

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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[www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com)

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year.  
9<sup>th</sup> of July

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-10. Psalm 144. Romans 8:9,11-13. Matthew 11:25-30.

Next Week 15-16/7.

Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm 104. Romans 8:18-23. Matthew 13:1-23.

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. Genesis 28:10-22. P. 90. Matthew 9:18-26.

Tue. Genesis 32:23-33. P.16. Matthew 9:32-38.

Wed. Genesis 41:55-57. P.32. Mathew 10:1-7.

Thu. Genesis 44: 18-21. P.104. Matthew 10:7-15.

Fri. Genesis 46:1-7. P.36. Matthew 10:16-23.

Sat. Genesis 49:29-33. P.104. Matthew 10:24-38.

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 from:- the Word among us.

## Parish News

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

## Reflection.

*Reflection on the Gospel-14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 9 July 2017 (Matthew 11:25-30)*

*The "rest" that Jesus offers is freedom from any sort of enslavement, freedom to remember God's goodness in creation, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

Some people have little appreciation of the depth of their own wisdom. Others seem to think they have the monopoly on wisdom. Jesus contrasts the latter, those who consider themselves wise and intelligent, with the truly wise ones, the "little ones" to whom the secrets of God's empire have been revealed. The first part of today's gospel is his prayer of gratitude for God's choice of the "little ones". God's ways turn human expectations upside down.

The final verses of today's gospel are among the best known and best loved in all of the gospel tradition. "Come to me...and I will give you rest" is a lovely invitation. It is issued to those who are weary and burdened, and that includes most of us at some or another. The "rest" that Jesus offers is God's rest. It is not just relief from drudgery and hard work. In the biblical tradition, rest is shabbat. It is freedom from any sort of enslavement, freedom to remember God's goodness in creation. Rest time or shabbat is about making a space to contemplate the wonder of the galaxies, the wonder of life in all its forms and all its potentialities. God's rest restores life to our wearied spirits. It frees us to open ourselves to ever new possibilities and to be there for others. For me, spending a little time each day with a poem or a beautiful painting, even a postcard, has become an experience of entering into God's rest.

"Take my yoke upon you..." is Jesus' further invitation. Later in this gospel, the same verb will be used when Jesus tells his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." The "yoke" of Jesus, the cross that he will take up, and the cross that his disciples are invited to bear are all of a piece. A yoke is a cross-beam or cross-bar. Jesus will carry his cross-beam to execution. Disciples, in their turn, will carry their cross-beams, figuratively if not literally. They will not be weighed down or burdened by this prospect for the "yoke" of which Jesus speaks is easy and the burden is light.

How can this be? The answer lies in the final invitation: "Learn of me, for I am gentle and humble of heart..." In Matthew's beatitudes, the gentle are

those who inherit the earth. There is nothing weak about the gentle ("meek" is not a helpful translation). The non-violent methods of the gentle are infinitely more effective in restoring creation than the violence of so many who present themselves as "wise and intelligent". God's "rest" is the source of their power-and of ours.

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection [www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org](http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org)



## Prayer for Peace

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

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Clare Kennedy

**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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) Ph: 3261 3670. Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

**St Vincent de Paul:** Jeff Walsh or Earl Grady, Ph:

**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.

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. (Adapted from *Prayers of Patriarch Sako of Iraq and Archbishop Costelloe of Perth*).

*"Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. 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. Enq. Parish office 3261 3670.

#### St. Josephs Seniors' Bus Trip To Caloundra RSL.

Theme: Christmas In July. Next Tue. 11/7. The bus will depart from Waruda Street at the end of the walkway from the top Church car park at 9am. Return at 4pm. Approx. Everyone is requested to park in Waruda Street. **NOT THE CHURCH CAR PARK.** The Bus, Morning Tea & Lunch PLUS Live Entertainment: Tommy Memphis is included in the \$30 which will be collected on the bus. Looking forward to a great day. A limited number of seats are still available. Enq. Therese & Ron Kissane

#### Children's Liturgy.

No Child/ Lit. during the school holidays. Enq. Barbara

#### Kindy Liturgy.

No Kindy Lit. during the school holidays. 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 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 TODAY, Sunday 9/7.** Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

#### Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:-

#### 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

#### Condolence.

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

#### Recently Deceased:

#### Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

#### Liturgy Roster.

##### Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 22-23/7. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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, 15-16/7. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. J. Walsh. M. Scott. 9am. Youth. J. Jeremias. Youth.

##### Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. L. Walsh. P. Hanley. T. Cullen. R. Del Rosario. A Voegeli. 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

##### Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. CD's. 7.30am. J. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

##### Servers.

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

##### Counters Roster.

16/7. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. 23/7. Group 3. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

##### Newsletter Photocopying.

15/7. Anna Andrulic.

#### Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

9-16/7. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. menALIVE MAX 16. Centacare CFRS. Saints Teresa de los Andes. Benedict. Henry. Camillus de Lellis. Bonadventure.

