

First Sunday of Advent Yr A - 27 November 2022

First Reading *Is 2:1-5 A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.*

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

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| <p>1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)</p> <p>2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)</p> | <p>3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)</p> <p>4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)</p> |
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Second Reading *Rom 13:11-14 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 24:37-44 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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REFLECTION

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

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Christmas at St Brigid's
Morning Tea & Cake Stall
 Sunday, 11th Dec after 8.30am Mass
 there will be a Parish Morning Tea.
 Please bring a plate to share
 especially International Goodies.
 Donations for the Cake Stall are also

Christmas Raffle
 We request donations by
 6th Dec. for the
 Christmas Hamper.
 Tickets go on sale
 11th Dec.

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MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7.00 am
Wednesday 6.00 pm
Saturday Morning 9.00 am



Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday 8.30 am sometimes live streamed

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am
Next Mass at St John's 4th December 2022

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6.30 am
Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 7.30 am

Adoration in Church Wednesday 5.30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and
Wednesday 5:15 pm

Mass at Earle Haven - 9th December 2022 9:15am

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

We pray for the recently deceased : Christopher Alroy

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

We also remember their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

We pray for those who are sick or in hospital: John Carney,

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



**THE SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
MARIAN VALLEY MASS TIMES**

Weekday Mass is at 9.00 am Monday to Friday

Saturday Mass time is 11.00am Sunday Mass times 11.00am and 4.00pm



HOSPITAL CALLS

Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish 5576 6466
Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish 5572 5433

John Flynn Hosp -Coolangatta-Tugun Parish 5598 2165
University & Gold Coast PrivHosp-Southport Parish
5510 2222

**Let us work together to
rebuild, restore &
revitalize our beautiful
parish.**

Tap & Go

You will notice a new Tap & Go machine at the church entrance. This is a very handy method of giving to St. Brigid's. The machine has been pre-set so that One tap equals \$10, two taps equals \$20 and multiples thereof. This takes care of the problem of being caught without cash and is a great benefit to our parish. Please use before or after Mass, not during.

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

We urgently need volunteers to vacuum the church on a regular basis. If a few people are able to give of their time, it makes the job easier. Please contact the office.

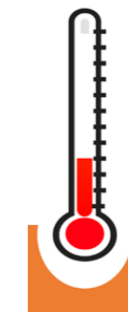
BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN

Week 12 EVERY BRICK COUNTS?

Only one brick was sold but every \$100 towards the project helps. Let us continue to all help this project along to reach \$50,000 before Christmas. If you have an intention to buy some bricks but you need to wait for a time that you will be able to afford them can you please email the parish to express your pledge and possible time frame to donate to the project. This information is vital to the parish as we would like to start the works very soon.

\$50,000

\$18,950



Bank Transfer - BSB 064-786
Account 100025317 Ref: Bricks-
Your name

If you require a receipt please email the parish.

Have a blessed week.

The fundraising team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We have many families in the area of Nerang/Worongary who are in desperate need of help. We are relying on your generous spirit to help some of the many families in need this year. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated.

SUGGESTED DONATION ITEMS (Last date to drop off goods: 10/11 Dec.)

(NO GLASS PLEASE)

Christmas Pudding/Christmas Cake

Tinned Ham

Tinned fruit

Long life Custard/Cream

Fruit Mince pies

Tin of baby potatoes or Instant mashed potatoes

Christmas serviettes/bon bons

Packet of lollies/chocolates

Tea/Coffee

Assorted Nuts

Shortbread or other Christmas biscuits

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity this Christmas Season!

