

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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The Body and Blood of Christ
18th of June

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16. Psalm 147. 1
Corinthians 10:16-17. John 6:51-58.

Next Week 24-25/6.

Jeremiah 20:10-13. Psalm 68. Romans 5:12-15. Matthew 10:26-33.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7am.

Sandgate – Sun. 9am. & 5pm.

Zillmere – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7am. 9am. & 5pm.

Reconciliation:

Every Sat. 5:15pm to 5:45pm and before all weekend Masses.

Weekday Mass or Liturgy: 9am.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Readings:

Mon. 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. P. 97. Matthew 5:38-42.

Tue. 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. P.145. Matthew 5:43-48.

Wed. 2 Corinthians 9:1-6. P.111. Mat. 6:1-6,16-18.

Thu. 2 Corinthians 11:1-11. P.110. Matthew 6:7-15.

Fri. Deut. 7:6-11. 1. Ps.102. Matthew 11:25-30.

Sat. Jeremiah 1:4-10. Ps.70. Luke 1:5-17.

Mass at Home:

Both City and Regional. Channel 10. Sundays at 6am. Mass is available for viewing at any time at <http://www.mfyah.com.au/>

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

Live at 10am., every Sunday on website: <http://bne.catholic.net.au/webcast>

Communion for the Sick:

To share our Sunday liturgies with sick family members and/or friends, please see Leader/Coordinator before Mass.

Reflection www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org

Parish News

St. Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills

Reflection.

Reflection on the Gospel-The Body and Blood of Christ Year A, 18 June 2017 (John 6:51-58)

Let us ground our faith in action to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

Bread is staple food for much of the world's population. It is also a metaphor for the food that sustains the life of the human community. Being able to "put bread on the table" is the concern of every parent. Bread means life. Jesus' claim to be "the living bread" is a unique expression paralleled by his earlier claim to be "living water". It teases the reader with the possibility of multiple meanings. It refers at one level to food that gives life; at another, it is the gift of God's life. As we reflect on the symbolism of bread, we attend also to the plight of those without bread. While there is sufficient "bread" to satisfy the hunger of everyone on the planet, over one billion people are desperately hungry, some seven million South Sudanese among them as the civil war in their country continues.

Today's gospel passage belongs within a section of John's gospel generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4-5 on the manna/bread that God rains from heaven. In John 6:51-58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out.

A simple analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My home town, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from my own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels. In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a

very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ.

This Sunday we take time to reflect on Eucharist, the mystery we celebrate from week to week. While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world's resources so that all God's people and all God's creatures might have life.

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection
www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org



Prayer for Peace

Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Child & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Lisa Harrison

To reach out to someone who is hurting
Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

School: Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. Ph: 3261 2858.

Parish Office: Bronwyn Venzke,
bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 3261 3670.
Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

St Vincent de Paul: Jeff Walsh or Earl Grady

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach.

Blitz: Kelcey & Josh de Gee.

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Broughe,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time: noon Fridays).

'We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship'.

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free for those among us who have some mobility difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking even if it appears the area is not being used.

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Pray@8. Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. "Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

Let us pray for peace in South Sudan and for an end to the civil war. Let us pray for the villagers with whom we are connected as a parish. As we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity this weekend, we pray that the Holy Spirit will protect them. Amen.

Date Claimer – Important Child Safety Training –for All Parish Volunteers. Sat. 15/7. 2.15-5.15pm. and Wed. 26/7. 6-9pm. (In the Church). The Archdiocese has asked that all volunteers of the parish complete this training, not only those involved in the care of children. The Archdiocese has specified volunteers who assist with: Communion Ministry, Hospitality, Readers, Children's Liturgy, Kindy Liturgy, Counters, Finance Council, Grounds Maintenance, Church Maintenance, Pastoral Council, Sacramental Program, RCIA Programme, Sacristans, Youth Group, Refugee Support, Catechists. All interested parishioners are also welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the Parish office advising which session you will be attending. Should these dates not be suitable, alternate dates will be offered in surrounding parishes in the next couple of months. Enquiries to the Parish office – 3261 3670 (Mon, Tues, Fri. mornings).

Seniors' Outing.

