

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.

Parents please return any outstanding forms to the office urgently.

Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the First Apparition at Fatima on Saturday May 13, 2017, at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Please wear blue and white in honour of our Lady. The bus will leave from 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach at 7.45am then from Sacred Heart Church at Clear Island Waters at 8.15am. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$20 per person return. Please call Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madelaine Zammit on 5529 1573 or 0405 252 367 to secure your seat.



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 Tuesday 18th April 2017

1ST COLLECTION: \$ 570.15 - For Clergy Support

2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1,036.75 - For Parish expenses such as administration, and maintenance of all our buildings and properties.

The Parish Loans currently stand at \$ 14,798.59.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 30TH APRIL 2017



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Reflection

Now fully immersed in the Easter season, the readings bring us three major themes. It is perhaps easiest to take them in the order we hear them, though they are all closely related.

With that first Jerusalem community we reflect on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The timid disciples, women and men closed off in a room awaiting the unknown, are inspired by the empowerment of the Spirit. Peter, who a week before could not even speak on Jesus behalf, now finds voice and heart and faith. Without anxiety or reticence, he teaches the unbelievable: that God has raised Jesus from death. Further he sets himself and the disciples as public witnesses to this. They have seen the risen Lord, and they as a community are bound to proclaim what they have seen. Not only must they announce this astonishing news, but their very enthusiasm, conviction and transformation are signs of the presence of God's Spirit. Witness in the Spirit involves word and action, knowledge and conviction.

The First Letter from Peter takes up the themes in Acts, with the emphasis on the resurrection as the work of God, and the point around which the whole of human history turns. It reminds us of the great Exodus metaphors of the blood, spilt on the doorposts allowing the angel of death to pass over, and of the spotless lamb, the paschal victim and the focus of remembrance of the mighty deeds that God had done. In the Exodus there was freedom from slavery, in the resurrection there is hope from futility and meaningless, from the fraught repetition of deeds past. In all this, we are mindful of the baptismal flavour of this letter.

As in the readings for the Second Sunday of Easter, our passages have a Eucharistic turn. The recounting of the disciples fleeing Jerusalem, travelling the road to Emmaus, is paradigmatic of the Christian Eucharist. The structure of the passage is revelatory. The disciples are gathered in Christ, yet unknowingly. Their hopes and faith in Jesus have been dashed by his death, yet they were captivated by the words of the women who had found the tomb empty. Then too they become captivated by the word of Christ, breaking open the scriptures and searing their hearts. There is a lovely sense of irony here, with the word exclaimed by the Word, the hearers alive to it yet unable to comprehend. Their understanding comes with the sharing of the meal. Here is another of the stories in the meal traditions of Jesus. Again here he is not the host, again the hosts seek more time with him, but now for the first time Jesus' resurrected self is revealed in the breaking of the bread. It is the Eucharist that carries faith. This is the fulfilment of that last supper mandate to remember Jesus in the blessing and consumption of bread and cup. The Emmaus disciples become the first 'com-panions'(com = with; panis = bread) of Jesus, to be 'united in sharing bread'. Just as the response of Jesus to Thomas that blessed are they who did not know the earthly Jesus was an acknowledgement of our place in the scriptures, so with the Emmaus narrative: in the Eucharist we meet the risen Christ, our hearts burn, and we are true companions. Behind this is the power of the Spirit present in the church, a constant theme of Easter.

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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 14th May 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

We pray for the dearly departed whose anniversaries occur at this time : **Mario Dussek**

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 Humeay,
Patricia Smith, Patrick Mackey, Richard McGuire, Valda Silvy and 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 27th May 2017



PLEASE NOTE

Fr Isidore will be on Holidays to Nigeria until the Last week of May. Based on that:

1. There will be no Mass at Earle Haven Retirement Village on First Friday of May.
2. There will be Daily Masses as Usual.
3. The weekend Masses will be as usual. In case of emergency, please ring the Parish office Tuesdays and Thursdays or Surfers Paradise Parish on (07) 5572 5433 if outside those days.

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A, 30 Apr 2017

FIRST READING Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad

and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM. Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
Even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead
nor let your beloved know decay. (R)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R)

SECOND READING. 1 Pt 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.