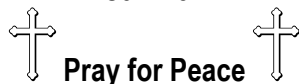


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**8th Sunday of the Year
26th of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Isaiah 49:14-15. Psalm 61. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5. Matthew 6:24-34.

Next Week 4-5/3.

Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7. Psalm 50. Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11.

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. Sirach 17:24-29. Ps.31. Mark 10:17-27.

Tue. Sirach 35:1-12. Ps.49. Mark 10:28-31.

Wed. Joel 2:12-18. Ps.50. Matthew 6:1-6,16-18.

Thu. Deuteronomy 30:15-20. Ps.1. Luke 9:22-25.

Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9. Ps.50. Matthew 9:14-15.

Sat. Isaiah 58:9-14. Ps. 85. Luke 5:27-32.

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- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 26 February 2017 (Matthew 6:24-34)

The challenge is to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole Earth community and to trust in the goodness and providence of God, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

"Today's trouble is enough for today!" These are the concluding words of the gospel for this Sunday. We are "not to be anxious". Rather, we are invited to be single-minded in our commitment. The challenge of this gospel is to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole Earth community and to trust in the goodness and providence of God. That is not always easy, especially for certain personalities and under certain difficult circumstances. In What Makes us Tick? The Ten Desires That Drive Us, Hugh Mackay claims that there is an epidemic of anxiety in the Western world. He reflects on our need to embrace our connectedness with ourselves, with each other, and with nature. If our innate desire to connect is frustrated or neglected, Mackay believes that the desire to control and the desire to be taken seriously will "expand unhealthily". It is all a question of balance and of daily attention to the right ordering of our relationships with the material world, with one another and with God. Anxiety inhibits healthy living and impacts negatively on ourselves as well as on our community environments.

The challenge not to be anxious appears six times in various forms in this one gospel reading. Three times in this passage Jesus tells the assembled crowd, including his disciples, not to worry. They are not to be anxious about food or drink or clothing. Neither are they to worry about what tomorrow might bring. It is clear that Jesus does not discount the human need for food and drink and clothing, for he states explicitly that God knows that they need all these things (6:32). Jesus' concern is with their "little faith" or their lack of trust in God's capacity to provide for the needs of all living beings. He challenges his listeners to be attentive to the processes among all living things, such as the way the birds of the air are fed and the lilies of the field are clothed. He also invites attentiveness to the life-sustaining processes at work in our own bodies. The hairs of our head, for instance, grow without any effort or anxiety on our part.

Jesus places all this in the context of the right ordering of our relationships with the whole Earth community, expressed in terms of seeking God's kingdom and God's "righteousness". There is an echo here of Matthew 5:6 where those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are said to be blessed and told that they will "be filled". In other words, God will care for them in the same way as God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields.

*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: Clare Kennedy .

**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.

Ash Wednesday.

9am. Mass for Parish and School. 11am Liturgy for School – (Prep to Year 2). 7pm Mass.
Cathedral. St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley. 7am.
St. Stephen's Cathedral. 8am, 10am. 12.30pm. 5.30pm. Car park will be available for the 5.30pm. Mass only.

World Day of Prayer. Fri. 3/3.

Supported by Anglican, Australian Christian Churches, Australian Church Women, Baptist, Bible Society, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Girl Guides, Lutheran, One Life Family Church, Presbyterian, Seventh Day Adventist, The Salvation Army, Uniting Church, WCTU Drug-free Lifestyles. This year the Service has been prepared by women of the Philippines. **Our very own Filipino Australian Cultural Entertainment Group** will be dancing and supplying a guest speaker. Please join us in the Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit, Denham Street, Bracken Ridge on Friday, 3/3 at 7.30pm. Enq. Barbara

Our prayers matter.

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

Archbishop's message:

Archbishop Mark is currently empanelled at the Royal Commission, so unfortunately the Week 3 Message was not ready in time for us to include it in our newsletter.

St. Joseph's Seniors'.

Outing. Tuesday, 28/2. After the 9am. Mass, we will catch the 9:49am. CityBus, from St. Joseph's Bus Stop in Phillips Street, to the City Hall, for the Lord Mayors Concert, featuring The Andrews Sisters' Tribute Band. This will bring back many memories of the songs of the WW2 era. The doors open at 11:30am. The concert is from 12 midday till 1pm. After the concert, we will have lunch at Jo Jo's in the Queen Street Mall, before returning by bus to St Josephs. Would you put your name on the clipboard at the rear of the church this weekend, if you intend joining us for lunch at JoJo's. We have booked a table, however, we DO need numbers for catering purposes. As it is a school day, please **DON'T PARK** in the school carparks. Enq: Therese & Ron Kissane

Seniors' Monthly Get-together.

Tue. 7/3. After 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Guest Speaker: Chris Jeffery. "Phone & Internet Security for Seniors". Chris will educate us all on the many aspects of security issues when using the phone & internet. Enquiries & Transport.. Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence on Sun. 5/3 during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered Barbara Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. All, 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited to join us in the Parish Centre. 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. Or Clare Kennedy, our Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available – download now Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, and more. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year unfolds we will look at where God is leading us through our prayer life. I asked if parishioners would be keen to write a short piece on how they pray and if they would be happy to share their ways of prayer and their reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog I am also very mindful of members of our parish community who do not have internet access - we will also print in hard copy and put on the noticeboard in the church, near the front door. Fr. Gerry.

Baptism.

