

**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.

**REQUEST FOR MORE PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE LITURGY**

We urgently need more people to become involved in the Liturgy of the Mass at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in any capacity in the Parish, as :- Sacristan, Readers, Eucharist Ministers, or in any other ministry please call the Parish Office or speak to me direct. The more people who become involved means the less often they will be required. Full training will be provided by Father Isidore and no one will be asked to participate until they are comfortable and ready for the Ministry.

**VINNIES FOOD HAMPER AND TOY APPEAL**

Commencing 1st week of Advent until 17th December, scrolls will be placed at the entrance of the church. Please take a few scrolls—food items and gifts for children. Blue baskets will be left at the front doors of the church for you to place these items. **New items only please and do not wrap.** Place 2nd hand items in Vinnies bins in the car park.



**Vinnies Christmas Appeal 25/26 November 2017**

Share Christ's love with those most in need this Christmas. Please come please give generously at Mass this weekend to St Brigid's Vinnies Conference.

**CAKE STALL**

The next Parish Cake Stall will be held on Sunday 3rd December. All donation of cakes, biscuits and slices will be gratefully appreciated. Please support this fundraiser for the Parish.

**RITE OF ELECTION 2018**

The Rite of Election for 2018 in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on the First Sunday of Lent, 18th February at 3.0pm. Anyone wishing to become a Catholic should call the office on Tuesday or Thursday for an application form. All forms for 2018 should be completed and returned to the office by the end of December.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2018**

We call on Parishioners who would like to contribute to the planning of the 2018 Parish Event/Calendar to please contact Fr Isidore or the Parish office so that we can include these events in the 2018 Parish liturgy and Events Calendar.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

he next parents' preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants will be held today **Sunday 17th December at 10.00am.** All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 21st November 2017**

**1ST COLLECTION: \$ 711.50 - For Clergy Support**  
**2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,087.25 - 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 your divine rewards.**  
**Fr Isidore**

**WORKING BEE**

There will be a Christmas preparation working bee at St Brigid's Church on Saturday 16th December following the Novena. Please mark this in your calendar and bring your cleaning equipment and gardening gear.

**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](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au). The Policy is on our website

**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 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.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A 26TH NOV**



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Dear People of God

Today we are celebrating the solemn feast of Christ the Universal King: a feast instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. During this time there was an alarming surge in the spread of humanism and secularism in most parts of Europe. Despotic dictators were rising to power and were exercising their authority without religious considerations and without a Christian conscience. Christ's authority and consequently, that of the church (or vice versa) was antagonistically challenged. The denial of Christ as King and Ruler of all was in the ascendancy. 'Man' became the measure of all things. Human beings should now decide for themselves with no reference to God or Christian religion. Rulers of kingdoms and leaders of governments felt accountable only to themselves if they were tyrants, or to the people if they were democrats or republicans. There was no fear of God, since some philosophers during the period of the Enlightenment, had already declared God dead.

Human beings were taught to believe and live a sort of life that tended to, in all intent and purposes, dispense with the belief in or role of God in human affairs and the destiny of the world. God was no long looked upon as the source of all morality, values, and world order, creating a way for human beings to become individualistic in their thinking and selfish in their living. Philosophy and science was trusted more than the Holy Writ. This cultural shift to a godless society saw its consequences the wake of the First World War. Atheists and agnostics were winning many souls to their camp.

It was in the midst all these that the Pope thought it wise to institute this feast as a reminder that Jesus is still the King of kings and Lord of Lords. He is the King of peace; a humble King; a servant King; a compassionate King. In today's second reading, St Paul writes: 'For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet ...' Jesus is the shepherd king who cares for his flock. He says (see first reading): 'I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. ... I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest ... I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.' We are His sheep. And so, like the Psalmist we say 'the Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.'

Jesus is king not only as a ruler but also as an exemplary King. Ransoming us with his blood, he has made us kings and queens to serve our God and to rule the world. (see Revelation 5:9-10). He would not want us to be like pagan Kings who would lord it over their subjects and make their authority felt. He tells us: 'whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.' (Matthew 20:25-28, see also Mark 10:42-45; John 13:14). He wants us to serve him in our brothers and sisters selflessly.

In today's gospel, Jesus show us through the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, that He, the Son of Man, is the King. To him every person owes allegiance and is held accountable. As the first reading pointed out, the Lord will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats, so in the gospel, Jesus tells us the criteria for this judgement. On that day, those who served well will be separated from those who didn't as sheep are separated from goats. He will say to the virtuous (sheep): 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you. ... For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me. ... I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

May God preserve us from hearing on that day of judgement: 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For ... as you neglected to do this to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you neglected to do it to me.' We shall reign with Him if we serve Him now by serving His brothers and sisters. May Christ the King reign in our hearts, homes, church and over the entire world.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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## MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH FROM 1ST JULY 2017

### Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	7.00 am
Wednesday	5.45 pm
Saturday	9.00 am

The Mass at 9.00am on the First Saturday of each month will be a Mass For the Sick with Anointing

The next Anointing Mass will be 2nd December 2017

### 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

<u>Divine Mercy Prayer</u>	Thursday	7.30am
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<u>Adoration Holy Hour with Benediction</u>	Thursday	6-7pm
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<u>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</u>	Saturday	9.30 am
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<u>Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church</u>	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 December 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 :** Tina Vettori

**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, and Amanda Gordon

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



## ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next Sunday we will be having the annual Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection.

## BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Gretel McCarthy who is being baptised today. We pray that she will grow in grace and wisdom and abound with the love of God, all her life's journey. We pray for her parents, family and godparents.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A.

Sunday, 26 Nov 2017

## FIRST READING Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;<br>there is nothing I shall want.<br>Fresh and green are the pastures<br>where he gives me repose. (R.)        | 3. You have prepared a banquet for me<br>in the sight of my foes.<br>My head you have anointed with oil;<br>my cup is overflowing. (R)         |
| 2. Near restful waters he leads me,<br>to revive my drooping spirit.<br>He guides me along the right path;<br>he is true to his name. (R.) | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me<br>All the days of my life.<br>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell<br>for ever and ever. (R) |

## SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

## Christmas Get-together for all Parish Volunteers and the Choir.

We are reminded of our Christmas dinner today after Saturday Vigil Mass. All Parishioners are invited to join.