

## PARISH PENTECOST RETREAT

PARISH PENTECOST RETREAT COMES UP FROM 9TH TO 12TH OF MAY. PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY AND CALENDER. STARTS 5.45PM EACH DAY 9TH TO 11TH. AND 9.00AM TO 3.30PM ON SATURDAY 12TH OF MAY, 2018. FIND MORE DETAILS ON THE PARISH NOTICEBOARD.

### ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 17th April 2018

**1ST COLLECTION:** \$ 724.05 - For Clergy Support  
**2ND COLLECTION:** \$ 1,152.20 - 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**

### FINDING THE EXTRAORDINARY IN THE ORDINARY

Liturgy Brisbane is once again hosting their annual musicians' workshop. This year we will focus on extraordinary music for ordinary time. Presented by Sr Ursula O'Rourke, James Robinson and the music ministry team from Maroochydore Parish. It will be a day filled with laughter, insight and new music. This will be held at ACU Banyo on 2nd June. The registration fee of \$20.00 per person covers all materials and morning tea. As an extra incentive to parishes the \$20.00 fee applies to individuals but if the parish can get more than 5 people to attend the fee is capped at \$100.00. More information is available on <https://liturgybrisbanemusic.weebly.com/> or please contact the parish office during office hours.

### FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR MOTHERS DAY

The Parish is holding a Mother's Day Raffle and we need First, Second and Third Prizes. We are requesting parishioners to make a donation for 1st, 2nd or 3rd Prize. Would any parishioner who is able to donate goods or services to this raffle please either speak direct with Fr Isidore or call the office on Tuesday morning.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next preparation meeting for 2018 for Baptisms of infants will be held **Sunday 20th May at 10.00am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

### 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.

### BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Ally and Jimmy Turner and Cooper Fenwick 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 godparents.

### PROCLAIM 2018—12-14 JULY 2018 Make your home in me.. John 15:4

#### A message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

“This is a wonderful opportunity for priests, deacons, chaplains, pastoral ministers, parish teams, parish pastoral councillors and all parishioners to explore *new ways of contemplating the face of Christ in community and so empower them to set out on the new paths of mission which the Holy Spirit is tracing for us at this crucial time.*”

Adult -\$275, Student/Pensioner -\$220. Group booking discounts also available.

Early Bird registration is now open. To be held at Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. Further information available on the Notice Board or at [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

### 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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B 22nd APRIL 2018



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Tuesday and Thursday – 9.00am to 3.30pm

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Dear People of God

Today is the Good Shepherd Sunday and the 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, especially for priestly and religious vocations. These occur on every fourth Sunday of the Easter season, and each year, a portion of the Chapter Ten of St John's gospel, known also as the good shepherd chapter, is read. As for today, Jesus tells us that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep; that he is not like the hired man, who abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, leaving the wolf to attack and scatter the sheep. Yes! Jesus is the good shepherd who knows His sheep and His sheep know Him, just as the Father knows Him and He knows the Father. Of His own accord, he lays down his life to raise it up together with those of His sheep, wounded or destroyed by death and its agents. He did that not only for the sheep within the fold that he was addressing, but for other sheep (present and future) who too will listen to His voice. So that, there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

What do we gain by having Jesus as our good shepherd and how do we respond to him as our good shepherd? Reading Psalm 23 and the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:5-10, may help us understand the benefits and our response to him respectively. Before I continue, permit me to assert that no preacher can exhaustively explain a passage of the scripture because the Word of God, being alive and active (see Heb. 4:12), and not a dead word, speaks to each individual as the good Shepherd speaks to his sheep. Each sheep that belongs to the good shepherd, hears His voice. So, I do not presume to exhaust the full length of the meaning of those passages, nor of today's readings themselves. I believe then that you should read and reread, reflect and re-reflect on them and the written reflections on them, so as to hear the voice of the good shepherd talking to you personally.

Many of us Catholics (if I am not mistaken) have become so accustomed to the apparently routine formula of readings and homily at every Mass, that some come to Mass, hear the readings and homily and at the end, walk out of the Church not having heard even one word from the Master, the good shepherd. I think, it would be joyful, if at the end of every mass we were able to recollect and commit to memory, our conversations with the good shepherd during the Mass. So, the question is 'How can we follow if we don't hear the call and directives from this unseen Shepherd of our souls and bodies?'

We need the Sense of faith to listen to and acknowledge this unseen but ever-present God-shepherd, even as the Psalmist believed. In Psalm 23, the Psalmist says: 'The Lord is my shepherd, and there is nothing I shall want.' What a beautiful and truthful saying that is. He went on to say that the God-Shepherd takes care of his security, protection and provisions, nourishment and refreshments; that the good shepherd does these not for any payment from anybody, but for His Name's sake; hence, he entertains no fear since the good shepherd is with him; and with His rod (the rod of his mouth, which is also, His authority and disciplinary symbol, with which He corrects the disobedient sheep) and His staff (His goodness and mercy symbol, with which He draws back the straying sheep), the Lord puts him on the right track within His sheepfold. Surrounded by spiritual enemies, the good shepherd saves and exults him before their eyes. Hence, having seen the Lord's goodness and mercy all around him, the psalmist, vows to remain the good shepherd's sheep, dwelling in His house for ever.

That is the best way to respond to the love, goodness and mercy of this good shepherd, who decided to die on the cross, to lay down his life for us His sheep, making us adopted sons and daughters of God (see second reading). St Paul therefore, in his letter to the Philippians (mentioned earlier), tells us to make our minds like that of this good shepherd; to be ready to lay down our own lives for others, in obedience to the heavenly Father. That is the source and meaning of our Christian vocations, calling us, each and all to be shepherds, one to another. For laying down His life in obedience to the Father, God raised him and has given him a Name which is above every other name. As St Peter says in the First Reading, "of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved" Our duty then, is to go out and proclaim in this Name, and for the salvation of all, this good news. And let us keep praying for those whose main job this is: Priests, Deacons and Religious. God bless.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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## 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 5th May 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 13th May 10.30 am



## ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL 2018

There will be Mass celebrated for Anzac Day on Tuesday 24th April at 9.15am— School Mass—all Parishioners are invited to attend. And there will be Anzac Day Mass on Wednesday evening at 5.45pm for the Parish.

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 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

29th April 2018, 6th May, 27th May, 17th June, 24th June, 22nd July, 29th July, 3rd August  
Every meeting starts immediately after 8:30am Mass.

## 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 28th April 2018 Conducted by the Verbum Dei Missionaries.

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## 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B - 22nd April 2018

### FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
Is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Jn 3:1-2

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Jn 10:11-18

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and

### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are happy to announce that Gurli Pennings has joined our Parish Office staff as a volunteer working as an Administrative Assistant. **The office will now be open on Monday and Friday mornings from 9.00am to 12 noon. We wish her a fruitful service in the Lord's Vineyard.**