



ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH
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Fourth Sunday in Ord Time Yr A – 29 January 2023

First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 *A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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| <p>1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)</p> | <p>3. It is the Lord who loves the just
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)</p> |
| <p>2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)</p> | |

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31 *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Rejoice and be glad;
 Your reward will be great in heaven.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances *will* have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

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Notice

Parish Council Meeting Feb 7 — 6:30pm

Finance Council Meeting Feb 9 — 6:30pm

CHURCHES

St Brigid's Church
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Principal

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 - 10th February 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 : Marcia Toomey.

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

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley Church for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.02.2023. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573,. All are welcome. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Xavier on 0404 843 260.

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.

January 29, 2023 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs. <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.

Feast of St. Brigid of Ireland— Wednesday, February 1

St Brigid of Kildare or Brigid of Ireland is the patron saint of Ireland and one of its three national saints along with Patrick and Columba. She is also patron of midwives and newborn babies. Born in 451 of a noble father and slave mother she was known for her kindness and care for the poor. She founded many monasteries and churches. Her feast day in Ireland is traditionally the beginning of spring and the making, blessing and giving of Brigid's crosses like the one below and on the front of our Newsletter takes place.

Mass: 9:00am for School (everyone invited) and 6:00pm



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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.

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 adortonatgc@gmail.com or call 0402812832