

PARISH PENTECOST RETREAT COMES UP FROM 9TH TO 12TH OF MAY. PLEASE KEEP THIS DATES IN YOUR DIARY AND CALENDER. STARTS 5.00PM EACH DAY 9TH TO 11TH. AND 9.00AM TO 3.30PM ON SATURDAY 12TH OF MAY, 2018. DETAIL WILL BE PUBLISHED LATER.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 27th March 2018

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 1,129.75 - For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,258.65 - 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 of your divine rewards.
Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

Volunteer with Palms Australia-



Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family!

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

FINAL CALL FOR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

All those who have expressed an interest in travelling to the Holy Land on Pilgrimage with Fr Isidore in October should come to Mass at St Brigid's Church on Sunday 8th April at 8.30am to confirm the final registration. Please come with your Passport, a copy of the data page of your International Passport and two recent passport photographs. i-Destiny Travels will be here to collect these documents for onward visa processing.

PROJECT COMPASSION

We call on our Parishioners to return their Project Compassion envelopes and boxes, if they have not done so, to the Parish Office this week Or to the Church next Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter is the Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus requested that this feast be celebrated on this Sunday through St Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Divine Mercy Novena Starts on Good Friday every year. It is still on till Saturday. You can join now, at 3.00pm every day privately wherever you are, or join a group or come to the Parish Chapel.

In our Parish we will celebrate this feast by including the Divine Mercy Chaplet within the Mass. It takes about five minutes to recite. We encourage all Parishioners to invite their family members, friends and neighbours, to come and join us in asking for God's mercy on humanity. There will be three O'clock Divine Mercy prayer in the Chapel also at 3.00pm.

Fr Isidore's Birthday is on Wednesday 4th of April. Mass of thanksgiving on Wed. 4th April at 8.00am and on Sunday 8th April, 2018. Morning Tea follows.

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

IN EMERGENCIES or HOSPITAL CALLS

For University & Gold Coast Private 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

EASTER SUNDAY YEAR B—1ST APRIL 2018



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Dear People of God

Today as we all know is Easter, a day we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, after his saving suffering, crucifixion and death. For believers, it is not an ordinary celebration, rather it is a celebration that calls people to the faith, justifies those called and glorifies those justified. It is a celebration that relives itself in everyone who believes; a clear manifestation of the great love of God that aims at our glorification; a call to share in the divine immortal life of God. As Christians we should glory in the fact that our Jesus is still alive today after more than two thousand years.

Not only that. In each Easter celebration there is an exchange of lives - our life is no longer our life. God calls us at each Easter to live God's life, because He has given us His life to live out. This was what St Paul meant when he says:

The love of Christ compels us, because we are convinced that He died for all, and therefore all died.

And the reason why he died for all, is that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here! (2 Cor. 5:14-15,17)

Hence the Easter celebrations have a renewing effect, a life-changing effect signified by the renewal of the baptism of our Catechumens, and also by the renewal of our baptismal promises and the sprinkling of the Holy water (a symbol of the fountain of grace that washes us clean). By His blood shed for us through His suffering, crucifixion and death on the cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ renews us and refreshes our faith life. Because he rose from the dead, His sacrifice for us now makes sense and the truth of our adoption as God's children confirmed.

St Paul writing to the Corinthians says:

If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor. 15:14-20)

He came back to life after staying three days in the tomb. Yes! he rose with His mutilated body turned glorious, and he spent weeks with his disciples before ascending to heaven. He promised to come again to take us to be with him in heaven. No other religion makes such a claim. We should be proud to make such a claim. Easter means the defeat for us of all evils: sicknesses, anxieties, depression, fears and shamefulness, satanic forces, sin, and death. Although those evils may tarry, but for us they are bereft of their powers - having been defeated by the power of the resurrection, they have no power over us again. Therefore our life is no longer of the flesh, that we should put our confidence in the flesh, in any human strength, power, authority and kingdom. The flesh has nothing to offer, says Jesus. (John 6:63).

St Paul, after enumerating all his human achievements, all that men of his time treasured most, the best he could boast of, wrote:

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participate in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:7-11)

Dear friends, if only we could have the mindset of St Paul— desiring the most and nothing else but to know Jesus Christ, and to have a share in his suffering as to share in His resurrection. We “must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.” Our thoughts then must be on heavenly things, not on earthly things (see 2nd Reading). May the Risen Christ shine perpetually on you all. HAPPY EASTER.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am
Wednesday 4th April (only) 7.00 am
Saturday 9.00 am

Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the
First Saturday of each month at 9.00am

The next Anointing Mass will be 7th April 2018

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 6.00-7.00pm

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 8th April 11.00 am



IN GRATITUDE TO GOD AND TO OUR 2018 RCIA CANDIDATES AND TEAM MEMBERS.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya, on behalf of the Parish, wishes to congratulate Ryan and Donalee Mitchell, who received the Sacraments of baptism and First Holy Eucharist, and Michael Esteban Parada who received his first Holy Communion this Easter. We rejoice with them and their families, and pray that God will bless them with strong faith, fervent love and unwavering hope. I thank Sally Alker and Jennifer Gillies for their assistance and support through the RCIA program. God bless you all.

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:

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 Humeay, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Patricia Solomon, Amanda Gordon Shelly Ryan, and Christine Kay

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



2018 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 5th August 2018 at 8.30am and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Saturday 24th November at 6.00pm and Sunday 25th November at 8.30am.

SACRAMENTAL MEETINGS FOR CONFIRMATION ONLY

29th April 2018, 6th May, 27th May, 17th June, 24th June, 22nd July, 29th July, 3rd August
Every meeting starts immediately after 8:30am Mass.

SCHOOL OF THE WORD

Come and pray with the Word of God The theme for this year will be **“Christ set us free, so that we should remain free” (Galatians 5:1)**

Every last Saturday of the month—10 am to 12 pm at St Brigid's Parish Next meeting

Saturday 28th April 2018 Conducted by the Verbum Dei Missionaries.

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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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 1 Apr 2018

FIRST READING Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’ (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’