

Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

REWRITE THE STORY – ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Domestic and family violence defines the story of too many members of our community. Together we can help end domestic and family violence. Everyone in the Archdiocese of Brisbane can get involved in Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. When women flee domestic and family violence they often do so with nothing. Centacare, in collaboration with the St Vincent de Paul Society, has recently established a number of 12 month post-crisis respite support homes to help families get back on their feet and begin rewriting their stories.

This Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month we are looking for support to help fit out one of these homes with new furniture. To make a donation to this fund : **Option 1:** EFT BSB; 064-786 Account Number 521390103 Account Name: Charitable Works Fund Reference: Please call 3324 3200 to receive your unique reference number. **Option 2:** Cheque—Make a cheque payable to Centacare Domestic and Family Violence Service and send to : Centacare Domestic and Family Violence Service C/o Catholic Foundation G.P.O. Box 282, Brisbane. Q 4001. For more information and to make a tax deductible donation visit: rewritethestory.org.au.

FUNDRAISING Thank you for the support for the Mother's Day Raffle and the Cake Stalls. The cakes stalls raised \$470.95 and the Raffle raised \$745.05 giving us a total of \$1,216.00. Once again thank you for your generous support.

Cake Stall - The next Cake /Craft Stall will be held on Sunday 3rd June. All donations of cakes, slices, jams and goodies to sell would be greatly appreciated.

ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIAL DETAILS as at 22nd May 2018

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 697.85 - For Clergy Support
2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,153.20 - 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

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.

Over 50's exercise to music, seniors fitness and strength class. Tuesdays 9am @ Casey Hall, Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters. \$7.00. For further information contact Rochelle on 0438333308. Come along, make friends and get fit.

MEETING FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

There will be a meeting of all the Sacristans, Co-ordinators, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion on Saturday, 16th June immediately following the Novena. This meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

ST BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP.

The craft group meet every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Centre . Everyone welcome.

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 & 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

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The Most Holy Trinity - Yr B - Sunday, 27th May 2018

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Reflection by Anthony Doran by courtesy of Pastoral Liturgy

It is a part of our human nature that we look for signs of God's presence in the world. It was not always so for the ancient world. They perceived God's presence and the action in the whole of their history which they meditated on and reflected upon. Today's first reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, is a reflection by the people of Israel on their experience of God's actions towards them. And this reflection is placed on the lips of Moses: "Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking to them from the heart of the fire, as you heard it? Has any God ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, and wonders?"

These questions, posed by Moses to the Israelites, are also directed to us. What we know as the Old Testament is also part of our history. What people have been loved by God as we have been?

As Christians, we recognise God's steadfast and faithful love for us in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father is revealed definitively. The Father can say nothing greater to us than he says in the person of his Son. That we are able to recognise this is because of the Spirit, which as St Paul tells us in the Second Reading, enables us to call God 'Abba'. The Aramaic word 'Abba' is akin to our word 'Daddy'. In the power of the Spirit, we become children of the Father. And if we are children for the Father then, we are brothers and sisters of his Son. As brothers and sisters of the Son, we share his sufferings. So too, then, will we share his glory. And all this happens in the power of the Spirit. Father, Son, and Spirit; the God we profess as Trinity.

As Christians, we have struggled for centuries to understand the Trinity; to make sense of this mystery of God. The mystery of Three Persons in One God has exercised the minds of our greatest theologians in both the East and West. But the Trinity is not something we can ever fully or properly understand. It is something we must continue to grapple with, perhaps catching only glimpses here and there of what this means.. Of all the Western Fathers of the Church, St Augustine perhaps comes closest to helping us grasp something of the mystery.

The most famous image which he uses to describe the Trinity is the image of Love. And this image of love resonates with us, for all of us know something of love. All of us have loved. All of us have been loved. The Father is the Lover, The Son is the Beloved, the Spirit is the bond between the Father and the Son.

But this love is not static. This love of God wells up and overflows into the world.

And it is this overflowing of love of God, that we find our place. We are caught up into this love. That is why God is revealed to us as Trinity. It is to bring us into and share this Trinitarian life. And surely this is what it means to be saved: to share in the life of God?

This inner life of the Trinity is sometimes described in terms of communion. A mutual presence and indwelling of Father, Son, and Spirit. The Greek Fathers of the Church used the term '*perichoresis*' to make sense of this inner life of the Trinity. Literally, the word means dancing about. Imagine it: a great dance of love, where the Father gives himself perfectly in love to the Son, who in turn gives himself back to the Father in perfect loving obedience. The Holy Spirit, the bond of love, makes all of this possible. And the steps of these dancers never falter, never miss a beat. And what's more...this dance continues to all eternity.

And we are caught up into this Love. We are invited to share in the life of the Trinity. And every time we work for the unity of communities-family, parish, society, nation, we are transcribing something of the Trinity's life into our life, and into our world. But this great dance of love is never for its own sake. The energy, the grace, the love of this dance is so great, so powerful, so abundant that it overflows, and we are caught up into this great dance of love of the Trinity. We are invited to join the dance. And in joining this dance, like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are commissioned to go out to all the world, and make disciples of all nations. We are invited to go out and bring others into share the divine life of the Trinity.

And so, it is into this great dance of God's steadfast and faithful love that we are all invited.

The Spirit, overflows from the life of God, and catches us up in the fierce flood of God's grace. And when we let ourselves be caught up into this dance of God's steadfast and faithful love, we join in the praise of this God of love. And in this dance of praise and love, Jesus Christ, our brother, the Son of the Father and bearer of the Spirit, is with us always, yes, to the end of time.

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Principal

MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am
Wednesday 5.45 pm
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 2nd June 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 10th June 10.30 am



HOME VISITS TO THE SICK AND AGED

Fr Isidore is happy and available to visit sick or aged parishioners in their homes. If you are housebound and would like a visit, or you know someone who is, please call the office or his mobile number to arrange for a visit. Let us all show concern and care for the sick, the needy and the aged.

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

We pray for the recently deceased: Patrick Mackey

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

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 Hume, Patricia Smith, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Patricia Solomon, Amanda Gordon, Shelly Ryan, 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

27th May, 17th June, 24th June, 22nd July, 29th July, and 3rd August, 2018.
Every meeting starts immediately after 8.30am Mass.

MAY DEVOTION

The month of May is traditionally devoted to Our lady, and the parish will join with the Universal Church in observing this special devotion.

Time for Rosary and Benediction 5.45pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

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 30th June 2018 Conducted by the Verbum Dei Missionaries.

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The Most Holy Trinity - Year B - Sunday, 27th May 2018

FIRST READING Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R)

SECOND READING Rom 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next preparation meeting for 2018 for Baptisms of infants will be held **Sunday 17th June at 10.30am**. All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

BAPTISM PRAYERS

We pray for Evelyn and Eleanor Cox who are being baptised today. We pray that they will grow in grace and wisdom and abound with the love of God, all their life's journey. We pray for their parents, family and godparents.