



ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH
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Mary, the Holy Mother of God – 1st January 2023

First Reading Nm 6:22-27 *A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

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| <p>1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)</p> <p>2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)</p> | <p>3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
til the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)</p> |
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Second Reading Gal 4:4-7 *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:16-21 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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Gospel Reflection

Interestingly, today's gospel is virtually the same as the gospel used at the dawn liturgy on Christmas Day and follows directly on from the gospel used at Christmas Midnight Mass. It completes the nativity story with the shepherds' visit to the manger in Bethlehem. Despite what would appear to be a lot of excitement around the birth of her child, Mary is portrayed as remaining very calm, pondering all these things in her heart. It is a measure of Mary's acceptance of all that she had been asked to do. Despite the incredible series of events that led to and surrounded the birth of Jesus, Mary accepted with enormous grace the role she was asked to play in the salvation of the world. Perhaps it is Mary's calm in the midst of great events that makes this day an appropriate one to mark as World Day of Peace.

Luke's image of Mary is a very strong one. We must remember that Mary was no more than a girl – probably 14 or 15 years old. This was the usual age for young women to marry at that time. However, there wasn't much that was normal about the previous nine months of her life. In the midst of all the chaos involved in giving birth away from home and in less than ideal circumstances, she remains completely calm and 'treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'. What an extraordinary young woman!

Living the Gospel – A Peaceful New Year?

It is traditional around New Year's Day to make resolutions for the upcoming year: changes that affect the way you live; the way you treat others; setting goals to aim for and work towards. In this context, it is interesting that the Church marks this day as a World Day of Peace. Perhaps, in amongst the self-promises to give up smoking, get a bit more fit, work and study harder and treat little sisters better, we might find time to consider ways in which we can bring about a more peaceful world – even just my little bit of it.

Greg Sunter *Copied from Liturgy Help*

Please Note:
From 26th Dec to 14th Jan
Mass on week-days (Mon, Tues,
Thurs, Fri) will be at 9:00am
There will be no Mass on Wed.

CHURCHES

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

MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH

Week Day Mass

Starting 26th Dec. to 14th Jan.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

Wednesday

Saturday Morning

9.00 am

No Mass

9.00 am



Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil

6.00 pm

Sunday

8.30 am sometimes live streamed

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont

Christmas Day 8.30am and
1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am
1st January 2023

Next Mass at St John's

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 -

13th January 2023 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 : Mark Grey, Vera Horvat

We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time: Teodora Lapiz, Clive Scrivens, 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

BAPTISM PREPARATION -

The preparation meeting for Baptism of infants will be held on **Saturday 28th January 2023 at 10.00am. in the Parish Centre.** All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

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.

Living the Gospel

A Peaceful New Year?

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

January 1, 2023 **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity. <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

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.

Consider a Bequest

Preparing a Will is the best way to ensure that the people you care about are properly provided for. When preparing your Will, your heart and mind turn first to your family and loved ones. Once they are provided for, a Will is a unique opportunity to make a significant gift to the people and organisations you care about. Please prayerfully consider including a gift to our Parish. Your gift will help carry forward the gospel message to future generations. For more information about how to make a gift in your Will please contact the Catholic Foundation at 07 3324 3200 or giving@bne.catholic.net.au

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Online Report: www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com
Information can be provided anonymously..

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Safeguarding Commitment
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