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

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for Sara, age 11, unconscious, in hospital in Brisbane. 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 all those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

All our recently deceased family members and friends.

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

Enq. Office 3261 3670.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

26/2-5/3. 8th Sunday of the Year. 1st Sunday of Lent. Ash Wednesday. Ember Day. World Day of Prayer. Centacare CFRS. Saint Casimir.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 11-12/3. 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.

Group 2. For next weekend, 4-5/3. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. J. Walsh. W. Hassum. 9am. Youth.

Eucharistic Ministers.

Group 2. For next weekend. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. ? 7.30am. L. Walsh. P. Hanley. R. Del Rosario. A. Voegeli. 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams. G. Cameron. V. Smith. N. Sheridan. E. Schneider-Loos. S. Turner.

Music Ministry.

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

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

5/3. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. 12/3. Group 3. Terry, Rita & Michael.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 4/5. Lynette D'Souza.

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our next Craft Group morning will be on 20/3 in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass. Enquiries: Therese Kissane or Jan

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting today, Sun. 26/2 in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Topic: We will be planning ways to welcome and support new members to our community. All SALT members both old and new are most welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next Meeting 5/3 at the Chermerside Aquatics Centre at 10am. All students between Years 7 - 12 are welcome to join us. Please contact Emma Beach for details

Blitz.

Today. Sun. 26/2. 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.

Held on the first Sunday of each month. Come and join us for our monthly evening of praise, worship and sharing of the Word in our Parish Church from 5 - 6:30pm. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle

Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us. Please do approach any of the members who will be very happy to hear your ideas and hopes for our parish family. Their photos are on the wall outside the Workroom. Members meet monthly. Pictures of the members are on the back wall of the Church.

Would you like to volunteer to –

-assist members of our new Iraqi and Syrian families in obtaining their driver's licence? Some are already drivers, having previously held licences in their own countries. Others have never driven before and would like to obtain their driver's licence. You will not be required to provide your own car, as the prospective driving students will have access to a registered and insured car. You will require a current Blue Card and a full driver's license with no restrictions. Enq: Carol

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is being offered by our new migrants. You do not need to own your own mower. If you are interested, please call Michael on 0417 635 269 for further details.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

Enq. Office 3261 3670.

Women's Prayer Group.

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

menALIVE in the City.

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. All welcome. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month 10am. – 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.rchc.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.

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Enq. Margaret (Halpin) for more information.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians.

'We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship' The Parish Pastoral Council resolved to adopt this wording in all our parish communication, including parish booklets, newsletters, letters of correspondence and electronic media - emails, parish website, parish Facebook etc.

Vocation Views.

"The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness". He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in this world. Be people of light.

WAG Update.

Water wells for South Sudan is an ongoing project and we are pleased to report that we are currently collecting for Well No. 11. We know when we are collecting for this fund because we use **BUCKETS** to collect. Last weekend we collected \$545.90 towards the next Well. The other project

we have is raising much needed funds to assist our sister parish of Blackall / Tambo in central Queensland. This region has suffered much drought and we are pleased to be able to offer some assistance to the people up there. The collection for this project is the familiar **WATERING CAN** being used to collect donations. As always, the WAG group is most appreciative of your continuing support of these two worthy projects. Enq. Terry Tolhurst

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.

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

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

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis. View or listen: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

Giving for weekend 18-19/2.

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 \$705. Direct Debit \$1762. Loose \$705. Total \$3519. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3580. Average: Week 8. \$3269.

An Invitation.

We/I 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 the Collection plate or email our Parish Office at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Queensland Churches Together.

Interfaith Perspectives on Peace, Compassion & Forgiveness - a free public forum Sat. 4/3 at the Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University Nathan Campus. RSVPs essential for catering purposes to icd@griffith.edu.au or 3835 7052.

A Gathering of Eco Groups – Sun. 26/3 at the Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore Hills. Come along and participate in an inclusive reflection, discussion and solidarity. RSVPs to The Revd Miriam Nyrene deaconmiriam@gmail.com or 0434 385 503.

2017 Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast – 4/5. Keynote

speaker Andy Gourley, Founder & Director of Red Frogs Australia. Tickets go on sale Wed. 1/3. To register your interest, please phone 3178 7268 or email LMRSVP@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Nouwen Network.

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

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

Catholic Leader. \$2 a copy.

Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Jesuits. The publication is informed by the Values of Jesuit spirituality and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

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

Position Vacant.

Kedron Catholic Parish: For casual position of Sacramental Coordinator. To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to kedron@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Applications close 3/3.

Position Vacant.

Liturgy Brisbane invites applications for a full time position of Education Officer. To apply, email a covering letter with your resume to attention: Rev Dr Tom Elich elicht@liturgybrisbane.net.au. A copy of the position description can be obtained by calling 3324 3323. Applications close on Fri. 17/3. 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.

Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Fr. George Joseph MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21st May - 3rd June. Organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Nebo & Jerusalem. Early bird offer \$4,990. Enq. Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 56.1

'The Gospel Imperative to Welcome –

-the Stranger'. Evangelisation Brisbane and the Sister of St. Joseph welcome parishioners to a morning with Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Wed. 22/3, 10.30am – 12 noon. Banyo Nudgee Parish, Nolan Hall, 16 Leslie St., Nundah. **RSVP required:** ebamin@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3440 by 17/3.

Social Parish Tennis Group –

-plays Wednesday nights at Deagon Tennis Courts, 83 Board Street, Deagon 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