



St. Brigid's Catholic Parish Nerang



Our Parish is under pastoral care of the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit
(known in Australia as the Pauline Fathers)

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is everyone's responsibility

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MATTHEW VINE
Principal

23rd August 2026
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Multicultural Day at St. Brigid's, Nerang

Today, our parish family gathers for a joyful Multicultural Celebration, a living witness that while we come from many nations and traditions, **we are one in Christ**. Our shared faith binds us together, and our cultural diversity is the beautiful gift that enriches us all. With pride in our heritage, we honour the traditions passed down through generations, and we joyfully share the unique treasures of our cultures - from colourful attire and heartfelt performances to the delicious foods lovingly prepared from kitchens around the world. This celebration is more than an event - it is a reflection of the Body of Christ, where each culture's story becomes part of our shared parish story.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to:

- **Our organisers and volunteers** for their tireless dedication.
 - **Performers** who shared their gifts and traditions with such joy.
 - **Visiting guests and our parishioners**, whose presence makes our celebration complete.
 - **Our honoured guests**, including politicians from all levels of government.
- As St. Brigid's Parish, Nerang encompasses a vast geographic area spanning multiple electorates, we are delighted that, on this occasion, we have received support from all levels of government: local, state, and federal. We extend our thanks to:

Cameron Caldwell - Federal Member for Fadden

Angie Bell - Federal Member for Moncrieff

Meaghan Scanlon - State Member for Gaven

Councillor Peter Young - Gold Coast City Councillor, Division 5

May today inspire us to **cherish our heritage, cultivate our traditions, and build bridges of love and understanding** — always rooted in the Gospel of Christ.

"There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism." (Eph 4:4-5)

PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATION TEAM

FR. DAMIAN MOSAKOWSKI, OSPPE, MTh/STL
Parish Administrator

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MASS TIMES

St. Brigid's, Nerang

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 7am

Wednesday: 6pm

Saturday: 9am, Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

St. John's Chapel, Windabout Road, Beechmont

Temporarily suspended until further notice

Earle Haven - First Friday of the month: 4th September 2026 - 9.30am

Shrine of Mary Help of Christians - Marian Valley

Weekdays: 9am Monday to Friday

Weekends: 11am Saturday and Sunday / 4pm Sunday

CONFESSIONS

St. Brigid's, Nerang

Wednesday: 5.15pm-5.45pm

Saturdays: 8.15am-8.45am & 5.15pm-5.45pm

OUR PARISH PRAYER LISTS

For those who are sick: Merv Hohn, Betty Underwood, Shawn Marshall, Gregory Hurney, Bruce Farrel, Sean Seeto, Denise Smaron, Bela Bard-Brucker.

Recently deceased: Bruce Alker, Colleen Nolan.

Death Anniversaries: Catherine "Kate" Baillie, Brendan "Sweeney" Newell, Julius Nagy.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



If you need assistance with food, clothing or any other help, please contact **HELPLINE 1800 846 643**.

For details on conference's activities or to donate, please contact Clare Groom - clare.groom@svdpqld.org.au



PARISH GIVING APP



Register now by scanning the QR Code. You will be able to control your donation to your local parish or to other parishes listed in this APP. If you need assistance to register, please email the parish office to send the full registration steps.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Christian Initiation?

Our RCIA program has now commenced, but it is not too late to join. If you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or prepare to receive the Sacraments, we warmly welcome you. Please contact the Parish Office or email nerang@bnc.catholic.net.au to express your interest.

The program began with a Welcome and Meet & Greet gathering following the 8:30 am Sunday Mass, providing a wonderful opportunity for participants to meet one another and the RCIA Team. Formation sessions are held every second week from August to December, with personal reflection and reading between sessions. Following the Christmas break, the program resumes in February with weekly sessions leading up to Easter. During Lent, participants will also take part in the special rites and prayers celebrated within our Sunday Masses.

A Request to Our Parish Community

Please keep our RCIA participants in your prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them on their journey of faith as they prepare to enter more fully into the life of the Church.

