

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

27th Sunday of the Year
7th of October

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

Genesis 2:18-24. Psalm 127. Hebrews 2:9-11.
Mark 10:2-16.

Next Week 13-14/10.

Wisdom 7:7-11. Psalm 89. Hebrews 4:12-13.
Mark 10:17-30.

Mass Times:

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

Brighton – Sat. 5pm. 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. Galatians 1:6-12. P. 110. Luke 10:25-37.

Tue. Galatians 1:13-24. P.138. Luke 10:38-42.

Wed. Galatians 2:1-2,7-14. P.116. Luke 11:1-4.

Thu. Galatians 3:1-5. P. Luke 11:5-13.

Fri. Galatians 3:7-14. P. 110. Luke 11:15-26.

Sat. Galatians 3:22-29. P.104. Luke 11:27-28.

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-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 10:2-16)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The question of gender inclusivity in decision-making has been much in the news of late. The maleness of political and church institutions has been highlighted in my country as a serious contributor to the disorder that finds expression in both bullying and abuse. Since the creation of patriarchy in the Bronze Age, some 3000 years ago, lack of gender inclusivity has posed a challenge, particularly for those who find themselves excluded.

The "test" question about divorce that the Pharisees put to Jesus is very strange in a first century Jewish context, as is the reference to women divorcing their husbands. While there is no evidence that anyone in Jewish circles questioned the legality of divorce, there is plenty of evidence for lively debate concerning the grounds on which a Jewish man could divorce his wife: adultery; inferior cooking; even diminished beauty! There were various schools of thought. Jewish law, unlike Roman law, however, did not permit women to initiate divorce proceedings on any grounds at all. From the perspective of the Markan Jesus, Moses only *permitted* divorce as a concession to "hardness of heart": it was not so from the beginning. The ideal, he insists, is expressed in the Garden Story of Genesis, the story of "one flesh", of partnership, of equality and mutuality, of enduring commitment in marriage. The Hebrew word *'ezer* which is translated as "helper" in the first reading from Genesis is used in the Psalms of God's relationship to Israel. It does not denote inferiority of women to men as is sometimes suggested. A better translation might be "companion".

Human limitation is just as much a reality now as it was in the ancient world. We strive for the ideal but fall far short of it in so many ways. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of our lives. The parties involved become the "little ones" whose lives are shattered and disoriented. The embrace of the community is needed in a particular way for everyone affected by divorce, especially the children. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are sometimes forgotten. Too often, those who have experienced the trauma of divorce feel alienated from the worshipping community, and this at a time when they need the courage to face a different future from the one they had envisaged.

The story about marital commitment leads immediately into a story about Jesus taking the children in his arms and blessing them, despite the disciples' attempts to send them away. Children are important persons who are never to be excluded from the inner circles of love and compassion. We might hear today's gospel as a call to be inclusive in all our relationships and to remember the children no matter what happens.



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

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

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

St. John Fisher College: John Fisher Drive, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Ms. Catherine Galvin, 3269 8188.

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

St Vincent de Paul: Jeff Walsh

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Broughe,

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

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

Asbestos Removal Details.

Dear Parish Members: The work started during the September School holidays will be completed during the Christmas school holidays. The company removing the asbestos is GBar. The areas to be addressed will be closed off so as to not to allow any unauthorized access but in the interests of additional safety for all, we have opted for an even greater exclusion zone for students attending OSHC and visitors to our school. More details later. We apologise for the imposition this work will cause, but in the interests of safety in the future, removal of the asbestos is a necessity.

Car Parking.

The carparks closest to the church will be reserved for Senior parishioners and those with mobility issues. It will be necessary for many of us to use street parking. Please do not park other vehicles in when parking in the Church carpark, as people need to be able to leave in case of emergency. Please only park in the allocated spaces. There are many side streets available for parking. Providing the ground is not too wet, parking will also be available on the school oval. Thank you. Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

Each month in parish life can bring new opportunities and challenges.

Sister Dorothy continues parish visitations in the parish. This month we focus on prayer. Including sacred space in our homes and home prayer resource suggestions. In October there will be two nights for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for each of the children and families. We give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received. Fr. Gerry.

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Let us all '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."

Save the Date! Parish Dinner.

