spirit to rest upon us, not only on the day of our baptisms or when we come to Church, but at all time alive and active all through our lives. Having been baptised, we and our children have to “bear fruit worthy of repentance” as John the Baptist says in the Gospel reading of today. Jesus has baptised us with the Holy Spirit and fire, but this fire is yet to blaze and consume some of us and the whole earth completely as holocaust sacrifice completely dedicated to the Lord for His worship and for all manner of good works.

Starting off today as Parish Priest of Nerang, I urge all our Parishioners and visitors to help fan into flames this fire of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 1:6). I wish hurt and destruction, if not completely eliminated, will be highly reduced as we fellowship in the Holy Spirit. St. Paul says today that “whatever was written in the former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus”

*Fr Isidore Enyinnaya*



**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.

**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:**

**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 this weekend the 10th and 11th December. Please return your envelopes by placing them in the special collection baskets. The list of items which are required for the Christmas Hampers is on display at the Piety Cupboard near the entrance to the Church. We thank you for your generosity.

**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.