THIS Tue. 20/6. Meeting 11.30am. for Lunch and Club Pine Rivers. Formerly the Pine Rivers Bowls Club. Cnr. Francis and Sparkes Rds., Bray Park. UBD Ref. No. L. 10. Please make your own transport arrangements. Lunch will be served from 11: 30am. until 2pm. Enq. Ron & Therese Kissane .

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Prep to Year 3 invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

No Kindy Lit. today. Enq. Margaret

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is kept up to date at all times.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

There are two extra forms - our Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. There is no cost for the Blue Card. Volunteers, please collect the forms from Bronwyn, Margaret or Netta.

Name Badges for Parishioners.

Name badges are just so helpful for assisting in meeting and greeting parishioners before and after Mass. Please consider ordering a Parish name badge to help us all get to know each other's names. An order form is at the back of the church. Last day for ordering is Sunday 9/7. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3261 3670.

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:- Thomas, Esther, Fletcher,. Tyler and Charliel.

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for God's healing touch and love for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. To have

family/friends included in our prayers in the newsletter, please contact Barbara

Novena Prayers for Fr. Chris Schick.

You are invited to participate in a Novena – praying with St. Mary MacKillop, for Fr. Chris at this time as he continues to receive treatment. To participate you say the Novena prayer each day, at any time, for 9 consecutive days. The Novena is planned to start Sun. 11/6 and concludes 19/6. Copies of the Novena prayer are available at the back of the church. Fr. Chris is very appreciative of all the prayers and support and well wishes for him at this time.

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Requiem Mass for Bruce Menyweather will be held on Thu. 22/6 at 11:30am at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Kippa Ring.

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Interment Ceremony - Joseph Morsch.

The plaque for Joseph is now ready, so we are inviting you all to a ceremony to farewell Joseph, who was called to Heaven on 2nd May. Fr. Gerry will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's, Bracken Ridge at 9am. Tue. 27/6, after which, we will carpool to St. Dymphna's Church Aspley for Joseph's Interment Ceremony. Everyone is then invited to the nearby Geebung RSL Club, where we can gather to join with Joseph's family for refreshments/lunch. Enq. Ron & Therese Kissane

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 1-2/7. Group 6. Enq. Margaret Halpin. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend, 24-25/6. Group 5. 6pm. A. Isaak. O. D'Souza. J. Ivelt. 7.30am. F. Burke. S. Donatini. K. Hutton. 9am. S. Hutchinson. M. de Gee. N. Matthew.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. G. Cameron. R. Nave. M. & P. Needer. ? 7.30am. D. Johns. . Voegeli. Rey del Rosario. L. Ellis. 9am. B. & V. Stephensen. D. de Gee. M. Hutchinson. T. Clarke.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. L. & L. Espacia. 7.30am. S. Angus-MacInnes. M. Lewry. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

If you would like to serve, please see Fr. Gerry before Mass.

Counters Roster.

25/6 - Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann. 2/7. Group 6. Mike & Bryan.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 24/6. Robyn Masterman.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

18-25/6. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Nativity of St. John the Baptist. 12th Sunday of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Oceanic Rectors Conference. Saints Aloysius Gonzaga. John Fisher. Thomas More.

Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.

Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Parish Newsletter online: Website.

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-newsletter.html>

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

Parishioners, if they wish, may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog A hard copy will be put on the noticeboard in the Church.

Vocation Brisbane V9 Prayer Campaign.

This campaign encourages a prayerful culture across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for praying a nine week novena for vocations. Prayer Campaign 8. A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved. B: For they were like sheep without a Shepherd. A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready". B: "But the labourers are few." A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest. B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest. A: And shepherd for your people. Amen. Let us pray: For Christian families, the source of religious vocations, that they may be prompted to encourage young family members to rejoice in doing God's will. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting today, (Sun. 18/6) at the Full Moon for dinner or a drink at 7pm. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next meeting Sn. 25/6 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. Trivia night with Touch Football. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today. (Sun. 18/6). All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee. Gold coin donation.

Fire & Spirit 2/7.

Held on the first Sunday of each month from 3.30 – 5pm. Come and join us for our monthly afternoon of praise, worship and sharing of the Word in our Parish Church. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle

Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 11.30am. All are very welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Men's Prayer Group.

Held every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the parish invited and welcome. Enq. Phillip

Parish Pastoral Council.