The youth and young adults of the parish joyfully invite you to join us for our Parish Dinner. Saturday 13 October at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please bring a savoury or sweet dish to share. RSVP by 11/10 via the list on the noticeboard or email bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence for Term 4 next weekend, 14/10. Held in the Parish Centre at 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 14/10 . Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited and welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. Enq. Margaret

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Parish Volunteer Form and an Archdiocesan 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. Please collect the forms from Bronwyn at the Office, Terry or 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.

We Pray 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 newsletter, please contact Barbara

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

7-14/10. 27th & 28th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Quiet Saturday. Golden Wedding Mass. First Spiritual Exercises. Assembly of Catholic Professionals. Our Lady of Fatima Devotion. Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saints Denis and Companions. John Leonardi. John XX111.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 20-21/10. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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, 13-14/10. Group 1.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 1.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 1.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

14/10. Group 1. . 21/10. Group 2.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 13/10.

Parish Pastoral Council.

If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively by sending an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

Vocation Views.

The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. "Let the little children come to me; ... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs".

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

Plenary Council 2020.

It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change? The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. See www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.

Nouwen Network.

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

Following on from the Royal Commission.

At the end of February 2018, the parish published the final weekly update on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and committed to monitoring internet sources for new information and providing it through the parish newsletter. This is our follow on. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released their formal response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse at 11am 31 August 2018. Their statement may be read at <http://bit.ly/ACBCStatement31082018> Their 57-page report may be read at <http://bit.ly/ACBCResponse31082018> The Archbishop of Brisbane, Mark Coleridge, has released a letter, which may be read at <http://bit.ly/ArchbishopBneLetter31082018>

Netta Sheridan

Specialist Support – Updated

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld)

Helpline - 1800 337 928

Centacare Family and Relationship Services -

Brisbane 07 3251 5000

Lifeline - 13 11 14

UnitingCare – Chermside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Mother Teresa Shrine Opening Day.

The newest chapel at Marian Valley - for St. Teresa of Calcutta - opens on Sat. 13/10. The day starts at 9am. with morning tea, then a procession to the shrine and prayers, followed by Mass and finally lunch, concluding at 1pm. Bishop Ken Howell will be celebrating Mass and the Missionaries of Charity Sisters will be joining the celebration. All are welcome. Full details on the website: www.mothersherineshrine.com.au Marian Valley is at 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren, not far from Canungra. Any time Walk around to see other Shrines, visit to the Adoration Chapel, walk the Way of the Cross. Enq. David Leahy 0478 63 88 75.

RCIA.

(Right of Christian Initiation for Adults).

Enq. Margaret Halpin

St. Joseph's School.

Further asbestos removal will occur during the Christmas holiday period. School will resume on Monday, October 8. NAPLAN Online: Next year our school will be one of many to conduct NAPLAN testing online. In preparation for this and to allow us the opportunity to ensure we have all technical requirements covered prior to the actual testing next year, our current Years 2 and 4 classes will undertake a NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test on Tuesday, 23rd October. Parents of these students will have received an email from Mrs Boyle with more details. From 2019 all NAPLAN testing at St Joseph's will be online. World Teacher's Day this year is Wed. 26/10. A Mother and Son Scavenger Hunt will be held in the School grounds on Sun. 14/10. 2 – 4pm. Mums and their sons can follow clues to find treasures in the grounds.

St Rita's College –

-has limited current vacancies in years 7-12. Enq. and/or enrol@stritas.qld.edu.au or telephone the Registrar www.stritas.qld.edu.au 41 Enderley Road, Clayfield. Ph: 3862 1615.

It's Blackall Fete preparation time for us again.

St. Patrick's Church Blackall is having its' annual Fete on Saturday 24/11. As usual the BR Blackall Fete Team is gathering items to stock our Variety/Treasure Hunt Stall. NEW Items only are required could include but are not limited to: Linen, Kitchen Towels, Sheets, Crockery, Cutlery, Tableware, Kitchen Utensils, Cookware, Toys, Books, Games, Toiletries, Golden Casket Scratchies (of any value) or anything else you can think of that we could transport to Blackall in the back of a car. Donations can be placed in the box at the rear of the Church or contact John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch for collection.

Lawn Maintenance.

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it simple for you. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com Note: Note: please message us as the line could be busy with other calls during your call.

St. John Fisher College.

Limited vacancies 2019 & 2020. Enrol now at www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au

Position Vacant – Multimedia Designer.

Applications are open for a position within Vocations Brisbane. A person with excellent digital and print media experience as well, web and social media skills is required for a part time position for 20 hours a week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

PALMS Australia.

