

Second Sunday of Lent Yr A – 5th March 2023

First Reading *Gen 12:1-4 A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading *2 Tm 1:8-10 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *Mt 17:1-9 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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God prepares a people, the family of Abraham, which will eventually issue in his Messiah, Jesus. Here we have the first beginning. God calls Abram to leave his country, his family, his comfort-zone, to go out into an unknown land and an unknown future. Abram has no security beyond the simple promise of God that God will bless him and his family, with a blessing so great that all nations will recognise it and use the very name of 'Abram' as a blessing. In a fierce and arid land, which offers no protection to strangers, he has no family, no children to support him. He is to become a wanderer over the earth, not knowing the goal of his wanderings. He does not ask for the credentials of this Voice which calls him. He does not seem even to have any concept of God, and yet he follows this call. Just so, the first disciples at the Lakeside will, without a word or a question, follow God's Son when he calls them. Abram's trust in this Voice is the model for all personal trust.

The Transfiguration was the moment when the disciples were shown the divinity of Jesus on the Holy Mountain. The scene is reminiscent of Moses' encounter with God on Sinai, when his face, too, shone like the sun. Moses and Elijah are present because they are the two Old Testament figures who experienced the presence of God on the Holy Mountain. With his usual impetuous generosity Peter attempts to 'freeze' the moment. The public declaration of Jesus as God's Son at the Baptism is repeated, but with the addition that Jesus is the authorized divine teacher; Matthew is alert to the implications for the Church of the presence of Christ as Teacher. The cloud is also a symbol of God's presence, to which the human response can only be to fall to the ground in fear and reverence. The awesome moment of revelation cannot, however, last, and Jesus brings his disciples back to the dire realities before them with the reminder that his death must precede the revelation of his glory at the Resurrection. Until they have experienced the limitless generosity of his death, and the vindication by God of this love, they are not ready to spread the message of Jesus.

CHURCHES	MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH		
	Week Day Mass		
St Brigid's Church 39-49 McLaren Rd Nerang Q 4211	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday	7.00 am	
	Wednesday	6.00 pm	
	Saturday Morning	9.00 am	
St John's Church Windabout Rd Beechmont Q 4211	Sunday Mass		
	Saturday Vigil	6.00 pm	
	Sunday	8.30 am sometimes live streamed	
SCHOOL	St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont		
	1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am Next Mass at St John's 2nd April 2023		
St Brigid's Primary McLaren Road Nerang Q 4211 Phone: 5596 4188	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	
WEB PAGE: www.sb.qld.edu.au	Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and Wednesday 5:15 pm		
MATTHEW VINE Principal	Mass at Earle Haven - March 10th 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 :
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, 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 13.03.2023. 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.*

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MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE, 14TH MAY 2023
RAFFLE THEME "PAMPER MUM THIS MOTHERS DAY"

The Parish Pastoral Council have agreed to two raffles this year. Mother's Day and Father's Day. The fundraising Team upon Fr Albert's return will update the Parish with the proposed works. The Buy a Brick Campaign has reached approximately \$26,000.

To stage the raffle we will use all of March to collect your donations of "pamper items".
Stage 1 – Donate to the prize. Donations close end of March.
 Items to consider donating to the raffle.....an overnight stay.....a spa package.....a restaurant voucher, a gift voucher ie: flowers, Bunnings, Dress shop, Beauty, Chemist, Coffee.
 A towel set, foot spa, perfume, soap, wine, chocolates and all things that make mum smile.
Stage 2 – Sell the tickets in April
Stage 3 – Return tickets and draw prize on Mother's day Sunday May 14th 2023.
Let's make this the raffle every mother would love to win.
Putting the fun back in fundraising. The St Brigid's fundraising team.



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Lenten Program Held at St Brigid's

Each Monday evening 6:45pm in Lent

Divine Mercy Meeting held every 2nd Monday at Marian Valley. Next Meeting Monday, 6th March at 10:00am. Further details contact Betty 0438 130 322.

2nd Sunday of Lent "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful." <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Stations of the Cross
Each Friday during Lent
6:00pm

Don't Forget to pick up your
Project Compassion
Lenten Box