

2017 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Session 1 Sunday 28th May at 10.00am (after 8.30am Mass in the Church) **First Communion Preparation Parent Meeting**

Session 2 Saturday 3rd June at 10.30am

Session 3 Sunday 4th June at 10.00am

Session 4 Sunday 11th June at 10.00am

These Sessions are a priority prior to the celebration of First Eucharist.

First Holy Communion Masses: Saturday 17 June at 6.00pm or Sunday 18 June at 8.30am.

Parents please return any outstanding forms to the office urgently.

Due to the Anzac Day holiday on Tuesday this week the office will be closed and will be open Thursday and Friday for this week only.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next parents preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants within the month of July will be held on **Sunday 18th June at 10.00am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised during July, August or September are advised to attend.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at Tuesday 18th April 2017

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 1,682.70 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,956.25 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 14,798.59.

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



Fr Isidore

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded from harm by all.

This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. The full policy is available to read on the Archdiocese website—brisbanecatholic.org.au

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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 BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP

The craft group meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. In the Parish Centre Please come along and bring your craft projects and join the ladies and enjoy morning tea. Everyone welcome. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

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.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2017



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Reflection

There is a richness in this week's readings that is worthy fare for the great feast of the resurrection, and the basis for our understanding of mercy.

We are invited into the fear and anxiety of the disciples, their joy and peace. Yet behind the narrative of the evening appearance of the resurrected Jesus to the disciples are a range of primary theological realities. In fact the passage is a miniature theology of the church. The resurrection appearance is focused on the first day of the week, the Christian day of Sunday worship. The community are transformed from fear to joy. They are infused with the Spirit, gifted with peace and sent on mission, a mission of the forgiveness of sins. There can be no more condensed yet through theology of church.

The second appearance also has a narrative structure and an underpinning theological core. Again it is set on a Sunday, the day of Christian worship. The hapless Thomas is caught in his unbelief. His stubbornness is in strong relief to the freedom of Christ, who is not held back by locked doors, is enfleshed yet beyond the bounds of embodiment, and who accepts the doubting Thomas, leading him to faith. Yet Thomas also stands outside of historical self. In the passage he is a vehicle for us to be present. He has seen but not believed at first. We have not seen, yet believe. Through the figure of Thomas, the author of the Gospel has folded the generations of believers who follow the apostles into the larger story of the resurrection. This Sunday story is our story every Sunday.

The sense of church hidden in the passages from the Gospel is explicit in the selection from the Acts of the Apostles. The church is marked by apostolic faith. It is a true community marked by sharing, with the needs of other more important than possessions. There is a strong Eucharistic sensibility: the breaking of bread, the sharing of food, and the praise of God are wrapped together. This witness is its essential mission.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also a celebration of the divine mercy of God, and these readings provide a scriptural lens onto the meaning for Christians. In the resurrection we see the mercy of God, beyond our fears, anxieties and sin. Mercy is in the peace of Christ, the gift of the Spirit and the community of welcome. Mercy calls us to put our possessions at the service of the needy, to share our food gladly and generously, and to live with one heart, the heart of God.

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday to Friday 7am

Saturday 9am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

Rosary

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.30am

Saturday 8.30am

Divine Mercy Prayer Wednesday 7.30am

Adoration Thursdays 7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont Sunday 8.00am - 8.15am

2nd Sunday of each month 10.30am

Next Mass at St John's Sunday 14th May 10.30am



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 : **Mario Dussek**

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: Christine De Barro, Maureen and Paul Hume, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Richard McGuire, Valda Silvy and Joan Gordon

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



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 29th April 2017



PLEASE NOTE

Fr Isidore will be on Holidays to Nigeria until the Last week of May. Based on that:

1. There will be no Mass at Earle Haven Retirement Village on First Friday of May.
2. There will be Daily Masses as Usual.
3. The weekend Masses will be as usual. In case of emergency, please ring the Parish office Tuesdays and Thursdays or Surfers Paradise Parish on (07) 5572 5433 if outside those days.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)- Yr A, 23 Apr 2017

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. ®
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.