

2017 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Confirmation Preparation Meeting Parents and Children will begin in July.

1st Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 23rd July
2nd Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 30th July
3rd Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 6th August
4th Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 13th August
5th Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 20th August
6th Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 27th August

Confirmation will be on Friday 1st September at 6.00pm.

If your child is in Year 4 and you have not attended the previous meeting please call the Parish office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

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

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

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 27th June 2017

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 549.55 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,157.45 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 13,695.90

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



Fr Isidore

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.



Visit the Holy Land!



8-Day Holy Land Tours starting from \$3446*

Jordan, Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee, tour of Churches in Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes and Nazareth, Jordan River, Cave of Elijah, Haifa, Jerusalem and the Old City, Bethlehem, EinKarem, the Dead Sea, Jericho and Madaba

Contact: Suren Balasuriya
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Tour Contact: Fr Isidore Enyinnaya
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*Price includes: • All air fares • All transfers • All accommodation in 4-star hotels • All meals • All tours are accompanied by a spiritual director servicing the Holy Mass • Services of professional guides throughout the tour • Conditions apply

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



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 2ND JULY 2017

ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH
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POSTAL: PO Box 196 NERANG, QLD 4211
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PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In today's second reading, St Paul, writing to the Romans, reminds us of the essence of our baptism, namely, living a 'new life in Christ' or being 'Alive for God'. He writes:

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus ... we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him, ... Death has no power over him anymore. ... He died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The question then is 'are we living a new life with Christ, and in Christ, and for God'. St Paul, though tempted to doubt, but with faith said: 'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.' (Galatians 2:20). In another place, he wrote: 'the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.' (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

If the love of Christ is to control us, then we, like St Paul, shall live our lives, not for ourselves, but for Him who comes to us, disguised as the stranger, the needy, the disciple and as one who stands or lives around us: the brothers and sisters of Christ. Christ, the King of heaven and earth, will say on the last day, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40). He also says to His disciples in today's Gospel reading: 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.' Those who have acted accordingly will testify to the veracity of it. Abraham welcomed strangers as God and so they were - God. (Gen. 18:1-15)

The first reading gives us a practical example. The woman of Shunem, seeing Elisha pass their house on his way to Shunem, 'pressed him to stay and eat there.' And thereafter, Elisha would stop over and eat, each time he passed by that way. The woman wasn't done yet. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' Elisha having been blessed with all these, would not let this generosity and hospitality go for nothing, for he too has something to offer. And so the woman and her husband received a prophet's reward: a prophetic utterance - 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.' They gave what they had and received what they could not have had – a male child, a gift from God. Christ said in today's gospel, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' Givers never lack. (Prov. 28:27).

However, we should be intent on doing it, not for the reward, for the reward is assured, but for living for God – living the new life of glory in Christ by living for others who are His brothers and sisters, His messengers and ambassadors, sons and daughters of the Most High God. Actually, it is not me or you, but Christ in us living for others. What a privilege to be a vessel, a channel of God's goodness: unworthy vessel at that. Hence, we should not look down contemptibly on the recipients of our generosity, kindness, goodness, patience, gentleness, hospitality, etc. We should respectfully look up to them, for they, representing Christ, can offer us what we could not ever have had or been.

Again, as St Paul said: 'Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant,' (2 Cor 3:4-6).

Dear People of God, it is a privilege to be a Giver: God's instruments to cheer people up.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

CHURCHES

St Brigid's Church
39-49 McLaren Rd
Nerang Q 4211

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4211

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DAVID SEWELL
Principal

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 5th August 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

Divine Mercy Prayer	Thursday	7.30am
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Adoration	Thursday	7-8pm
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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Saturday	9.30 am
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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	10.30am
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Next Mass at St John's	Sunday 9th July	10.30am
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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: Violet and Bill Hingerty

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: Norma Pauline Sherwood, Jasmine Fay Parada, Maureen and Paul Hume, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Maureen Jalowy

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



Celebrate Fatima Day at Marian Valley, Canungra on the 13th of July 2017. The bus will leave 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am and leave Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. To book your seat on the bus please call Paula Groom on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline Zammit on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573. Please book early as seats are selling fast. The cost is \$20 return.



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: vdmfbis@gmail.com Next Meeting 29th July 2017



BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next parents preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants will be held on **Sunday 16th July at 10.45am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised during August ,September or October are advised to attend.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A, 2 Jul 2017

FIRST READING 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. ®

SECOND READING Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward '.

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.