

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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2nd Sunday of Easter
23rd of April

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Acts 2:42-47. Psalm 117. 1 Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31.

Next Week 29-30/4.

Acts 2:14,22-33. Psalm 15. 1 Peter 1:17-21. Luke 24:13-35.

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. Acts 4:23-31. Psalm 2. John 3:1-8.

Tue. Wisdom 3:1-9. Ps. 144. John 12:23-28.

Wed. 1 Peter 5:5-14. Ps.88. Mark 16:15-20.

Thu. Acts 5:27-33. Psalm 33. John 31:31-36.

Fri. Acts 5:34-42. Psalm 26. John 6:1-15.

Sat. Acts 6:1-7. Psalm 15. Luke 24:13-35.

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-Easter 2A, 23 April 2017 (John 20:19-31)

The liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.

Not so long ago we used to speak of the Sundays 'after' Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays 'of' Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. As supporters of someone executed on a political charge, they had reason to be fearful. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his 'Father'. They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that those who hear in the first place are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears. Even those who do believe and trust often need time to take the gospel message on board.

While Christians continue to celebrate Easter, our Jewish sisters and brothers have been marking Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 27-28). We might join our prayers with theirs for the many who died at the hands of those who allowed

their racial fears and prejudices to take unimaginable directions. We might also pray for the courage to challenge all forms of discrimination and shameful brutality in our own times and the strength to open our hearts and our homeland, without fear, to those who seek refuge among us.

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'.

Parish Newsletter online: Website.
<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-newsletter.html>

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. "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.

ANZAC Day.

Tue. 25/4. Mass at 9am. Tue. 25/4. Mass at 9am.

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 2/5. After 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for Morning Tea & come along to be entertained by St. Joseph's School Choir. Gentle Exercises will follow, with Adriana. Please wear comfortable, loose clothing & bring along a \$5 donation. It will be a lot of fun for everyone. Enq. & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Recommencing 30/4. During the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Prep to Year 3 invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 30/4. Marianne Grant. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Recommencing 30/4. Our 3, 4 & 5 year old's are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered 30/4. Marg and Anna. 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

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 have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Solidarity Visit of Pope Francis.

This week Pope Francis will visit Egypt 28-29/4. He responds to the joint invitation from the Catholic Bishops of Egypt, The Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros 11, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar University Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb and the Egyptian Government. Pope St John Paul 11 had visited Egypt in 2000 as part of the Jubilee Year. During the visit, Pope Francis and Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb will speak at a conference on peace. Pope Francis continues to advocate for peace in our world. We pray for his safety during this important visit. *We pray to you, O God for the people of Egypt and their desire for peace. We pray to you, O God for the safety of Pope Francis and for his peace mission in Christian and interfaith solidarity. We pray to you, O God for the peace-makers of the Middle East and northern Africa. We pray in peace. Amen.* The Schedule for the Pope's Visit includes: 28/4. 2 pm. Arrival in Cairo. Official welcoming ceremony at the Heliopolis presidential palace. Visits with President el-Sissi and Sheik el-Tayeb. Speeches by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam to participants of an international conference on peace. Meeting with local authorities. Speeches by President el-Sissi and Pope Francis. Visit to Coptic Pope Tawadros. 11. Speeches by Pope Tawadros and Pope Francis. 29/4. Mass in Cairo. Homily by Pope Francis. Lunch with Egypt's bishops. Prayer gathering with clergy, men and women religious, and seminarians. Speech by Pope Francis. Farewell ceremony 5pm. Departure from Cairo.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

23-30/4. Centacare CFRS. Divine Mercy Sunday. 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter. ANZAC Day. Feast of the Three Saints: Filadelfo, Alfio & Cirino. Saints Fidelis of Sigmaringen. Mark, Evangelist. Louis Grignon de Montfort. Peter Chanel.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year continues, we look at where God is leading us through our prayer life. Parishioners 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.

Good Friday Collection.

