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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A – 22nd January 2023

First Reading Is 8:23 – 9:3 *A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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| 1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.) | 3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.) |
| 2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.) | |

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-23 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!
 The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of Death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people. *Copied from Liturgy Help*

The Voice of Jesus

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.'*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.

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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 5th February 2023

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 - To Be Advised 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: Marcia Toomey, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

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: Lenette Evans, Michael Nolan, 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.**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time "He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission. <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

RCIA Program 2023

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and being baptised as an adult? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be starting soon and details are available from the Parish Office.

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

Do you wish to be part of St. Brigid's Parish? Please complete a Census Form located at the back of the church and return to the priest or drop on collection plate. Many thanks....

Gold Coast Parishes 24 Hours Adoration
Tuesdays 1 pm to Wednesday 1pm Every week
Location - Guardian Angels Church 99 Scarborough Street Southport,
parking onsite, church secured from 6pm to 8am

We invite you to help with perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Receive abundant graces and blessings by committing to at least 1 hour in front of the blessed Sacrament once a week at Guardian Angels Church Southport from 1 pm on Tuesdays through to 1 pm every Wednesday. The church which is secured during the night hours from 6pm Tuesday through to 8:00 AM Wednesday so you will have your own code to access inside. Parking available in front of the church. Experience the peace and solitude that only Our Lord in the Blessed sacrament can bring, especial late at night or early morning hours. For more information or to schedule in your Holy hour please contact adortionatgc@gmail.com or call 0402812832

BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN

Maintenance Update The Buy A Brick Campaign has allowed the Parish to commence some of the works. As we know all things start from the top and the top of our maintenance list is to remove the trees close to the church that are causing the leaves to fill the gutters. The blocked gutters are causing the water damage to the building. Quotes for the tree removal works are approximately \$6,000. More help is needed to support the campaign to assure the works can continue. With the visit from the Archdiocese building team in September there are some major costs relating to building compliance. We will continue to inform you of the works as we stage the works. The parish is still short \$30,000 to complete the works. Please continue to support the parish fundraising efforts. **Information on this campaign is in a brochure at the back of the church.**



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If you require a receipt please email the parish.

STOPline

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

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Safeguarding Commitment
The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.