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified or experienced professional trades and business people willing to volunteer as mentors to their local personnel. Palms Australia is a Catholic agency which expresses Pope Francis' call to be "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets", and in the villages, farms, hospitals and schools where volunteers serve. Volunteers embrace a life of solidarity with their host communities during a mission of 1-3 years. The Archdiocese will cover the cost of the Palms Orientation Course and a re-entry weekend on return. The Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund. Palms Australia gives us an opportunity to show the true face of the Church. Enq. 3324 3415 or aomail@bne.catholic.net.au

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

Pope's message lays foundation for new safeguarding strategy 2018 - 2020

Pope Francis's call for "zero tolerance" towards sexual abuse has underpinned a new safeguarding strategy across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Pope Francis's words were an important factor in the Archdiocese's design of a strategy that will apply to all ministries and services for the next three years. The Archdiocese's new strategy applies to all church personnel including bishops, clergy, religious, employees, contractors and volunteers across all parishes, ministries, agencies and services. The Archdiocese encourages Church workers and the community to raise concerns about abuse or other safeguarding issues within the Church. Concerns can be raised with the Office for Safeguarding Services or via the independent and confidential STOPLine service. The Safeguarding Service can be contacted on 07 3324 3752 or safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au. The STOPLine service can be contacted on 1300 304 550 or A0B@stoline.com.au. Anonymous reports can be made to the STOPLine service.

Memorandum.

Members of our community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved ones 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 through Barbara Masterman. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the suggestion of one of our community and has been made possible by the generosity and giftedness of David Griffiths. Thank you, David.

Care for Creation Group.

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation website and Facebook page. It has lots of useful resources that may be of interest. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. With Pope Francis we pray: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

Poor Box: Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVDP Society to help those in our community who are in need.

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A Prayer for Reconciliation and Christian Unity.

Creator God, may the power of your grace transform us; Christ, give us courage and hope to manifest the unity we have in you, and to share our life with each other and the world; Holy Spirit, empower us to work for justice for people and the earth. God, in your grace, transform the world. Amen.

Now Jest a Moment....

During an Ecumenical gathering, someone rushed in and shouted, "The Building is on fire!" Immediately. The METHODISTS gathered in the corner and prayed. The BAPTISTS cried, "Where's the water?" The QUAKERS quietly praised God for the blessing that fire brings. The LUTHERANS posted a notice on the door declaring the fire was evil. The CATHOLICS passed a collection plate. The ANGLICANS formed a procession and marched out. The CONGREGATIONALISTS shouted, "Every man for himself ..." The FUNDAMENTALISTS shouted, "It's the vengeance of God!" The JEWES posted symbols on the door hoping that the fire would pass. The JEHOVAH WITNESSES passed out literature about the fire. The MORMONS ran late night TV commercials for free videos of the fire. The CHRISTIANS SCIENTISTS agreed among themselves that there was not a fire. The SCIENTOLOGISTS charged admission to the fire - and the PRESBYTERIANS appointed a chairperson who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and make a written report to the voting assembly.

Beware of the high cost of low living.

God does not believe in atheists – therefore atheists do not exist!

7th of October. 27th Sunday of the Year.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan

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

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training.

Aspley Parish.

Sunday, November 18th, 10am - 12pm
Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City.
Thursday, August 16th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday, September 13th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday, October 18th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday, November 7th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday, December 6th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to attend. First though you must Register and Terry Tolhurst can do this for you. Please contact him

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am.
Next gathering Monday 16 July.
Enq Jan or Jan

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night
All welcome

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Youth Groups

BLITZ:- Next Meeting Sun. 21/10 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. In Term 4 we welcome Grade 3 students. All students in years 3-6 are welcome to join us. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:- Meeting this Sun. 16/9, in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. We will be looking at filming messages of joy. All students between years 7-12 welcome Enq Emma Beach



SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Meeting Sun. 23/9. All young adults welcome. Enq. Jess

Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the Parish invited and welcome. Enq. Philip

Women's Prayer Group

Gathering each Wednesday in the Church from 9.30 – 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

Cath. Social Justice Council website. (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

WAG (World Action Group) Update

We continue to collect for the Water Wells in South Sudan and for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish. As always, we thank you for your very generous support of our Parish projects. Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

Giving

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up before the offertory. Current number of Envelope Givers: 67. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$
Direct Debit	\$
Loose	\$.
Total	\$

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week \$

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

Name:.....

Address.....

Ph:.....

Email:.....

Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks for your support.



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