This year our parish collected \$1536.85 in support of the church in the Holy Land. With Thanks from the Holy Land Commissariat.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 6-7/5. 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, 29-30/4. 6pm. M. Kennedy. P. Connors. M. Denkes. 7.30am. L. McDonough. P. Bugden. M. Braithwaite. 9am. B. & R. Masterman. M. Healy.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. 6pm. G. Cameron. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolly. J. Khaghooany. 7.30am. D. Phillpott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. C. Van der Maat. 9am. T. Clarke. M. Halpin. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. 6pm. M. Johnson. L. Esparcia. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. C. Kennedy. K. Hutton. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

30/4. Group 3. Terry, Rita & Michael. 7/5. Group 4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 29/4. Judy Hall.

Volunteers needed to Assist Elderly Couple.

Volunteers, with Blue Cards, are needed to assist with transport of an elderly couple to come to a weekend Mass. Transport to the 9am. Mass would be preferred, but any volunteers able to assist in transporting the couple to the Mass they attend. The couple live in Bracken Ridge. If you do not have a Blue Card, the Parish can provide part completed forms to assist you. Enq. Netta Sheridan after 9am. Mass

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Gathering this Sunday, 23/4 in the Parish Centre. 7pm. Anyone aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next gathering in the Parish Centre, Sunday, 30/4 from 5 - 7pm. All students between Years 7 - 12 invited and welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today, Sunday, 23/4. 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 **3.30 - 5pm**. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle. Please take note of the time change.

Mowing Service.

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

Women's Prayer Group.

Wednesdays, 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

Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.

Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

menALIVE in the City.

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

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.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.

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).
Enq. Margaret Halpin

St. Vincent De Paul.

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

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.

Vocation Views.

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord". With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

WAG Update.

Welcome back after our break during Lent, allowing us to focus on the CARITAS appeal. Also welcome to our regular collections for our two outreach groups, South Sudan and Blackall/Tambo. This week the BUCKETS are out for South Sudan. We have passed the AUD \$8,000 mark and we need to get to about \$13,500 to equal the US \$10,000 needed to fund Well Number 10. As for Blackall / Tambo, we recently sent off \$2000 that had accumulated for that cause and we will continue to send whenever we reach that amount. As always, we thank everyone who supports these projects, your support means so much to the people in these two areas. St. Joseph's School Blackall will be having its 100 year Anniversary with celebrations 21 and 22/7. St. Patricks Church Blackall annual Christmas Fete will be held on 25/11. Photos of the Fete last November have now been added to the Album. We would be pleased to receive any craft donations for these events at any time. Business has been slow in the Shops and Cafes of Blackall since last October due to the hot weather. But after Easter when the temperature starts to cool the "Tourist Season" begins. Recently one of our Parishioners, Kerry Lewry, drove 960k out to Blackall and donated his time and talents over four days to help the town people prepare for the coming Tourist Season. The comment made to me was that he is an "awesome worker". "Thank You" Kerry! Don't forget to put your name and date of

your Blackall visit in the front of the Photo Album and add any photos you would like to include. Many Thanks. John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice and Glenda Murdoch. Enq. Sharyn, Sharyn., or Glenda. 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.

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.

Nouwen Network.

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

Social Parish Tennis Group -

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

Giving for weekend 15-16/4.

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 \$569. Direct Debit \$1420. Loose \$2791. Total \$4780. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 16. \$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.

Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.

Formerly The Irish Bridge Club are now playing at Penola Place in St. Stephens Cathedral grounds. Supervised play is on Monday Wednesday and Thursday from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners are being held in May. For information please contact Beris 3300 1332 or Cathy on 0428 985 804.

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.

Queensland Churches Together.

2017 Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast - 4/5. Keynote speaker Andy Gourley, Founder & Director of Red Frogs Australia. To register your interest, please phone 3178 7268 or email LMRSVP@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Wed. 24/5. Under the Year 3 Verandah. 9 - 11am. Entry \$5. Bring along some coins to join in Raffles and Games. All proceeds to go the Cancer Council.

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 15/5. Enquiries: Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor

Social bike riding group.

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

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The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This will be celebrated from May 28 to June 4. The Order of Service is a Word document so that local communities may make changes to suit their situation. The Eight Days Reflections and the Sermon Notes are provided in both Word and PDF formats. Along with the Order of Service, they can be printed in booklet form without any format changes.

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

Bequests are-

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