Annual Catholic Campaign 2026 Special Collection - 22/23 August

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WEEKLY Collections	15 AUG/ 16 AUG	8 AUG/ 9 AUG	BUDGET
1 ST COLLECTION	\$ 917.45	\$ 699.10	\$ 700.00
2 ND COLLECTION	\$ 738.05	\$ 625.10	\$ 600.00
TAP & GO / BPOINT	\$ 835.00	\$ 835.85	\$ 800.00
DIRECT DEBIT	\$ 914.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 600.00
PARISH GIVING APP	\$ 157.00	\$ 157.00	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 3561.50	\$ 2575.05	\$ 2,800.00
+ / -	UP \$ 761.50	DOWN \$ 224.95	
OTHER COLLECTIONS	\$401.20 Candle Money		

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES AND EVENTS

ST. BARTHOLOMEW (apostle)

MONDAY, 24th AUGUST - 7AM - feast

St. Bartholomew is identified with Nathanael in the Gospel of John. He is believed to have come from Cana in Galilee and is noted for his honesty and faith in Jesus, famously proclaiming Him as the "Son of God" upon their first meeting (John 1:47-49). Tradition holds that after the Resurrection, Bartholomew embarked on missionary work in regions such as India, Armenia, Ethiopia, and Mesopotamia, spreading Christianity far from the Holy Land. He is particularly associated with missionary activity in Armenia, where he is credited with converting King Polymius and numerous others to the Christian faith. St. Bartholomew is remembered as a martyr. Accounts of his death suggest he was flayed alive and then beheaded, symbolizing his steadfast faith and ultimate sacrifice for Christ.

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA (BLACK MADONNA)

WEDNESDAY, 26th AUGUST - 6PM

On August 26, we celebrate the gentle yet powerful presence of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Black Madonna. Her dark, tender face—marked by scars—reminds us that she walks with us in our struggles, holding us close to her Son. For over six centuries, the Pauline Fathers have guarded her image at Jasna Góra Monastery in Poland, carrying her message of hope and faith to the world. Through their prayer and ministry, they invite us to trust as she trusted, to love as she loved. Today, let us place our hearts in her hands, asking her to guide us through life's storms and lead us always to Jesus.

"Our Lady of Czestochowa,
wrap us in your mantle of mercy."

ST. MONICA (confessor)

THURSDAY, 27th AUGUST - 7AM

She prayed when hope seemed gone, she wept when words could not reach, she loved when hearts were far away. For forty years, Monica's tears watered the soil of her son's soul, until grace bloomed in Augustine's heart. Her faith turned sorrow into joy, her patience into a legacy of love. Saint Monica, pray for us - that we may never give up on those we love.

ST. AUGUSTINE

(bishop, doctor of the Church, author of the religious rule)

FRIDAY, 28th AUGUST - 9AM

(GOLD COAST SHOW DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

St. Augustine's life was a long pilgrimage of the heart. Brilliant, curious, and restless, he searched the world for truth - in philosophies, pleasures, and ambitions - yet found no lasting peace. Only when he surrendered to Christ did his heart find its home. From that moment, his words became a beacon for generations, teaching that God's grace is the answer to our deepest longing. Honoured as a Doctor of the Church, Augustine reminds us: our souls are made for God, and they will not rest until they rest in Him.

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SATURDAY, 29th AUGUST - 9AM

On August 29, we honour St. John the Baptist, the fearless herald of Christ who gave his life rather than remain silent about the truth. His steadfast witness challenges us to live with integrity, speak the truth in love, and remain faithful to God in all circumstances. May his courage inspire us to follow Christ with boldness and humility. "He must increase; I must decrease." (John 3:30)

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY)

SATURDAY, 29th AUGUST - 6PM

SUNDAY, 30th AUGUST - 8:30AM



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released its August 2026 Social Justice Statement, *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*, launched by Bishop Tim Harris in Brisbane on August 7, 2026. The statement challenges communities of faith to respond to rising polarization, hostility, and social tension by choosing a culture of encounter, active listening, and Christ-like compassion over fear and division.

Please read it online: socialjustice.catholic.org.au or at the electronic version of our newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

A MONTH FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

During the pontificate of Pope Francis, the month of September has taken on a special meaning for Catholics and all people of goodwill - it is a time dedicated to prayer, reflection, and action for the care of our common home. Beginning with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September, this period invites us to join the global Season of Creation, uniting Christians everywhere in responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Let us use this month to deepen our gratitude for God's gift of creation and to commit ourselves to concrete steps - big or small - that help heal and sustain our world. "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 137

LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL; DO NOT FORSAKE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Matthew 16:18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.*

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GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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Care for retired and elderly priests

Your gift to The Priests Foundation ensures that priests who have spent their lives in service to God and our community are themselves supported with care and dignity when they retire or become unwell.



