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Dear People of God.

The Church's calendar is gradually coming to an end. The Church at this time is reminded of the need to be vigilant, awake and active, so that her Lord will find her at her duty post at his second coming. The first reading of today talks about a perfect wife – what a blessing she is to her husband and household. Looking at it many will think, and rightly so, that it is a teaching meant for women: widows, wives and wives-to-be. But more to the interpretation is the fact that the reading refers to the Church, the wife of Christ our God. In his letter to the Ephesians, chapter five, St Paul tells us that the relationship between husband and wife should mirror the relationship between Christ and his Church as Christ is the husband of the Church. And so the Church should exemplify the perfect wife of today's reading. It should be noted also that in that same passage where St Paul talked about this relationship between Christ and His Church, he also mentioned that we are the Church. To quote him, here is what he says: 'In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies. A man who loves his wife loves himself. For no one has ever hated his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, as Christ does the church. For we are parts of his body—of his flesh and of his bones' (Eph. 5:28-30).

The perfect wife as described in the first reading, is a shining light in a family, the joy of her husband. She should be praised for her hard-work and her works should tell of her praises at the city gates. She is worthy of trust and worthy of praise. She is industrious, diligent, hard-working and generous. All there is what is expected of the Church, of us members of Christ's body the Church. St Paul in today's second reading, tells us not to fall into spiritual laziness (sloth) thinking all is 'quiet and peaceful', for the Day of the Lord is coming like a thief. We should shine like light in this dark world because Christ has given us His light and made us children of light. Indeed, we are the light of the world. Therefore, "we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober"

Each of us, members of Christ's body has received in different proportion, different gifts: talents, treasures and time. We should put them to use, creating more talents, treasures and time for others. The perfect wife of the first reading 'is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff; her fingers grasp the spindle.' Buttressing this fact, St Peter says: 'As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another. If anyone speaks, he should speak as one conveying the words of God. If anyone serves, he should serve with the strength God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.'

In the light of the above, the Parable of the Talent, which was read from today's gospel makes sense. Unlike St Luke who used money to describe what the master handed over to the servants, Matthew used 'talent' to show that we are not talking merely of human business but spiritual business as well. We are gifted differently – some have one talent, some two, some three, some five or more. What have we done with them to make our Master proud of us. Or do we want to hear it said to us: 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents'. To escape falling into such a state we should overcome all forms of Spiritual laziness which gives us reasons and excuses that weakens us whenever we want to use our talents, treasures and time to serve our God. Our task is not to hide, but to multiply our talents, treasures and time. We should overcome our fears, ignorance, doubts, and shame (FIDS) that are obstacles to our faith. Those were the problems the servant who received one talent had.

May God help us to be hard-working and fruitful in the soul winning business of our Lord and Master, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

**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.

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

Share Christ's love with those most in need this Christmas. Please come Prepared to give generously at Mass on 25th and 26th November to St Brigid's Vinnies Conference.



**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.



**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.

**SOUND SYSTEM IN CHURCH**

We have reached our total of \$9,171.80 to fix and upgrade the sound system in the Church. I will keep you informed about the progress of the work. May God keep blessing you for your generosity towards this project.

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 7th November 2017**

**1ST COLLECTION: \$ 573.95 - For Clergy Support**  
**2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,150.85 - 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

**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**

the 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.

**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.

## CHURCHES

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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 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

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 7.30am

Adoration Holy Hour with Benediction Thursday 6-7pm

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 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.

Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam](http://catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam)



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month outside school holidays. For more information please call the Parish Office.

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A Sunday, 19 Nov 2017

### FIRST READING *Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 127:1-5, R. v.1*

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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| 1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!<br>By the labour of your hands you shall eat.<br>You will be happy and prosper. (R.) | 3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.<br>May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life (R) |
| 2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;<br>your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)                    |  |

### SECOND READING *1 Thes 5:1-6*

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Jn 15:4, 5*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL *Mt 25:14-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."