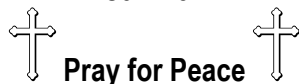


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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5th Sunday of Easter
14th of May

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Acts 6:1-7. Psalm 32. 1 Peter 2:1-2,4-5,18-19.
John 14:1-12.

Next Week 20-21/5.

Acts 8:5-8,14-17. Psalm 65. 1 Peter 3:15-18.
John 14:15-21.

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 14:5-18. Psalm 113. John 14:21-26.

Tue. Acts 14:19-28. Psalm 144. John 14:27-31.

Wed. Acts 15:1-6. Psalm 121. John 15:1-8.

Thu. Acts 15:7-21. Psalm 95. John 15:9-11.

Fri. Acts 15:22-31. Psalm 56. John 15:12-17.

Sat. Acts 16:1-10. Psalm 99. John 15:18-21.

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 5A, 14 May 2017 (John 14:1-14)

There is a difference between having worries and a troubled heart. It lies in how we deal with the problems and challenges that come our way, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.

"Take from my heart all painful anxiety" is a gospel inspired prayer. It is the prayer of Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy. Like Jesus, Catherine knew in her being that a troubled heart is an ever present possibility: we deal with one problem and along comes another. When we don't have any serious worries in the present, we are often anxious about the future. There is a difference, of course, between having worries and having a troubled heart. The difference lies in how we deal with the inevitable problems and challenges that come our way.

Freedom from anxiety is the constant message of the gospels. "Do not let your hearts be troubled" is Jesus' word to his friends in John's gospel. The verb, here in passive mood ("be troubled"), is used of Jesus' spirit when he finds his friend Mary and her companions weeping over the death of Lazarus (11:33). It means literally to shake or to stir up. Jesus is really shaken by grief in that situation. As he faces his own death, he does not want his friends to be troubled of heart or spirit. He speaks here from his own experience.

Jesus points out the path to an untroubled heart: "Believe in God, believe also in me." The faith of the disciples is to be grounded in his care for them both in the present and into the future: "I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also". In this context, Jesus makes three claims: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The prologue to the gospel, which functions as an overture to the whole work, has introduced the notion of the glorified Jesus as "full of grace and truth" and the bringer of "grace and truth"(1:14, 17). He is the life that is the light of all (1:4). As the gospel unfolds, we learn that he is the bread of life, even the resurrection and the life. His claim to be "the way" is foreshadowed in the parable of the door or the gate: "I am the gate of the sheepfold."

If the disciples know Jesus, then they also know the way to God whom Jesus images in tender parental terms as "Father". He speaks of their mutual indwelling. If Philip, his persistent questioner, does not believe this, then maybe he can believe on

account of the "works" of Jesus, works that are also the works of God. Those who believe have the power to do these and even greater works. This seems extraordinary, but is really just a matter of believing with untroubled hearts that the power comes from God - as next Sunday's gospel will tell 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. 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."

♥ 62 Wedding Anniversary ♥

- ♥Our best wishes and blessings to Pat and David♥
- ♥Griffiths as they celebrate their special day this♥
- ♥Sunday (14/5). David says that Pat deserves a♥
- ♥sainthood for putting up with him! I think they♥
- ♥both deserve a sainthood for being an♥
- ♥inspiration for us all. ♥ Ed.

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 21//5. Josh De Gee. Enq. Barbara .

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Our 3, 4 & 5 year old's are invited to join us in the Parish Centre. No Kindy Lit. 21/5. 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.

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, 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.

Seniors Outing Tue. 16/5.

Gateway North Upgrade Project. After 9am. Mass, we will carpool from the church carpark to the

Gateway North Upgrade Project Information Centre at Depot Road, Deagon. We will be briefed on the progress of the Gateway road works & view videos of the works & what we can expect when the upgrade is completed. New Entry & Exit Ramps & the radically changed traffic routes that will affect us all. If you wish to attend this outing, please advise us by Sunday night at the very latest, as numbers & parking space are very limited at the Centre. Enq. & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane .

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

14-21/5. Mothers' Day. Centacare CFRS. 5th & 6th Sundays of Easter. Silent Sunday. Anglican/Roman Catholic Clergy Day. Saints John 1. Bernadine of Siena.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 27-28/5. Group 1. 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, 20-21/5. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. M.B. Kennedy. F. Martinez. 7.30am. W. Hassum. D. Philpott. K. Ryan. 9am. B. Venzke. D. Rodrigo. K. Turner.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 6. 6pm. Jolly/Rosie. J. Schultz. P. & M. Needer. M. Ritchie. 7.30am. L. Walsh. S. Donatini. A. Harvey. E. Grady. 9am. ? ? E. Schneider-Loos. D. Noud. N. Fletcher.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 6. 6pm. C. Allen. L. Harrison. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. E. Venzke.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

21/5. Group 6. Mike & Bryan. 28/5. Group 1. Phillip, Peter & Sunil.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 20/5. Barbara Masterman.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

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).

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

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, Sun. 14/5 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 7 - 12 invited and welcome to join us. We are blessed to have Catherine Halpin talking with us about her experiences at World Youth Day in Poland. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sunday 21/5. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee. Gold coin donation.