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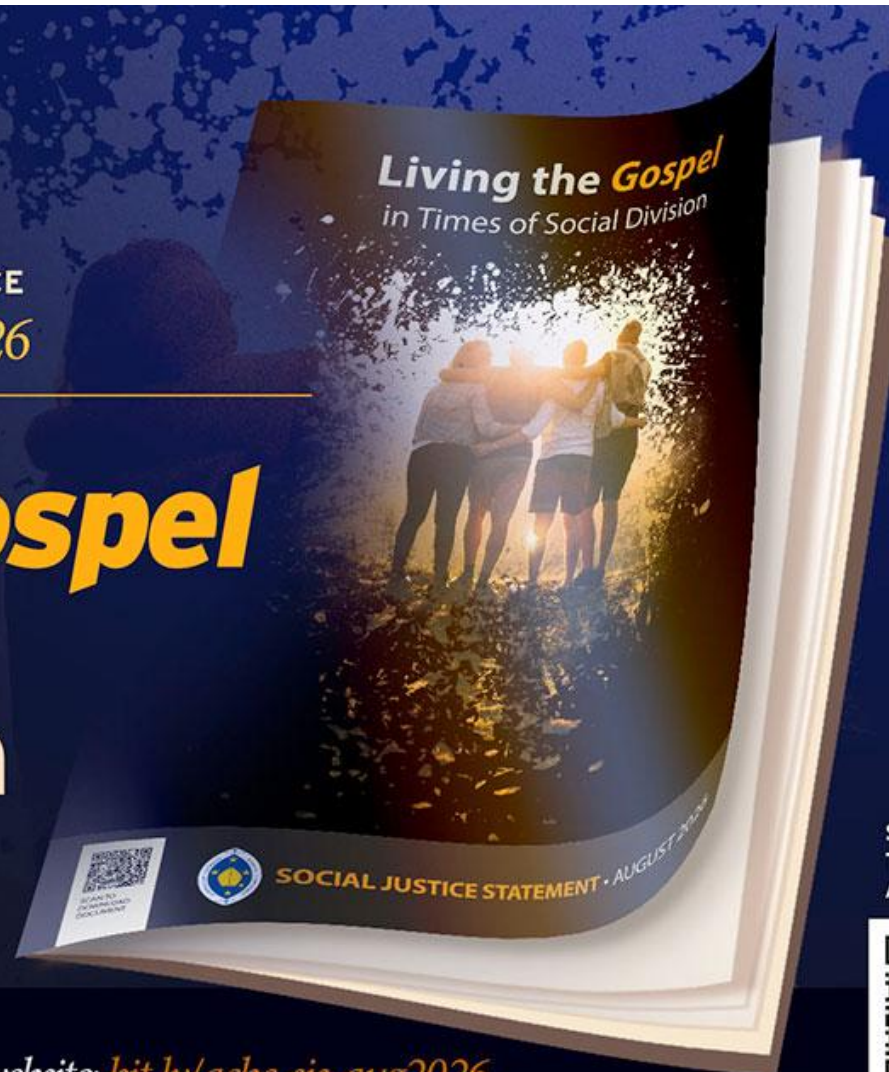
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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE
Social Justice Statement • August 2026

Living the **Gospel** in Times of Social Division



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TO DOWNLOAD
A PDF COPY



The document is now available to download on our website: bit.ly/acbc-sjs-aug2026

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

We will walk with you.



Training & Support

6:30pm – Tuesday 25th August
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

RSVP by the 18th August

Join the Archdiocesan Alpha Journey where we make and form missionary disciples together.



Scan for info and registration.

Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.





An endorsed Caritas Australia initiative, with the support of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service



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SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Listen • Reflect • Act

Event Details

3-4 September 2026

- **Online**
10 – 4:30 pm (AEST)
- **Registration:**
\$20 per person / \$100 per parish



www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

2026 SEASON OF CREATION

EVENTS

ECUMENICAL LITURGY	TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER	11AM	Lychee Garden Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
REFLECTION ONLINE WORKSHOPS	TUESDAY'S 1 SEPTEMBER - 29 SEPTEMBER	9AM	Zoom
SEASON OF CREATION MASS	9 SEPTEMBER	12:30PM	St Stephen's Cathedral
ART EXHIBITION DIANNE MINNAAR <i>Days of Creation</i>	3RD - 8TH OCTOBER	8:30am- 4:00pm	St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct



2026
**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Immersion in Living Water
Ezekiel 17:9,12

Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/SeasonOfCreation26
for info and to register.

Presented by Archdiocesan Ministries





The Cathedral of St Stephen

— WARMLY INVITES COUPLES —

who are celebrating 50 years of marriage
and above to the annual

Golden Wedding *Anniversary Mass*



SATURDAY,
26TH SEPTEMBER 2026



11:30AM



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane



*Family and friends
are welcome to attend*





Australian Academy
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Liturgy Under the Southern Cross

NATIONAL CONFERENCE



September 28-30, 2026



Mary MacKillop Place,
North Sydney, NSW

The conference offers space to reflect on broad themes about place, time, culture, social relationships, and pressing questions of faith and spirituality as they are experienced in liturgy in the southern hemisphere.

**“ Reflecting on worship
in Australia and our
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