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**2017 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME**

Confirmation Preparation Meeting Parents and Children will begin in July.

- 1st Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 23rd July
- 2nd Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 30th July
- 3rd Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 6th August
- 4th Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 13th August
- 5th Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 20th August
- 6th Confirmation Preparation Session 8.30am Mass Sunday 27th August

Confirmation will be on Friday 1st September at 6.00pm.

If your child is in Year 4 and you have not attended the previous meeting please call the Parish office on Tuesday or Thursday between 9.00am and 3.30pm.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

The next parents preparation meeting for Baptisms of infants will be held on **Sunday 16th July at 10.00am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised during August, September or October are advised to attend.

*ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 20th June 2017*

**1ST COLLECTION:** \$ 1,089.00 - For Clergy Support  
**2ND COLLECTION:** \$ 1,461.75 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.  
 The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 13,695.90  
 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 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.**

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- 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**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Reflecting on today's Gospel, one would notice Jesus' emphasis on witnessing to Him and proclaiming His teaching from roof tops without fear. He says: "Do not be afraid ... What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell." As the attendant consequence of failing to do so, He further says: "... if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven." One would also notice the distinction he made between whom to fear and of whom not to fear. Hence there are two types of fear: an unnecessary one and a necessary one: fear of death of the body caused by body-destroyers, versus the fear of death of body-and-soul caused by one who has power to destroy both body and soul in hell or to save both in heaven for eternity. Jesus exhorts us to have the later rather than the former. He wants us to have that reverential fear, a mixture of dread and intense love both of God, who alone can destroy both body and soul in hell, and of salvation of the human persons.

While sending his disciples out to preach and save souls, Jesus gave them the instruction to pray the Lord of the Harvest of souls, to send more workers into His harvest, and He added "remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves." (Luke 10:2-3). After their evangelisation outreach, the disciples came back with this joyful report: "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!" and Jesus responded: "Yes ... I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, ... Nothing will hurt you ..." (Luke 10:17-20). Jesus told His disciples in St John's gospel: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

This tribulation will be a result of the conflict between goodness and evil, between the forces of darkness and those of light, between the agents and agencies of evil and those of the goodness. Both cannot co-exist for a long time. St Paul says that "we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:12).

Hence, our call and mission is likened to that of Jeremiah in today's first reading. As a young boy, God told him: 'I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.' Jeremiah tried to excuse himself because of his youth. But God told him, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. ... You will stand against the whole land—the kings, officials, priests, and people of Judah. They will fight you, but they will fail. For I am with you, and I will take care of you." (see Jeremiah 1:4-19).

Thus, Jeremiah cries out in today's first reading: "I hear so many disparaging me, 'Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero ..." This has been the fate of almost all the Prophets.

We are all called to be, and actually became, prophets at baptism We became 'missionary disciples', evangelisers, fishers of men. How often do we tend to excuse ourselves of this responsibility for one reason or other. This shows lack of real love and reverence for Jesus. Love of Jesus propels us to love and seek the salvation of human souls and bodies. And the fear of losing Jesus' eternal friendship should prevent us from being lukewarm. St Paul wrote: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (see Romans 8:35-39)

To feed and care for His sheep, to seek and find the lost sheep, to heal and bandage their wounds are proof of our love for him, as he told St Peter three times. (John 21:15-17).

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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### MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH FROM 1ST JULY 2017

#### Week Day Mass

Monday to Friday 7am  
Saturday 9am

From the 1st July 2017 the Mass on Wednesday will be at 5.45 pm and no longer 7.00am

Wednesday will be Fr Isidore's day off.

#### Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm  
Sunday 8.30 am

#### Rosary

Monday Tuesday, Friday 7.30 am, Wednesday 5.00pm, Saturday 8.30am  
And Sunday 8.00am

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 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  
Sunday 8.00am - 8.15am

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont

2nd Sunday of each month 10.30am

Next Mass at St John's Sunday 9th July 10.30am



### Message from Fr Isidore Changes to Mass Times

After some consideration I propose to make the following changes in our parish Commencing on Saturday 1st July and continuing on every First Saturday of each month only, the Mass will be a Mass for the Sick, this will be followed by the Novena as usual.

As of Wednesday the 5th July there will be no 7.00 am Mass in the Parish. The Mass will be at 5.45pm. This will happen every Wednesday as Wednesday will be my day off.

Rosary will be at 5.00pm on Wednesday prior to Mass.

Divine Mercy Prayer will then be transferred from Wednesday morning to Thursday morning at 7.30am.

These changes are proposals only, if anyone has any suggestions or concerns please speak to me within this coming week or call me on my mobile 0451 140 471.

We remember all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

**We pray for the recently deceased :** Christine De Barro and Deane Cosgrove

**We pray for the dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Gloria Guinea, Bernice Smale, Violet and Bill Hingerty

*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: Norma Pauline Sherwood, Jasmine Fay Parada, Maureen and Paul Humey, Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon.

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



### 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 29th July 2017



### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A. 25 Jun 2017

#### FIRST READING *Jer 20:10-13*

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14*

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

- It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
- This is my prayer to you, my prayer for  
your favour. In your great love, answer  
me, O God, with your help that never  
fails: Lord, answer, for your love is  
kind; in your compassion, turn towards  
me. (R.)
- The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy and  
does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. ®

#### SECOND READING *Rom 5:12-15*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

#### GOSPEL *Mt 10:26-33*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

#### BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Poppy Patricia Joyner who is baptised today. We pray that she will grow in grace and wisdom and abound with the love of God, all her life's journey.

We pray for her parents, family and godparents.