#### 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](http://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 our young people that they may find a joyful faith in their families, and encouragement to respond to a life of ministry and service. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

#### SALT (Young Adults Group).

All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

#### Rock (Youth Group).

All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

#### Blitz.

Next Gathering Sun. 16/7. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee . Gold coin donation.

#### Practice for Musicians and Singers.

We invite all those involved in music ministry to come along on Tuesdays 11 & 18/7 at 7.30pm. to learn some new songs we can add to our repertoire of liturgy songs in the coming months. Enq. Jess Hickey

#### Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 11.30am. All 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.

We have established some direct electronic communication links with a number of Iraq and Syrians still there 'on the ground', and especially those in Aleppo. We are increasing prayer focus on the plight of School children and their safety. Let us pray for peace in this region as the pray@8 group does daily and support the lucky ones who have been granted a safe haven here. Is there anything else that we can do to lessen this ongoing pain and suffering? If you have any ideas or concerns, please raise them with your pastoral councillors either personally or by email to [bridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) with a heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council". Next meeting is on Mon. 10/7 at 7pm. at the Presbytery. All welcome.

#### Royal Commission Information.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has released a new research report that identifies four dimensions of risk of child sexual abuse in institutional settings. Professors Patrick Parkinson and Judy Cashmore from the University of Sydney were contracted by the Royal Commission to establish a means of differentiating between types of institutions in terms of level of risk of child sexual abuse according to their characteristics and the services they provide. The research report, Assessing the different dimensions and degrees of risk of child sexual abuse in institutions, proposes situational, vulnerability, propensity and institutional risks as the four main dimensions. Full report at <http://bit.ly/2timK28> 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](http://www.knowmore.com.au) Netta Sheridan. Parish Pastoral Council.

#### RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Enq. Margaret Halpin

#### Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.

Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

#### Fire & Spirit.

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

**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.**

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We lie in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

#### **WAG Update.**

This week the focus is on BLACKALL / TAMBO Parish. Last week we collected \$262.95 for which we say a big thank you. We are now only about \$4000 Aust. short of well No. 10. Currently we have 9 communities in South Sudan where we have installed water wells. These village names can be found at the top of the back page of our newsletter. In Blackall, the Centenary of St. Joseph's Primary School is now less than 2 weeks away. (21/22 July). Excitement is escalating in this region as the people will come together to celebrate this great milestone. Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

#### **St. Vincent De Paul.**

The final figures are in for the Winer Appeal. A magnificent effort! \$4,572.00. Your generosity is much appreciated by the needy within our community. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh

#### **Mowing Service.**

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

#### **menALIVE in the City.**

Enq. 3367 1402 or [mail@menalive.org.au](mailto:mail@menalive.org.au)

#### **Our Library.**

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. The next gathering is on Wed. 2/8 at 12.30pm., at Cafe Espresso 351 Beams Rd. Taigum. Enq. Gloria.

#### **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 1-2/7.**

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 \$718. Direct Debit \$1470. Loose \$1006. Total \$3194. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 27. \$3459.

#### **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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

#### **Care for Creation Group.**

All welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

#### **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.

#### **Volunteers needed to help with Fete –**

- Managing the parking of cars on the School over during the morning of the Parish/School Fete on Sat. 22/7. Please contact Tom Gordon on 3269 0383 and leave a message if you can help.

#### **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@sosi.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosi.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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass, from 9:30 - 11:30am. (approx). in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. Next Meeting Mon. 17/7. 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](mailto:mail@menalive.org.au) /Peter Carrigan 0404 496 405 or Robert Falzon 0412 745 734.

**@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available.** Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. [brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au)

#### **Journey Catholic Radio Programme.**

[www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

#### **Marriage Encounter.**

4-6/8. Weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For Enq./Bookings: Maria & David Murphy 3342 1456. [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au) Website: [www.wme.org.au](http://www.wme.org.au)

#### **One Heart and One Soul.**

Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India, from February 19/2-10/3. 2018. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117 or email [info@spiceodyssey.net.au](mailto:info@spiceodyssey.net.au)

#### **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.**

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. [perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com](mailto:perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com)

#### **Catholic Leader: \$2 a copy.**

#### **MMP Cenacle and Mass.**

Sat. 22/7. 11am. At Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 102 Sparkes Rd., Bray Park. All welcome. For further details please contact Marg Wallace 3x205 3829 or Sue Vasil 3843 0236.

#### **Memorandum.**

Members of our parish community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved one who pass away. The Chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request. Enq. Barbara Masterman

#### **Billings Life.**

A woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. The Billings Ovulation Method® teaches a woman to interpret her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages from puberty to menopause. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health accredited Billing Method Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. Enq. Billings LIFE 1800 335 860 or visit Website [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life)

#### **Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.**

Penola Place in St. Stephen's Cathedral grounds. Supervised play Mon. Wed. and Thur. from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners available. Enq. Beris 3300 1332.

#### **St. Ignatius Parish.**

Toowong. Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. Tue. 5/9 at 7.30pm. In the Stuartholme School Chapel. This is a legacy of Fr. Peter Quin SJ. Enq. 3870 7818.

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- an important source of funds for parishes. Remember your parish in your Will.

#### **Eureka Street.**

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