

Please Note: We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the local practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the Chalice (cup). We kindly ask you to refrain from intinction (dipping the consecrated Bread into the consecrated Wine) even if this is your parish's custom.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 20th March 2018

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 683.10 - For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,134.50 - 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

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.

CAKE STALL

The next fundraiser for the Parish will be a cake stall to be held on Sunday 1st April (Easter Sunday) after the 8.30am Mass. Please support the cake stall by bringing cakes, slices, biscuits, jams and pickles for sale or alternatively please show your support by purchasing some of the goods

NEW SIGNAGE AT ST BRIGID'S

We are happy to announce the installation of a new St Brigid's electronic sign for both Parish and School. This was made possible by the generosity of the PNF of St Brigid's Primary School which funded it all. When fully functioning, it will display both Parish and school items. And we can put in ad re information whenever it is needed.

We are grateful to the PNF and School board for this upgrade and look forward to the best of Parish-School relationship. As one family, we journey together in faith and love.

Volunteer with Palms Australia-



Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, ad min or trade skills, **share them with our global family!**

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NERANG CONFERENCE

MEETINGS held in St Brigid's Parish Centre at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

ST BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP.

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

We here at St Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT & THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. 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 on our website

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



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY YEAR B—25TH MARCH 2018

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Dear People of God

Every Palm Sunday, the Church presents to us two gospel readings, one at the beginning of the Mass and the other during the usual time for the Gospel. The bipolar nature of the two gospels in portraying the height and low of the peoples' attestation of Jesus' earthly ministry shines out clearly: one, the acceptance and the popular acclamation of the triumph of his ministry, and the other, the rejection and the demand for His crucifixion on a cross. I think the church is trying to make us see that the cross can follow every crown, and see that the crown does sometimes follows every cross of the human life – in as much as we are resigned, after doing our best, to God's will. So hard sometimes, to see one hidden behind the other.

In the first gospel, we saw how the people acclaim Jesus as the King who was to come into the world, the Messiah, the son of David. Jesus riding on a donkey, entered Jerusalem triumphantly. The second gospel shows the same crowd shouting 'crucify Him' before Pilate who could have released him but did not because he felt under pressure to do the will of the angry crowd. However, the gospels were clear on the fact that Jesus was aware that His going into Jerusalem would merit him the cross and crucifixion. Boldly and courageously, he still continued his journey by his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He could have avoided it. He could have listened to his apostles who tried to discourage him. But why would he knowingly and willingly proceed to that place where he would have suffering and pains, blows and betrayals, cross and crucifixion, agony and death? Was he comfortable and eager to have all that?

He was not at all. The intensity of his prayers at the garden of Gethsemane, where he prayer to the Father to save him from suffering showed he never wanted to experience the sufferings and death on a cross. He prayed until he was sweating out blood asking that the cup of suffering be taken from him, nevertheless, he, in that prayer, resigned his will to the will of his Father. After that prayers, Jesus became ready to lay down his life for the salvation of souls and for the glory of God. In that prayer we could see the intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father; his willingness to obey and do the will of the Father unconditionally.

Since it was for the salvation of souls and in accord with the will of God, Jesus did what the prophet Isaiah said of him in the first reading: "For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed." Yes, God did not allow Him to be shamed. Because he was obedient unto death, St Paul in the second reading says that "God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. God raised him up and gave Him a Name." Yes, the assurance of resurrection was his strength. His faith unmoved, His hope sure and His love for God and souls overwhelming.

Dear friends, we may not have the opportunity to face the type of sufferings Jesus faced: the false accusations, the unjust trials and condemnation, the carrying of the cross, the crucifixion, the shameful and untimely death, but we are called each day to carry our crosses, if it is the will of God and follow Him. We are called to carry the cross of prayers even when we do not want it or feel like having it; to carry our cross of fasting, our cross of righteous living and our cross of loving God and neighbours, even the worst of neighbours, unconditionally without complaining. Each of us saying to ourselves as we carry our crosses, "The Lord comes to my help, I know I shall not be shamed" Have the best of the Holy Week.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

CHURCHES <i>St Brigid's Church</i> 39-49 McLaren Rd Nerang Q 4211 <i>St John's Church</i> Windabout Rd Beechmont Q 4211 SCHOOL <i>St Brigid's</i> Primary McLaren Road Nerang Q 4211 Phone: 5596 4188 WEB PAGE: www.sb.qld.edu.au DAVID SEWELL Principal	MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH			
	<u>Week Day Mass</u>			
	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday ,Friday		7.00 am	
	Wednesday		5.45pm	
	Saturday		9.00 am	
	Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the First Saturday of each month at			
			9.00am	
	<u>The next Anointing Mass will be 7th April 2018</u>			
	<u>Sunday Mass</u>			
	Saturday Vigil		6.00 pm	
Sunday		8.30 am		
<u>Rosary</u>				
Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am, Wednesday at 5.00pm, Saturday at 8.30am. And Sunday at 8.00am				
<u>Divine Mercy Prayer</u>	Thursday	7.30am		
<u>Adoration</u>	Thursday	6.00-7.00pm		
<u>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</u> Saturday 9.30 am				
<u>Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church</u> Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm				
	Sunday	8.00am - 8.15am		
<u>St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont</u> 2nd Sunday of each month				
<u>Next Mass at St John's</u> Sunday 8th April 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

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 , and Christine Kay

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



EASTER TRIDUUM MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday 29th March	Mass of the Lords Supper	7.00pm
	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till	12.00am
Good Friday 30th March	Stations of the Cross	10.00am
	Liturgy of the Lords Passion	3.00pm
Easter Sunday Vigil 31st March	Mass	6.30pm
Sunday 1st April	Mass	8.30am
Easter Monday 2nd April	Mass	8.30am

PROJECT COMPASSION

As part of our Lenten observance, we are called to show great concern for those in need. One of the avenues of doing this is to contribute to the project compassion by reserving not only our extras but our sacrificial money during this lent and giving it out to **CARITAS AUSTRALIA: Project Compassion** at the end of Lent. Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are available at the entrance of the Church. Givers never lack.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B - Sunday, 25 Mar 2018

FIRST READING *Is 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2*

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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| <p>1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)</p> | <p>3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me (R)</p> |
| <p>2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)</p> | <p>4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
And praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R)</p> |

SECOND READING *Phil 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Phil 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

(The Passion Reading takes the place of the Gospel)

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