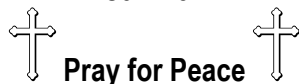


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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3rd Sunday of Easter
30th of April

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

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

Next Week 6-7/5.

Acts 2:14,36-41. Psalm 22. 1 Peter 2:20-25.
John 10:1-10.

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 6:8-15. Psalm 118. John 6:22-29.

Tue. Acts 7:51-8:1. Psalm 30. John 6:30-35.

Wed. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Ps.18. John 14:6-14.

Thu. Acts 8:26-40. Psalm 65. John 6:44-51.

Fri. Acts 9:1-20. Psalm 116. John 6:52-59.

Sat. Acts 9:31-42. Psalm 115. John 6:60-69.

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 3A (Luke 24:13-35), 30 April 2017

Extraordinary things can happen to those who are hospitable enough to "break bread" with "foreigners" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger or "foreigner" on the road of life. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread they share with him. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, but in a new and transforming way.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story; it is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those who are hospitable enough to "break bread" with "foreigners" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts and our homes to those who seek a welcome on our shores, we might come to participate a little more deeply in the joy of the resurrection.

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 Brouge,

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."

"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 peacemakers of the Middle East and Northern Africa. We pray in peace. Amen."

Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away.

Viewing Townsville Ordination online.

We are invited to view the Ordination of Tim Harris as the new Bishop of Townsville. Tune in on Wednesday morning May 3rd. at 10.30am. at the link below for the live stream webcast.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5YhBBwRlyw&feature=youtu.be>

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 & a bring along a \$5 donation. It will be a lot of fun for everyone. Enq. & Transport: Therese & Ron 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. Rostered 7/5. Marianne Grant. Melissa Ferris. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the am. Mass. Our 3, 4 & 5 year old's are invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 7/5. Nora and Karen. 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.

@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.

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.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

30/4-7/5. Centacare CFRS. 3rd & 4th Sundays of Easter. Feast of the Three Saints: Filadelfo, Alfio & Cirino. Labour Day. Ignatian Spirituality Retreat. Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Quiet Saturday. Mother's Day. Saints Joseph the Worker. Philip & James Apostles.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 13-14/5. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. 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, 6-7/5. Group 4. 6pm. M. Caruso. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. G. Endicott. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. T. Ringer. M. Halpin. P. Ryan. P. & M. Needer. 7.30am. W. Hassum. J. Garcia. J. & C. Van der Maat. 9am. B. Masterman. L. Venus. V. Smith. M. Creevey. R. McKenzie.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. P. Halpin. G. O'Connor. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. Hickey & Co.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

7/5. Group 4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. 14/5. Group 5. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 6/5. Sunil Charles Edward.

'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.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Gathering Sun. 7/5, 7pm., in the Parish Centre for a talk with Catherine Halpin about World Youth Day. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Today, Sun. 30/4 for Human Hungry Hippos. In the Parish Centre, from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 7 - 12 invited and welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sunday, 7/5. 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 TODAY!

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 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

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has released a new research report that finds Australian oversight bodies have inconsistent scope and powers in protecting children from sexual abuse in institutions. The report is available at <http://bit.ly/2pvtHym> Francis Sullivan (CEO TJHC) media blog – dated 21 April - 'Easter messages and the hope of new life' 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.

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

St. Vincent De Paul.

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

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

Parish Pastoral Council.

The format of our Pastoral Council always commences with prayer and formation. Other standard agenda items include the school report, Finance Council report and a North East Deanery meeting report (if meetings have been held, in the case of Finance and Deanery). Other key points of discussions are provided for your information - 1. Settlement of new families 2. Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017. 3. Communications, including social media. 4. Possibility of a guest speaker to speak on Pacific environmental issues - early July. Next Meeting 8/5. Parishioners are warmly invited to raise any pastoral matters to the council for discussion and further consideration. The names and photographs of your pastoral councillors are on the wall outside of the workroom and on our web-page <http://bit.ly/PastoralCouncil> You may like to have a chat with any one of them after Mass. Alternatively, you may wish to make email contact to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au 'for the attention of the Pastoral Council'.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

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<http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

Vocation Views.

We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say: "Lord, what will you have me do?"

WAG Update.

Welcome back to our regular collections for our two outreach groups, South Sudan and Blackall/Tambo. This week the BUCKETS are out for Blackall/Tambo. Last week we collected \$142.45 for South Sudan. We recently sent off \$2000 for Blackall / Tambo, and we will continue to send whenever we reach that amount. St. Joseph's School Blackall will be having its 100 year Anniversary with celebrations 21 and 22/7. St. Patrick's Church Blackall annual Christmas Fete will be held on 25/11. We would be pleased to receive any craft donations for these events at any time. John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice and Glenda Murdoch. Enq. Sharyn, Sharyn, or Glenda. Enq. Terry Tolhurst

Beanie and Warm Socks Appeal.

During the month of May we invite any families who would like to donate a beanie or warm socks to assist those who are doing it tough in our local area and the wider Brisbane area. Please note all items must be new. Darker colours are more practical. Please do not leave any other items of clothing in the box. The beanies & warm socks will be distributed amongst Paddy's Van at Shorncliffe, Rosies & the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade in the city. Your generosity and kindness will be appreciated by many, as the temperature starts to drop!

menALIVE in the City.

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

Centenary of St Joseph's School Corinda.

Sat. 27/5. Past pupils, parents, staff and the present community are invited to join in celebrating this event. The day begins with Mass at 10:30am., followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.

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.

Parish Sacramental Programme 2017-2018.

The next opportunity to enrol your child/ren for Sacraments will be on Thu. 11/5 at 7.30m – 8.30pm. There will be a Parent information evening in the church outlining our Parish Sacramental program for Confirmation, Reconciliation & First Eucharist. We are delighted that Fr. John Chalmers can join us that evening to share insights and life experiences about Sacraments and life. Enq. Parish Office on Mon, Tues. & Fri mornings 3261 3670. Helen Hickey Parish Sacramental Co-Ordinator.

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

Catholic Mission.

We invite you to pray for, or consider registering to attend, Mission: One Heart, Many Voices. From the Gospel for this weekend, we see one of the earliest examples of evangelisation: the two disciples who encounter Jesus have their hearts and minds transformed. They then return to the others, to share in hospitality and recount their tale. This is evangelisation. From such personal encounters with Jesus, comes Mission. It is how the religious priests, Brothers and Sisters who we support overseas and across Australia live their lives but it is also how each of us are called to be missionary as well. As this coming conference will help us understand, when our hearts burn with the gospel message, we then want to share our Emmaus story. Please pray for all those presenting, attending and for those we will return to afterwards. For more info, please visit: <http://www.mohmv.com.au/2017conference/> David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese.

Social bike riding group.

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

Giving for weekend 22-23/4.

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 \$612. Direct Debit \$1420. Loose \$997.

Total \$3029. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 17. \$3433.

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

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 28/5-4/6.