

### 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](http://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](http://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. The money goes into our Parish project until we decide for church air-conditioning or fans.

**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 27th May 2018

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| <b>1ST COLLECTION:</b> | \$ 746.10   | - For Clergy Support   |
| <b>2ND COLLECTION:</b> | \$ 1,281.20 | - 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**

### REQUEST FOR MORE PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE LITURGY

We urgently need more people to do some of the Liturgical functions at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in any capacity in the Parish, as:- Sacristan, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, or in any other ministry, please call the Parish Office or speak to me **directly**. Full training will be provided by Fr Isidore, and no one will be asked to participate until they are comfortable and ready for the Ministry.

### ST BRIGID'S CRAFT GROUP.

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

### 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 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**

**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



## Corpus Christi - Sunday, 3rd June 2018

### ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday & Friday 9.00am to 12 noon. Tuesday & Thursday – 9.00am to 3.30pm

### PASTORAL & ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

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Dear people of God

Today is the solemn feast of the Most Holy Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. It was made a universal feast for the Latin Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264 and for the universal Church in 1312. The feast was introduced to encourage Eucharistic adoration among the faithful. And so, it has, as part of the feast, a Eucharistic Procession, during which Christ is adored as he passes through homes and streets.

This adoration stems from our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. How strong and deep is our faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ: present in His person - divine and human, with His soul, body and blood? Some Catholics do not find it comprehensible and easy to believe that the blessed host, the consecrated bread, is really Jesus Christ. And among the faithful are also found different levels of faith in the Real Presence. For some, there may be need to pray like the man in the gospel of Mark 9:24, said, "I believe, Lord; help my unbelief". For others, belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist only shows in our reception of Holy Communion. What about the adoration of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist within and outside the Mass? As St Augustine says: *"no one eats that Flesh unless he has first adored him . . . and we sin by not adoring him."* [St. Augustine, *Expositions on the Psalms* (Ennar. In Ps. 99, 8)].

Faith in the Real Presence is a life changer. The deeper it gets, the more one is transformed into a perfect image of Jesus Christ; because, anyone who receives Christ as Christ, as God and man, as the almighty God and as a compassionate Saviour, will fear offending him, dread His frown at sinfulness, and wish nothing but to be like him. What the Psalmist says applies here: "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing. Young lions go lacking and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing" (Psalm 34:8-10).

In the Eucharist, we enter into a covenant with our God – a covenant, not like the covenant in the blood of animals as in the first reading, but a new and eternal covenant in the blood of God's Lamb – Jesus Christ. The old covenant was imperfect and needed refinement. The second reading explains it better: Christ "brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: His death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant". This is a mystery.

Permit me to share with you the following passage from Pope Paul VI Encyclical on the Holy Eucharist: *Mysterium Fidei. n.15-17.*

First of all, we want to recall something that you know very well but that is absolutely necessary if the virus of every kind of rationalism is to be repelled; it is something that many illustrious martyrs have witnessed to with their blood, something that celebrated fathers and Doctors of the Church have constantly professed and taught. We mean the fact that the Eucharist is a very great mystery—in fact, properly speaking and in the words of the Sacred Liturgy, the mystery of faith. "It contains within it," as Leo XIII, our predecessor of happy memory, very wisely remarked, "all supernatural realities in a remarkable richness and variety of miracles." (4)

And so we must approach this mystery in particular with humility and reverence, not relying on human reasoning, which ought to hold its peace, but rather adhering firmly to divine Revelation. St. John Chrysostom who, as you know, dealt with the Mystery of the Eucharist in such eloquent language and with such insight born of devotion, had these most fitting words to offer on one occasion when he was instructing his faithful about this mystery: "Let us submit to God in all things and not contradict Him, even if what He says seems to contradict our reason and intellect; let His word prevail over our reason and intellect. Let us act in this way with regard to the Eucharistic mysteries, and not limit our attention just to what can be perceived by the senses, but instead hold fast to His words. For His word cannot deceive." (5)

Fr Isidore Enyinnaya

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| <b>CHURCHES</b><br><br><i>St Brigid's Church</i><br>39-49 McLaren Rd<br>Nerang Q 4211<br><br><i>St John's Church</i><br>Windabout Rd<br>Beechmont Q<br>4211 | <b>MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH</b>  |  |  |
|   | <b>Week Day Mass</b><br>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am<br>Wednesday 5.45 pm<br>Saturday 9.00 am<br><br>Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the<br>First Saturday of each month at 9.00am<br><br><u>The next Anointing Mass will be 7th July 2018</u>  |  |  |
| <b>SCHOOL</b><br><br><i>St Brigid's Primary</i><br>McLaren Road<br>Nerang Q 4211<br>Phone: 5596 4188  | <b>Sunday Mass</b><br>Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm<br>Sunday 8.30 am<br><b>Rosary</b><br>Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am, Wednesday at 5.00pm,<br>Saturday at 8.30am. And Sunday at 8.00am   |  |  |
|   | <b>Divine Mercy Prayer</b> Thursday 7.30am<br><b>Adoration</b> Thursday 6.00-7.00pm<br><br><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> Saturday 9.30 am<br><br><b>Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church</b> Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm<br>Sunday 8.00am - 8.15am<br><b>St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont</b> 2nd Sunday of each month<br><b>Next Mass at St John's</b> Sunday 10th June 10.30 am |  |  |
| <b>WEB PAGE:</b><br>www.sb.qld.edu.au   |   |  |  |
| <b>DAVID SEWELL</b><br>Principal  |   |  |  |

#### 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 :**

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

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

17th June, 24th June, 22nd July, 29th July, and 3rd August, 2018.

Every meeting starts immediately after 8:30am Mass.

#### 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.

#### 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 Body and Blood of Christ - Yr B – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

### FIRST READING Ex 24:3-8

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115:12-13, 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

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| 1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?<br>The cup of salvation I will raise;<br>I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)                 | 3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:<br>I will call on the Lord's name.<br>My vows to the Lord I will fulfil<br>before all his people. (R) |
| 2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.<br>Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;<br>you have loosened my bonds. (R.) |   |

### SECOND READING Heb 9:11-15

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**SEQUENCE** (See overhead projection for words)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.