

**2017 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME**

Confirmation Preparation Meeting for Parents and Children began in July.

3rd Confirmation Preparation Session immediately following 8.30am Mass Sunday 6th August  
 4th Confirmation Preparation Session immediately following 8.30am Mass Sunday 13th August  
 5th Confirmation Preparation Session immediately following 8.30am Mass Sunday 20th August  
 6th Confirmation Preparation Session immediately following 8.30am Mass Sunday 27th August  
 Confirmation will be on Friday 1st September at 6.00pm.

Please contact the office if you have not yet completed the paperwork or paid .

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next parents preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants will be held on **Sunday 20th August at 11.00am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised during September, October or November are advised to attend.

**FUND RAISING**

A Fathers Day Raffle Drawn 3rd September.  
 1st Prize—Wheelbarrow full of goodies  
 2nd Prize—Coffee Machine with Accessories  
 3rd Prize—Pressure Cooker  
 Please support this raffle by purchasing tickets.  
 Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

**CAKE / CRAFT STALL**

As part of the Parish Fundraising, there will be a cake/craft stall on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8.30am Mass. The first Stall will be held this weekend 6th August, after 8.30am Mass. **We encourage our Parishioners to buy the cake and others items presented.** Note there will be **no** stall in **September**

**ST BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP.** The craft group meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am. in the Parish Centre

*ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 1ST August 2017*

**1ST COLLECTION:** \$ 587.60 - For Clergy Support  
**2ND COLLECTION:** \$ 1,192.30 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.  
 The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 13,140.53  
 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.



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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



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD YEAR A - 6TH AUGUST 2017

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Dear people of God

We join our brothers and sisters of the Universal Church to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. This feast is celebrated annually on the sixth of August which, this year, happens to be a Sunday. The first reading tells us of the night vision or the dream of the Prophet Daniel (in about 520 BC), in which he saw the glory of the Trinity: God the Father, the Ancient One seated on His throne of blazing flames, and from His presence, issues a stream of fire – the Holy Spirit – which is being poured out. In his dream, Daniel also saw, **‘coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man’, ... On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.** Jesus is that Son of Man whose sovereignty and empire last forever. Daniel saw, in a vision, His glory and Majesty, part of which He revealed today to His three disciples: Peter, James and John, up on a high mountain, the mountain of transfiguration, the mountain of Tabor.

I have been on this mountain, when we visited the Holy Land. People can get to the top nowadays only by taxicabs or other smaller vehicles that can run up the mountain along a winding road. And I wondered why would Jesus take his disciples through such a strenuous journey, climbing such a high steep mountain on foot, just to give them a vision of his glory, a glimpse of His true nature? Could He not have done that on the plains and spared them the tedious journey up the mountain? Maybe to show us that to search for God, and to behold His glory, most of the time, is an uphill task. I reckon we need to climb a spiritual mountain in order to see the Glory of God.

**One such Mountain of Divine Encounter is going to Church for Mass.** What an uphill task to be regularly at Mass. The letter to the Hebrews talks about the Eucharistic gathering, the Mass, as it tells us: **But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven ( the baptised), and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect (the Saints), and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled (Eucharistic) blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24).**

Jesus transfigured himself on the mountain so that his disciples would be able to understand his Person as God the Son, and thus withstand the horrendous, disappointing and scandalous events of His passion and death, the shame and apparent defeat on the cross, the persecutions and apparent failure of His followers in their future ministry and apostolate, and to plant in them the hope of the resurrection. This, I reckon, is another reason for the mountain experience Jesus gave in today's Gospel. Our encounter with the glorified Christ sustains our faith as we pass through tough times, as we carry our crosses every day and follow Him. We need such personal encounter, a vision of the glory of God, or the glory of heaven, to overcome or endure our trials. Nothing gives courage in the face of a trial like a convincing knowledge of the glory that awaits us. As Isaiah said: **‘I will wait for the Lord who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him. Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.’ (Isaiah 8:17-18)**

**We are predestined to be encouraging testimonies;** our lives replete with signs and wonders – testimonies of God's presence, power and glory. Therefore, even when the Lord is hiding his face from us, we will wait on our own Mount Zion in prayers, especially the Holy Mass, for the Lord to show signs and wonders of His presence. Then, the story of Jesus becomes a reality and makes sense in our personal lives. And we will be bold, like St Peter, to say at all times without doubt, **‘It was not any cleverly invented myths ....’** We will then have our own faith-story to tell. We will understand then that the God-story, the Jesus-story, our faith-stories—mine and yours, may not be philosophically, psychologically, scientifically or technologically explainable.

However, as we await such revelation, St Peter in today's second reading tells us: **‘you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.’** Remain blessed.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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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 2nd September, 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

Adoration Thursday 7-8pm

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 August 9.00 am

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 15TH AUGUST 2017

The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Masses in St Brigid's Church will be : 7.00am and 9.15am School Mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend the School Mass.

## 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 :** Arduino Vettori

**We pray for the dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Luigina Rizzo

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.**



## BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Hayden McDonald, Hank Messina and Malachi William Ihimaera-Best 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.



The Maltese Community would like to invite everyone to help celebrate the Feast of Christ the Redeemer. They are holding a pilgrimage to Marian Valley on Saturday the 19th of August 2017. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, at 7.45am and then pickup again at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Paula on 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

## Sunday, 6 Aug 2017. The Transfiguration of the Lord

### FIRST READING *Dn 7:9-10, 13-14*

*A reading from the book of Daniel*

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9. R. vv.1, 9.*

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
Most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. (R)

### SECOND READING *2 Pt 1:16-19*

*A reading from the second letter of St Peter*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

### GOSPEL *Mt 17:1-9*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## 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 26th August 2017



## A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH PLANNED GIVING

We thank our Parishioners who have responded to our call to be part of the Parish Planned Giving. Many Parishioners are yet to respond. The new envelopes for the Planned Giving are available for all those who indicated they wish to contribute by envelope. If you have in the past indicated you wish to contribute by envelope and now wish to discontinue please call the office during office hours. If your Planned Giving Envelope Pack has not been received please call the office. The Parish relies on your financial support for its existence, maintenance and growth. God also expects to see your token of gratitude given to him through the Church amidst other forms of your expression of gratitude to Him. So, consider giving bounteously, for God gives and can give more than we can ever imagine. God bless you.

## 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.