

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 not yet on our website but will be in the near future.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 652.90 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,122.60 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 23,832.94

I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Fr Rafal



ST VINCENT DE PAUL NERANG CONFERENCE

MEETINGS held in St Brigid's Parish Centre - 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6.30pm. All welcome.



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

Become a Part of the PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM And help your Parish grow.

We thank most sincerely all Parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Program. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the Parish (wages, rates, electricity, building maintenance, etc.) as well as pastoral planning for Parish growth (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources, etc.) To obtain Planned Giving envelopes, please complete this form and place on the Collection Plate, or contact the Parish Office on 5596 2632. (Please print clearly)



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KEVIN BIANCHI
Principal

First Sunday of Advent—Year C

Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th November 2015

Today we will have the Archbishop's Advent Message, copies are available at the entrance to the Church.

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection will be taken up **today**. 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.

Today, Sunday the 29th November, the first Sunday of Advent, has also been nominated as a Day of Prayer, surrounding the United Nations climate summit in Paris.

Thank you for your support last Sunday when we organised **A Food Fest** to raise money for the **orphanages in Sri Lanka**. The sale of the very nice food and cakes together with the money donated helped us raise \$1,172.65. The Parish has transferred the money to Ratnapura.

Thank you for creating our Advent decorations in the church, I hope they will help us to be better prepared for Christmas.

The shapes of the angels for our big Christmas tree are available for children to collect. Please convert them to the beautiful angels and return up to the 4th Sunday of Advent.

The times for reconciliation before Christmas and the times of the Christmas Masses are available at the entrance to the church.

Sorry for the inconvenience due to the problems with our projectors. The new system has been organised and will be installed as soon as possible. For the time being please persevere with patience and tolerance (they are still virtues).

Fr Rafal Rucinski

Mass and Prayer Times at St Brigid's Church

Daily Mass 7am Monday to Friday

Saturday Mass 9am

Rosary 8.00am Sunday, 7.30am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8.30am Saturday

Divine Mercy Prayer at 7.30am on Wednesday.

Adoration with Benediction Thursdays from 7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Sunday Mass Vigil at 6pm on Saturday and 8.30am on Sunday.

Reconciliation 5.15pm Saturday

St John's, Windabout Road, Beechmont: Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30am.

Next Mass at St John's Sunday 13th December 2015



We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus. We also remember their families - may they be comforted and supported in their loss by this Community of Faith.



We pray for the recently deceased: Michael Timothy Brack

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

We pray also for those who are sick: Beryl Nilsen, John Ritchie, Maurice Pyke, Mary Hutchinson, Joan Gordon, Valda Silvy, Sharon Lawler, Frank Kelly, Charlie Nolan, Amanda Gordon, Billy J Smith and Betty Underwood

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

WORD OF GOD

The Verbum Dei Missionary Community will be leading us in prayer and meditation on the Word of God that enables one to live and share it with others. We will be concentrating on a different theme each month. The meetings are usually held on the last Saturday of each month in the Parish Centre at 10.00 am but the next meeting which was to be held on 28th November has been postponed and will now be held on 12th December 2015. This will be the final meeting for the year.



First Sunday of Advent

In today's readings, we are reminded of God's promise reaching into the future and that this faithfulness is the foundation of our Hope.



First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Lord's promise of unswerving fidelity to David will be fulfilled in a 'Virtuous branch' (the Messiah) from the family of David.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3: 2-4:2

Paul prays that when the promised Messiah comes He strengthen their hearts in holiness.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-8, 34-6

Jesus points his disciples towards the unknown aspect of God's future, one which always calls us to be ready to respond.

The 2016 National Church Life Survey

Preparations for a National Church Life Survey to be held in 2016 are underway across 23 dominations including our own. This nationwide survey coincides with the Australian Government Census, every five years, and will be coordinated by NCLS Research in October and November 2016.

Major church leaders have confirmed their support and participation in the survey. For the last 25 years the NCLS has been providing credible research to thousands of churches, to nurture church vitality and effective leadership in the Australian context. Churchgoers will have the opportunity to contribute their views on a wide range of faith and life matters when the survey is conducted next year. For more information: www.2016ncls.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The Nerang Conference of Vinnies are again requesting donations for their Christmas Hampers to be given to those needing assistance prior to Christmas. Items required are: Activity gifts (building blocks, sewing kits, jigsaw puzzles for children, books with good moral or spiritual principals, gifts without a violent theme (no guns etc), gifts without a TV/Movie theme, toiletries for women and men. Hamper items: tins of ham, Christmas cakes or puddings, long life custard, cordial or 6 pack fruit drinks, tins of corn kernels, beetroot, green peas, baby potatoes, fruit and packets of jelly, lollies and shortbread biscuits. Please leave your donations in the baskets at the entrance to the church. Your generosity to those less fortunate in our community will be greatly appreciated.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

will be celebrated on Tuesday 8th December at The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters 8.15 am. \$18.00. For bookings and more information please phone Paula Groom (07) 55827950 or 0402 930 918 or Viviane (07) 55359623.

