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Second Sunday of Advent A – 4th December 2022

First Reading *Is 11:1-10* A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7*

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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| 1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.) | 3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.) |
| 2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.) | 4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.) |

Second Reading *Rom 15:4-9* A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
 Alleluia!

Gospel *Mt 3:1-12* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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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 needed.

*The Christmas Raffle
 previously advertised
 has been cancelled.*

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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: Shirley Ryan, Bruce Hudson

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

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.

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.**

Come and pray the Nine days pre-Christmas dawn masses from 16th to 24th December

The 9-day masses is a tradition celebrated in the Phillipines, known as "Simbang Gabi", which means "Mass of the Rooster". The tradition traces its roots back to Mexico in 1587, when Fr. Diego de Soria, from the convent of San Augustin Acolman, petitioned the Pope for permission to hold Christmastide Masses outdoors because the church could not accommodate the multitude that attended the dawn services.

It was in the 16th century when Pope Sixtus V decreed that these pre-dawn Masses be also held in the Philippines starting every 16th December, under the conditions that the intentions would be offered for Holy Catholic Church, for the propagation of the faith and preservation of the newly baptised. The decree was in keeping with the nine-day traditional festivals of Filipinos in celebrating auspicious occasions like harvest times. It was also meant to give farmers a chance to hear Mass before setting out for the fields.

All are invited to participate in these masses from 5am each day from the 16th to 24th December.

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

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

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!

