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ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 737.55 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,252.90 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.



The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 17,521.76

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 at 6.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. 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

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th December 2016

Dear People of God

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as the Gaudete Sunday or "Rejoicing Sunday". In days past, Advent season was marked with much fasting, prayers, mortifications, penance, self-denial, and great acts of charity. That was how people expressed their longing for the coming of Jesus Christ into their lives and at the Parousia. But today there is a break in the penitential atmosphere of the Advent season, as we hear it announced that Jesus the Light of the world is very much with us. In the first reading, Isaiah announces: "Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes ... to save you"

Today we traditionally and symbolically light the third of the four candles of Advent, the pink or rose coloured candle. The Church is telling us to notice the tint of pink or rose, indicating the nearness of an approaching strong Light shining behind those dark purple veils - those helpless and hopeless dark and unhappy events and situations - enshrouding our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, John the Baptist, shrouded in the darkness of his unjust imprisonment by Herod and having waited in vain for Jesus to do something to save him, sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he is still the Jesus he baptised and announced to the people as the Messiah – "Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?" What doubt, what a disappointment, what an anger he may have felt. He was running out of patience with God as some of us do sometimes.

But Jesus replied, "Go and tell John what you hear and

see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me” Jesus, in a way, was telling John, ‘that I have not done something to save you does not mean I have ceased being the Christ I am, I still do it for others.’ Do we lose our patience, taking offense at our God and start looking for another help in fake religion, magic or humanism when life stresses and stretches us. Can’t we hear! Can’t we see! That he has done it again and again for others, if not to us in particular. God’s wisdom is immeasurable. He does not waste his resources and power on a building marked for demolition due to a major fault, because he knows and plans to raise a better building, eternally glorious and more magnificent than the former. So Jesus did not bother to save John’s body because he has a better plan, to save him from the unjust imprisonment of Herod and transfer him to the freedom of the son of God in light, where he will be given a glorious body. But John couldn’t understand, nor do we sometimes.

However, St James in today’s second reading, urges us to be patient like the farmer until the coming of the Lord as he meets us in life or in death. Blessed are we if we do not take offense at his seeming delay. Sure he will come and save us. Let us hold firm to our faith.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

INFORMATION DESK

- This weekend, we take up collections for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas appeal after Holy Communion. I encourage every parishioner to be part of this noble act. Let us give bountifully and thus show our generosity to the poor and needy. Those who could not give this weekend can do so next weekend by using the appeal envelope and putting it into the collection baskets. Thank you for responding to this appeal.
- Thanks to the members of St Vincent De Paul for the works of mercy they do in our community. You too can be a member. On Friday, they had the Loaves and Fishes Christmas event at the Nerang Community Hall and many people were fed and given support.
- Please take note of the Christmas times for Mass and Reconciliation in this Newsletter.

Parish Priest

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. The Verbum Dei Sisters will advise us when we will recommence in the New Year. We would like to thank the Verbum Dei Sisters for the continual contribution to our parish. We will advise you in the Newsletter.



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

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7.30am

Saturday

8.30am

Divine Mercy Prayer Wednesday

7.30am

Adoration with Benediction Thursdays

7-8pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday

9.30 am

Reconciliation St Brigid’s Church Saturday

5.15pm

St John’s Windabout Road, Beechmont

2nd Sunday of each month

10.30am

Next Mass at St John’s Sunday 25th December

10.30am

Sunday 8th January

10.30am



RECONCILIATION AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST BRIGID’S CHURCH

Tuesday 13th December

7.30am-8.00am

Thursday 15th December

5.30pm-6.30pm

Friday 16th December

7.30am-8.00am

Saturday 17th December

5.15pm-5.40pm

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

6.00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight

8.30am

St John’s Beechmont

10.30am

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: Joanne McDonald, James Maher

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

We pray also for those who are sick or in hospital: Christine De Barro, Maureen and Paul Hurney, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Bev Boothby

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