

## 2017 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Session 1 Sunday 28th May at 10.00am (after 8.30am Mass in the Church) **First Communion Preparation Parent Meeting**

Session 2 Saturday 3rd June at 10.30am

Session 3 Sunday 4th June at 10.00am

Session 4 Sunday 11th June at 10.00am

These Sessions are a priority prior to the celebration of First Eucharist.

**First Holy Communion Masses: Saturday 17 June at 6.00pm or Sunday 18 June at 8.30am.**

**Parents please return any outstanding forms to the office urgently. This is the last reminder.**

The Feast of Australia's Patroness, ***Our Lady Help of Christians***, will be celebrated on **Saturday May 20, 2017** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Celebrant and Homilist will be the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. The bus will leave from 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am then from Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$20 per person return. Please call Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madelaine Zammit on 5529 1573 or 0405 252 367 to secure your seat



## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next parents preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants within the month of July will be held on **Sunday 18th June at 10.00am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised during July, August or September are advised to attend.

## ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 9th May 2017

**1ST COLLECTION: \$ 659.35 - For Clergy Support**

**2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,247.65 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.**

**The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 14,247.39**

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

**Fr Isidore**



## 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.

## 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.



## 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.



**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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14TH MAY 2017



### ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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### Reflection

The passage from the First Letter of Peter has been highly influential in the liturgical renewal from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, and particularly important in the revision of the order of Mass. Again the context is baptism, here explicated in terms of the holy priesthood, the royal priesthood, the priesthood shared by all believers. Long a staple of Reformation theology, the theology of the royal priesthood remained neglected in Catholic thought, where the emphasis on priesthood was placed with the ordained. Clearly there remains within the Church of Rome some tension between the two understandings of priesthood, but that is not our concern here.

What does the reading open up? With baptism into Christ comes a sharing in the priestly nature of the body of Christ. In the early church nothing was as clear as this. Catechumens were forbidden to remain in the assembly for the General intercessions and all that followed. This point of departure was not arbitrary. The yet to be baptised were welcome to hear the readings and the preaching. However, it was only after baptism, and indeed during the Easter Vigil once the baptismal rite was completed, that they were allowed to remain and take their rightful place with their sisters and brothers in Christ to offer the priestly prayer of petition and intercession. This signalled that the prayers of the community gathered in Christ were the prayers of Christ himself, prayers of the highest value, prayers unfailingly heard by God. Accordingly this rite, now understood as an essential response of the community to the scriptures that precede it, has been restored to the Mass. It had been in abeyance for well over 1000 years! And the prayers are to be created by the local community and in turn declaimed by the baptised. On a larger note, it is the theology of the royal priesthood that helps ground the desire for the active participation of the faithful in the liturgical rites. The prayer of the people in Christ matters!

At first read this priestly church has an insular ring: a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Yet a 'chosen' race should be marked by the generosity of God: a royal people should be marked by the kingly acts of Christ—a kingship with the poor and oppressed; a holy nation should reflect the holiness of God—a holiness of love beyond measure. This is the people whose mission is 'to be set apart to sign God's praises'. What greater way to sing the praises of God than to imitate the love, healing, generosity, wisdom and sacrifice of Jesus. There is nothing insular about being in Christ, a point shown up in the nature of the general intercessions, where care and concern for the world and the church comes before any prayers of our own personal needs.

God's confidence in the priestly nature of the church is reflected in the Gospel passage from John. The community will not be abandoned, and Christ will return to fulfil all things. In the meanwhile, imbued with the Spirit, the church is able to achieve even greater things than Jesus himself as it takes up the way, the truth and life of Christ. In a profoundly Trinitarian turn, the Gospel spells out that the experience of being in Christ is true knowledge of the Father, and a taste of the unity in love between Jesus and the Father. On account of this, there is no need for anxiety but rather scope for trust.

Such trust does not imply inaction. As we see in the passage from Acts, the church has to take shape and create structures to deal with its mission. It also finds itself challenged by diversity within its ranks—the native Aramaic/Hebrew speakers and the Greek speaking believers. There is consultation, structure, restructure, and elections, within a context of prayer and attention to the dual mission of preaching and pastoral care. While the passage has a somewhat irenic gloss, the dynamics reflect the body of Christ respecting its communal nature and led by its mission to reflect the way, truth and life of Christ.

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## MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

### Week Day Mass

Monday to Friday 7am

Saturday 9am

### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

### Rosary

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.30am

Saturday 8.30am

Divine Mercy Prayer Wednesday 7.30am

Adoration Thursdays 7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont Sunday 8.00am - 8.15am

2nd Sunday of each month 10.30am

Next Mass at St John's Sunday 14th May 10.30am



We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

**We pray for the recently deceased :** Josephine Ryan

**We pray for the dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ellen Marchbank and Nathalie Busuttill

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: Christine De Barro, Maureen and Paul Hume, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon and Patricia Dussek.



## CORPUS CHRISTS PROCESSION

### LET US PUBLICLY HONOUR OUR LORD THROUGH THE CITY STREETS

Sunday 18th June 2017 at 2.00pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

To watch the Livestream of the Procession and for information visit the website:

[www.corpuschristisbrisbane.com](http://www.corpuschristisbrisbane.com)

## PLEASE NOTE

Fr Isidore will be on Holidays to Nigeria until the Last week of May. Based on that:

- 1 There will be Daily Masses as Usual.
- 2 The weekend Masses will be as usual.
- 3 In case of emergency, please ring the Parish office Tuesdays and Thursdays or Surfers Paradise Parish on (07) 5572 5433 if outside those days.

## 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](mailto:vdmfbris@gmail.com) Next Meeting 27th May 2017



## Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A, 14 May 2017

### FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
On those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Pt 2:4-9

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### GOSPEL Jn 14:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'