

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.

Any children whose forms are not handed into the office by Tuesday 23rd will unfortunately have to wait until next year for the Sacramental preparation.

Day of Prayer

The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18-40years.

Date: Saturday 10th June 2017

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley

Cost: \$10 (Includes lunch)

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

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: \$ 787.45 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,180.50 - 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. The Policy is on our website.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21ST MAY 2017



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Reflection

The Gospel points to the fulfilment of the season in the sending of the Spirit. The coming of the Advocate is a counterpoint to the imminent departure of Jesus from the midst of the disciples. No longer will his presence be so tangible. Yet Jesus will be 'seen' by his followers. As in the story of Thomas, the author is including us in the gospel discourse. We cannot touch the risen Jesus, and did not know the teacher as he walked the earth. However in the celebration of the resurrection some things become clear and directly impact us. Christ will return: the history of the world is caught up now in the power of the resurrection and is played out in the light of the imminent return of the Lord. The Spirit will be our advocate, remaining with us forever, enabling the truth to be known. And Christ remains within us, and is in the Father. Just as Christ and the Spirit are one with the Father, so also they are one within us, dwelling within us, holding us in grace. This is the face of divine love turned towards us, and the Christian response is obedience -obedience to the command of love.

The narrative from Acts allows us to see what this looks like. The emphasis is on life in the Spirit, again turning our attention towards Pentecost, as well as the gifts of baptism. Even Samaritans are open to the word of preaching, and Philip the missionary is able to heal, comfort, drive out devils and enable the shackled to walk again. In a word, he is replicating the presence of Christ, a presence confirmed as the apostles invoke the Spirit, who comes upon the new believers. In another sense, Philip has gone beyond the success of the master, whose activity amongst the Samaritans had had mixed success! Luke connects the power of the Spirit with joy, particularly rejoicing in the healing of others and the freedom from physical (paralysis) and spiritual (possession) oppression.

We gain a larger perspective from the Letter of Peter. It centres the Christian life not on rejoicing but on hope. The faithful are people marked by hope. While the letter implies that believers should have a share of good manners-courtesy and respect in sharing rather than boastfulness-it also recognises that there will be suffering and rejection. Just as Jesus knew the rejoicing of those who were healed, so too he knew suffering. Here we are reminded that suffering too is the lot of the believer, whether it is in the form of misunderstanding, slander or rejection.

The liturgy for Week 6 of Easter marks a turn in the season. We have subtly moved from celebrating the resurrection to the meaning of living in the age of the resurrection, an age in the Spirit, and an age of continual engagement in the mission of the church and the transformation of the world

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Reflection by Gerard Moore

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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 11th June 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 : Patricia Dussek

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

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.



CORPUS CHRISTI 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

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 Next Meeting 27th May 2017



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A, 21 May 2017

FIRST READING Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth, whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'