

CHURCHES

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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

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 8th January 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 dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time :

Brett Jackson

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

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God has been good to us. It is good to thank you all, our Parishioners, for your faith and your support, which have kept the Church going despite all the attacks on her from within and without, seen and unseen. I just wish and pray for a flourishing Church, not only in faith but population wise as well. I think, we need more of 'catechnoscience', (i.e. a teaching system- a *catechesis*, that will talk about God-news as is relevant in this era of science and technology), especially in this our Computer Age in which scientific cum technological advancements, moving us at an increasingly exponential speed, have tried to solve most riddles of human existence which were in the past, the 'reserveds' of God. I keep asking myself, if all those riddles of life, for which people turn to God for answers, have been answered, is there still any need to turn to God? Do you think that God is still relevant in our age and in your life?

Feel free to e-mail me at enyinnayai@bne.catholic.net.au

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS.

We thank all those who put up the Christmas tree, the children for their 'Angels', those in the music and liturgical ministries and all those who in one way or another contributed in making our Christmas the best.

May God bless you all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 24th DEC 2016

FIRST READING *Is 62:1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING *Acts 13:16-17. 22-25*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

GOSPEL *Mt 1:1-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, Tamar being their mother, Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon was the father of Boaz, Rahab being his mother, Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother, Obed was the father of Jesse; and Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Azariah, Azariah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah; and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers. Then the deportation to Babylon took place.

After the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob; and Jacob was the father of Joseph, husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ

The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.