

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.

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 26th May 2018 Conducted by the Verbum Dei Missionaries.

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ST BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP.

The craft group meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Centre . Everyone welcome.

Over 50's exercise to music, seniors fitness and strength class. Tuesdays 9am @ Casey Hall, Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters. \$7.00. For further information contact Rochelle on 0438333308. Come along, make friends and get fit.

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.

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.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 15th May 2018

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 675.55 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,170.05 - 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 of your divine rewards.
Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY—YEAR B 20th May 2018

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2020 PLENARY COUNCIL TAKES OFF OFFICIAL TODAY.

My Dear People of God

As we all know, today is the Solemn Feast of the Pentecost. We celebrate the Birthday of the Church, when the Church was born of the Spirit. We thank God for giving us a share in his divine Spirit. It is great to have God's spirit in us. Still greater to listen to this great friend and companion in us, as individuals and as a community. Greater still, to be one with Him in our decisions, words, and deeds. This year's Pentecost Sunday is significant for the Church in Australia. It marks the Formal Launch of our **2020 Plenary Council**.

The 2020 Plenary Council came as a result of the decision of the Australian Bishops to turn to God and listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia, especially at this time when the Church needs healing, renewal and kingdom growth. This decision was taken under the influence of the Holy Spirit and was approved by Pope Francis.

Permit me to share with you, as copied from the 2020 Plenary Council website,

Key Messages combining the celebration of Pentecost, the Year of Youth and the launch of the Listening and Dialogue Encounters as we prepare for the Plenary Council 2020.

At the time of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled all people to understand one another. The Holy Spirit transcended all languages, customs and cultures and the early communities of faith were able to listen to one another and hear the message of Jesus, of God's great love for the world.

Today, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we look toward the future and begin the process of preparing for the Plenary Council. We too, will need to rely on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to speak boldly, and to listen humbly and with open hearts to one another and especially to God.

The Plenary Council gives us all an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia. We are going to build the agenda for the Plenary Council together, through dialogue – we will practice talking with one another, even if we disagree. In the midst of dialogue, we can hear God's voice. Every one of us, is invited to listen to God by listening to one another.

Alongside the preparation for the Plenary Council, this year we are celebrating the Year of Youth. Our young people are like those early Christians when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost – anointed and sent, they have the energy and vibrancy of youth and we all are nourished by their witness and their faith.

Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Encounters, and the Year of Youth are ways in which the Church in Australia can express the spirit of Pentecost today. We call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us, to help us hear God's voice as we ask "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" As a parish community, we will gather together, in weeks ahead, to listen to one another, to reflect on this question and share our own stories of faith, and our experiences of the Church. After we talk together, we will collate our stories and ideas and the questions we have about the future of the Church and give our submission online through the Plenary Council webpage.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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Principal

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 2nd June 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 10th June 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 : Patrick Mackey

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

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 and Tom Raudonikis

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

27th May, 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.

MAY DEVOTION

The month of May is traditionally devoted to Our lady, and the parish will join with the Universal Church in observing this special devotion.

Time for Rosary and Benediction 5.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Hudson & Mila Quadrini who are being baptised today. We pray that they will grow in grace and wisdom and abound with the love of God, all their life's journey. We pray for their parents, family and god-parents.

Pentecost Sunday - Year B – 20th May 2018

FIRST READING *Acts 2:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v.30*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

SECOND READING *Gal 5:16-25*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

SEQUENCE (WE KEEPING SITTING AS WE LISTEN)

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

(The reader continues)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Jn 20:19-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'