At the meeting last Monday a number of candidates were present (some unable to attend but still interested) in becoming a Pastoral Council member. Fr. Gerry and Margaret gave them a comprehensive understanding of what work is involved and the time required to be an active Pastoral Council member. The Parish' strength lies in the hands of all of its parishioners. The shepherd has sowed the seed widely for a good harvest and the labourers are plenty. If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively send an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with a heading 'For the attention of the Pastoral Council'.

An evening with Ursula Rakova -

'Carteret Islanders Responding to Climate Change' 7.30pm. 6/7 in the Parish Centre. Our new Parish Care for Creation Group would like to invite you to join with them to meet and hear Ursula Rakova speaking on the 'Carteret Islanders Responding to Climate Change'. Ursula, a Carteret Islander herself, is the Director of the Carteret Islands Relocation Programme. This is a unique opportunity to hear someone on the frontline of climate change speak about how the effects of rising sea levels are drastically impacting her Carteret homeland and forcing the relocation of her people to Bougainville - a relocation which must be completed by 2020. Further information and an event flyer is available on our Parish Care for Creation website <http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com/events.html> Enq. Rosie and Peter Bugden.

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

Edmund Rice Education Australia led a "National Ritual of Apology" for victims of historic abuse at schools run by the Christian Brothers. Those schools include Brisbane's St Joseph's Nudgee College; St Laurence's College; and St. James College. Chief executive Dr. Wayne Tinsley read a statement of acknowledgement and regret, with school principals endorsing each point. "Today we begin a journey of major change by publicly acknowledging the sexual abuse of students in our schools, some dead, some above, some unknown," he said. "We hope this apology will help in the healing process and be a step towards re-establishing trust." Dr. Tinsley said EREA would continue to support the provision of care for survivors. Some extracts are taken from The Catholic Leader online <http://bit.ly/EREAApology> Francis Sullivan (CEO TJHC) media blog at <http://tinyurl.com/TJHCblog> Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.tjhc.org.au> Specialist Support Director. Professional Standards Office (Qld) - 1800 337 928 or 07 3229 3711. Adults Surviving Child Abuse - 1300 657 380. Victims Counselling Support Services - 1300 139 703. Knowmore - 1800 605 762 www.knowmore.com.au Netta Sheridan. Parish Pastoral Council.

Young People of Our Parish 16 to 29 years -

-Pope Francis Wants to Hear from You! Closing date for the survey for Young People is 2/7. You could win 1 of 3 'Dr. Dre Solo 2.0 On Ear Headphones' by completing the survey!

<http://bit.ly/YouthSurveyFrancis> Fr. Gerry.

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Enq. Margaret Halpin

School History Group.

Since the beginning of 2016 a small group of people have been meeting on a regular basis slowly sorting through the all the school's data, paraphernalia and other records we have in storage. Whilst conducting this exercise a few gaps have been discovered. We are now sending out an SOS in the hope that either parents, past students or former staff members can help fill these gaps for us. Below is a list of what we are currently in search of (we are quite happy to make copies of photographs). Class Photos: 1988 - Yr 1 White; Yr 2 Brown; Yr 3 Blue; Yr 3 Brown; Yr 6 Blue; Yr 7 Brown. 1983 - Staff Photo. Uniform - (Replica?) Blue jacket and pants (Winter) - with a white stripe on the sleeve (and a thin brown stripe below it). If anyone in the community has information/memorabilia (or you might know of someone who may have kept special mementos of their time at St Joseph's) please feel free to contact Beatrice Smith at the School, or Barbara Masterman after 9am. Mass.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

Pope Francis at TED Talks <http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese prepare "Two Minute Homilies" and upload them on social media: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

Vocation Views.

That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.

WAG Update.

For a variety of reasons, the WAG reports for the past two weeks have been incorrect. Last weekend we collected for Blackall / Tambo parish, not South Sudan and we raised \$248.70. The previous week when it was reported that we raised \$28.65 it was actually \$280.65 raised for South Sudan. We thank you most sincerely for continuing to support our WAG programs to help our brothers and sisters in both localities. So this week, we are back to SOUTH SUDAN with the familiar Buckets. Enq. Terry Tolhurst

St. Vincent De Paul.

Thank you for the response to the Winter Appeal. So far we have been gifted \$2,906. Your generosity is much appreciated by the needy within our community.

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is offered by our new migrants. You do not need to own a mower. Enq. Michael 0417 635 269.

menALIVE in the City.