Ecumenical Reconciliation Service.

This has become a welcome enjoyable yearly tradition in our Parish. The date to remember is Mon. 29/5 and the time is 7pm. Among guest speakers are: Aboriginal Elders. Cannon Bruce and others. A Didgeridoo player will also attend. Please bring along a small plate to share for fellowship and a cup of tea or coffee after the Service. Everyone welcome.

A similar Ecumenical Service will be held at St. John's the Evangelist Church in Enoggera. 181 Wardell St. Enq. Canon Bruce .

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

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

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

A research symposium - Creating child safe institutions - was held in Melbourne on May 1 and is part of a broader program of research undertaken on behalf of the Royal Commission. The three reports include Key elements of child safe organisations – research study, Safe and sound: Exploring the safety of young people in residential care and Disability and child sexual abuse in institutional contexts. Available at <http://bit.ly/RoyalCommissionResearchReport> Child safe organisations are ones that create culture, adopt strategies and take action to prevent child sexual abuse," Royal Commission CEO Philip Reed said. 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 Netta Sheridan, Parish Pastoral Council.

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.

Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Parish Pastoral Council.

A summary of the major points discussed at our meeting on the 8/5 were - 1.How can we better communicate with our parishioners, and how do we seek to maintain communications with those who only attend Mass/Sacraments on special occasions 2. Four existing Council members will be retiring next month – are you interested in becoming involved? 3. The Council supports the desire by a number of parishioners for the formation of a Concern for Creation group within our Parish. If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise

such matters with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively send an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with a heading 'For the attention of the Pastoral Council'.

St. Vincent De Paul.

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

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.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

Pope Francis at TED Talks <http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

Vocation Views.

The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lords' People today.

WAG Update.

This week we are collecting for Blackall / Tambo Parish and so the watering cans will be out. Last week we raised \$249.05 for South Sudan. On 20 & 21/7 this year St Joseph's School Blackall will celebrate its Centenary. What a great accomplishment! Whilst many members of our parish are making, and have made, visits to Blackall, our community is happy to continue its support of the people in the Outback. Enq. Terry Tolhurst

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.

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. 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.

Pentecost Vigil.

Offered by Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters. Led by John Scoble and Andrew O'Brien. At the Holy Spirit Functions Room. 736 Beams Rd., Carseldine. 3/6. 2.30pm. Concluding with Eucharist at 5.30pm. Afternoon Tea provided. All welcome.

Nouwen Network.

The next gathering will be on Wed. 7/6 at Espresso Cafe, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum at 12.30pm. The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental

illness and their families, across all faith communities. Contact 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 6-7/5.

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 \$651. Direct Debit \$1740. Loose \$1237. Total \$3628. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 19. \$3430.

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.

Catholic Mission.

We invite you to pray for, or consider registering to attend Mission: One Heart, Many Voices <http://mohmv.com.au/2017conference/> The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. This is because, every year, the gospel reading is on this theme. It is fitting that a gospel passage in which we hear Jesus declare: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" not only celebrates His presence in our lives as the Good Shepherd but is also the theme for Catholic Mission's annual Propagation of the Faith appeal. As the official agency for Mission and Evangelisation, we help those who shepherd the flock, in more than 1100 dioceses, across 160 countries, including Australia. But Catholic Mission also has a part to play in helping each of us take on the role of shepherd, through empowering, equipping and enabling. This is what the *Mission: One Heart, Many Voices* conference will be all about on **May 15-17**: helping those who attend become a 'gate', through which they can lead others to a fuller life, in the same way Jesus modelled for his disciples. Please pray for the success of this event. David McGovern, Director, [Brisbane Archdiocese](http://Brisbane.Archdiocese).

Position Vacant.

For part-time position of Parish Administration Assistant at St. Stephen's Cathedral. 2 days a week: one which must be a Friday. 8.30am. – 4.30pm. Specific responsibilities include: Assist with the day-to-day running of the parish office including reception, general office responsibilities, banking, database entry, document preparation, photocopying, filing and assisting with the counting. To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. For a copy of the position description please email hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Forward applications marked "Confidential" to: HR Office Cathedral House. Attention: Cindy Hayer. GPO Box 282. Bne. 4001. Or email them attention to: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications close 26/5. Start date will be in early July 2017.

St. Patrick's College –

-is currently accepting applications for Year 5, 2019. If you are interested in your son attending St. Patrick's College please contact our Enrolments Office on 3631 9052 for further details on how to apply. Applications close 26/5. Interviews occurring in August.

30th Anniversary of Catholic Psychiatric –

-Pastoral Care, and Annual St. Dymphna's Day. Morgan St. Fortitude Valley. Sat. 27/5. Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick at 10am. Various other attractions. All welcome. Enq. 3252 5461 or email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Marriage Beyond the Wedding.

Oceania Teams Conference 2017. July 1-2. At the Cyprian Pavilion, Marist College, Frasers Rd., Ashgrove. Major Sponsor: Catholic Leader. For more information about the programme, costs, or bookings go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/256672>.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

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.

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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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.