

## 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.

Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare for First Holy Communion.

**First Holy Communion Masses: Saturday 17 June at 6.00pm or Sunday 18 June at 8.30am.**

### Day of Prayer

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

Date: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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: \$ 788.55 - For Clergy Support**

**2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,157.35 - 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](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au). The Policy is on our website.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 28TH MAY 2017



### **ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH**

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### **PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATION TEAM:**

**Fr Isidore Enyinnaya Parish Priest Email: [enyinnayai@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:enyinnayai@bne.catholic.net.au)**

**Parish Secretary: Lenette Evans Email: [nerang@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:nerang@bne.catholic.net.au)**

### Reflection

My beloved People of God

It is a thing of joy to be back safe and sound. I thank God for granting me journey mercies, good health and lovely family relations. I had good times with my siblings, cousins, nephews and nieces, friends and other members of our extended families. I left home in Nerang around 6.00am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April and arrived home in Nigeria around 1.30am (around 10.30am Australian time) Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The holidays were filled with celebrations: celebrating my Mum's one year Anniversary/Thanksgiving Mass, witnessing the Traditional Wedding ceremony of my sister (one of the twins) and officiating in the Wedding ceremonies of both sisters (the set of twins) who got married on 29<sup>th</sup> April and 13<sup>th</sup> May, respectively.

There wasn't enough time to visit all of my former Parishes where I served as Parish Priest, but I did visit two and was invited by the Parish Priest of one of them to come and preside over a concelebrated Mass in the Parish. I spent the weekend. It was a wonderful reunion with the Priests and Parishioners feeling so happy. It is wonderful realising that one has not laboured in vain, that the grace of God was not all wasted. I really enjoyed my holidays. Time moved quickly and the holidays were over. Though sad that I had to leave home but happier that I am returning home to my God given people, my loved ones, my parishioners and friends.

While I was away, the flag was kept flying and the faith was kept alive and fruitful. I would therefore like to offer my sincere thanks to all the Priests who ministered to our Parish during my absence, the Parish Secretary for the wonderful job she did, the Chief Sacristan, and all those who in one way or the other contributed to the smooth running of the Parish and School these past weeks. God bless you all.

Today is Ascension Sunday, the day we celebrate the ascension of Christ into heaven where He is seated at the Father's right hand, seated on His throne as the King of Heaven and earth. Before ascending into heaven, He said to His disciples '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 commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' (see today's Gospel). It was good to let His disciples know that He now has all authority in heaven and on earth, before commissioning them to go and make disciples of all the nations. We are called therefore to reach out and make disciples of all nations, in obedience to the one who has all authority. As a parish, we are going to look into how we are going to make disciples for Jesus. Where do we begin? In the first reading Christ told His disciples to wait 'for what the Father had promised.' If we wait in prayer, we will receive the Holy Spirit, the Father's Promise. In the first reading also, Jesus said 'you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in [Jerusalem](#) but throughout Judaea and [Samaria](#), and indeed to the ends of the earth.' We need the Holy Spirit to witness and to make disciples of all nations for Jesus the King of kings. As we prepare for Pentecost, let us pray earnestly for the Power to **make disciples** for Jesus. Or in the words of Pope Francis, let us pray for the Power to be really active 'missionary disciples' in a missionary Church.

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

## CHURCHES

St Brigid's Church  
39-49 McLaren Rd  
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St John's Church  
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DAVID SEWELL  
Principal

## 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 : Rev Fr Keith Turnbull, Patricia Dussek and Patricia Paul

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

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.



## 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](mailto:vdmfbris@gmail.com) Next Meeting 24th June 2017



## 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](http://www.corpuschristisbrisbane.com)

## In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

COST EX BRISBANE: \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au).

## Ascension of the Lord - Year A

Sunday, 28 May 2017

### FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

### SECOND READING Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### 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 commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'