Enq. 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

Our Library.

This is in the Workroom at the Church. Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq.

Social Parish Tennis Group -

-plays Wednesday nights at Deagon Tennis Courts at 7pm. Court No. 10. Enq. Maureen

Social bike riding group.

The first Saturday of the month and leaving from Bracken Ridge Tavern promptly at 7am. Enq. Maureen

Giving for weekend 10-11/6.

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish, and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up at offertory. Current Envelope Givers: 72. Direct Debit Givers 94. Envelopes \$632. Direct Debit \$1753. Loose \$1392. Total \$3777. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 24. \$3458.

An Invitation.

If you wish to join the Giving Programme and support our/my Parish with a regular financial Gift please place a note with your name, address, and phone number on either Collection plate or email our Parish Office at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Care for Creation Group. Commencing today!

Pope Francis, on Pentecost Sunday 2015, issued his encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si' (On Care for Our Common Home)". He addressed the document, not just to Catholics, but to all people of the world and called us to share the challenge of caring for creation. Our parish is responding with the formation of a Care for Creation group. The group will hold its first meeting in the Church TODAY, Sun. 18/6 at 2pm. All welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

Beanie & socks Appeal.

Thank you to all in our community who were able to support our recent beanie & socks appeal, assisting those struggling at this time. Your generosity will ease things a little for those who don't have a home to go to during these cooler months. Thanks for the wonderful knitting that many of you were able to do. What a beautiful gift. Donations have been distributed to Rosies, Paddy's Van & Eucumenical coffee brigade. Much gratitude Helen Hickey.

Finance Council Meeting.

Held 22/5. Items of Interest: Parish Financial Position was reviewed. A bulk payment has been made off the Parish Loan from Centacare (Outside School Care) distributions. The loan balance as at 31/3 was \$62,810.54. The Parish has since received the March distribution from Centacare of \$53,814. The Finance Council has requested information from Centacare about long term projected income before considering the possibility of committing the parish to a significant debt for construction of new Outside School Care Facility. We are still awaiting this information so no commitment has been made. Resealing of concrete in the church has been completed. With the assistance of parishioners this has been achieved at \$8000 less than was originally quoted

for the concrete restoration. Air conditioning and fans are being considered for the church.

St. Joseph's School/Parish Fete 2017.

The Cent Auction is always one of the most popular attractions at our Fete. We would love donations to make up prizes for any age, boys, girls, men, women. Sports, games, etc... Donations can be left in the marked container at the back of the Church for collection each Monday. We are always delighted to have the full support of our Parish family.

2017 National Pilgrimage.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8/11, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18/11. COST EX BRISBANE: \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement: \$610.00. Enq., or for a Pilgrimage brochure. Sr. Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr. Annie Bond 02 89124818. MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

Catholic Mission.

Not only will this bike ride, from November 15-26, focus on one of the most beautiful of "all the nations", Cambodia, but it will give participants a chance to see how Mission is unfolding, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" across the Cambodia countryside. Call our Brisbane office 3336 9239 for more details or for a FREE information pack and be a part of this historic and life-changing - for all concerned - experience. David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Diocese

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our St. Joseph's Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass, from 9:30 - 11:30am. (approx.) in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. The next Meeting will be on Monday 19/6. Enquiries: Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor

National Weekend For Men.

Hosted and run by menALIVE. Fri. 14/7 - Sun. 16/7 at St. Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland. From \$245 per person includes 2 nights accommodation, six meals and a great event. Enq. mail@menalive.org.au /Peter Carrigan 0404 496 405 or Robert Falzon 0412 745 734.

Bo Sanchez & Arun Gogna in Gold Coast.

The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Grand Feast on the 1/7. The theme is "Moving Forward in Christ Jesus". The event will be held at the Southport Church of Christ, cnr. Olsen Ave and Griffith Way, Southport. Mass starts at 4pm. Admission FREE. Contact Francis Gueco at 0438310461 or email kikodok@yahoo.com

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Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

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Prayer for Peace.

Lord, the plight of Iraq and Syria is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Peace is the foundation of life. Grant the people of Iraq and Syria peace and stability that will enable them to live with one another with dignity and joy. Spare their lives and grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Prayer of Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Sako of Iraq, adapted by Archbishop Costelloe of Perth).