

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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The Ascension of the Lord
28th of May

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 46. Ephesians 1:17-23.
Matthew 28:16-20.

Next Week 3-4/6.

Acts 2:1-11. Psalm 103. 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13. John 20:19-23.

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 19:1-8. Ps. 67. John 16:29-33.

Tue. Acts 20:17-27. Psalm 67. John 17:1-11.

Wed. Zephaniah 3:14-18. Ps.12. Luke 1:39-56.

Thu. Acts 2:22-30,23:6-11. Ps. 15. John 17:20-26.

Fri. Acts 25:13-21. Psalm 102. John 21:15-19.

Sat. Acts 28:18-20,30-31. Ps.10. John 21:20-25.

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- Feast of the Ascension Year A, 28 May 2017 (Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20)

This week's gospel invites us once more to ponder the wonder of Emmanuel, God-with-us, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

Loss is an integral part of the human experience, and death is generally the most painful experience of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-membering his death and resurrection. As we come towards the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence of the Risen One even in his absence.

While today's gospel recounts Matthew's story of Jesus' final encounter with his disciples, it does not provide an account of Jesus' "ascension" or return to God. For that, we must turn to the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles. The story presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's presence. The Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people and "clothe" them with power to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. The vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' family and followers who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: strengthened by his blessing, they are to stay in the city for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus, to be witnesses to his death and resurrection. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world.

The gospel reading for today has Jesus on a mountain top where he commissions his male disciples to make disciples of all nations. He has already commissioned the women on the open road to announce the good news of the resurrection (Matthew 28:10). They are to be fearless in their mission. In Matthew's final chapter, then, both men and women are commissioned to proclaim the gospel. There are other dimensions to their mission,

namely to baptise in the name of the Triune God and to teach what Jesus has taught or "commanded" them. The confidence that they need and that we all need to engage in this mission is the assurance that the risen Jesus is with us to the end of time. The gospel has come full circle. In the first chapter of Matthew, an angel announces that the child to be born will be called Emmanuel, God-with-us. The last verse of the gospel invites us once more to ponder the wonder of that truth

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'.

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."

Ministry Commitment Forms.

These are on the tables at the back of the Church. Please ensure that all forms are completed and returned by the weekend of 10-11/6.

Ecumenical Reconciliation Service.

This has become a welcome enjoyable yearly tradition in our Parish. THIS MONDAY 29/5 at 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 0448 206 312.

St. Joseph's Seniors Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 6/6. After 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. We will be featuring a guest speaker for this meeting from the Dept. of Transport & Main Roads, who will address us on the "Rules of the Road" & all matters relating to driving & traffic regulations. Our Bus Trip to the Caloundra RSL is selling really well & we only have a few seats left. If anyone would like to join us on this Bus Trip, please let us know ASAP. Enquiries & 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 4/6. Barbara Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited to join us. Rostered 4/6. Nora or Marg & 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.

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.

Parish Newsletter online: Website.

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-newsletter.html>

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.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

28/5-4/6. The Ascension of the Lord. Pentecost Sunday. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (ACBC). Theology in the City Series 4. Centacare CFRS. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini (Father to the Migrants). Saints Justin. Marcellinus and Peter. Charles Lwanga and Companions.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 10-11/6. 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.

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

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. ? 7.30am. L. Walsh. P. Hanley. R. Del Rosario. 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. CD,s. 7.30am. J. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

4/6. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Sunil. 11/6. Group 3. Terry, Rita & Michael.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 3/6. Anna Andruleis.

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.

Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

Parishioners, if they wish, 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).

Next Gathering 4/6 for Prayer and Reflection evening in the Parish Centre. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Gathering today, Sun. 28/5 at Strathpine Hyperbowl at 5pm. Discount price \$10 hire and game. All students between Years 7 - 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sunday 4/6. 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. 4/6.

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.

Hel every Wednesday, 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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council.

Some members of the Parish Council are currently assisting in developing some structure around the formation of a Communications Group within the Parish. A number of parishioners have expressed an interest in participating and we will be making contact with you all in the near future. There does seem to be an ever increasing number of faith based and social related active Ministries within Parish doing good works. So don't just stop at involving yourself in just one group - join in a number and make connections across the Parish. If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them 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

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Corpus Christi Celebrations –

- and Procession Sunday 18/6 at 2pm., at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Proceedings will be led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. See Website: www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

Corpus Christi Flower Girls.

We are looking for girls aged 10 to 18 to take part in the Corpus Christi procession Sun 18/6 as flower girls. Limited places. Enq. Catherine 0431 117 139 or catherinemcdowall@hotmail.com by 6/6.

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.

Through his death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

WAG Update.

Last week, we raised \$1340.00 which was a fantastic effort by the parish! The BRASS Network thanks the parish very much for their generous support. The WAG group was pleased to allow BRASS this opportunity. As always, we the WAG team are most appreciative of the commitment that our parish has to these special initiatives. Thank you most sincerely for your support. This week our focus is on South Sudan. We have all heard of the terrible plight of the people of South Sudan and there is a story in this week's Catholic Leader about how bad it is. Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if everything was as good as we have it here in Bracken Ridge Parish! Thank you one and all for your generosity. 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

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 Wed. 7/6 at Espresso Cafe, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum at 1230pm. The Nouwen's purpose is to support all 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

Social bike riding group.

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

Giving for weekend 20-21/5.

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 \$556. Direct Debit \$1740. Loose \$1033. Total \$3329. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 21. \$3424.

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.

Position Vacant.

The Episcopal Office invites applications for the full-time position of Executive Assistant to the Auxiliary Bishops. Written applications including a curriculum vitae and a short one page statement setting out the applicants suitability for the position, and response to selection criteria, should be addressed to: HR Office. Cathedral Place. Attention: Cindy Hayer. GPO Box 282. Bne. 4001 or email: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Applications close 28/5.

2017 National Pilgrimage.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8/11, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18/11. COST EX BRISBANE: \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement: \$610.00. Enq., or for a Pilgrimage brochure. Sr. Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr. Annie Bond 02 89124818. MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sojsj.org.au.

Catholic Mission.

When Jesus gave the 'great commission' to his disciples, as we hear about in the Gospel for this weekend, He may very well have had Catholic Mission's Ride to Reachout in mind. Not only will this bike ride, from November 15-26, focus on one of the most beautiful of "all the nations", Cambodia, but it will give participants a chance to see how Mission is unfolding, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" across the Cambodia countryside. Call our Brisbane office on (07) 3336 9239 for more details or for a FREE information pack and be a part of this historic and life-changing – for all concerned – experience. David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Diocese

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 19/6. Enquiries: Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor

National Weekend For Men.

Hosted and run by menALIVE. Fri. 14/7 – Sun. 16/7 at St. Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland. From \$245 per person includes 2 nights accommodation, six meals and a great event. Enq. mail@menalive.org.au /Peter Carrigan 0404 496 405 or Robert Falzon 0412 745 734.

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.

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.

Catholic Leader: \$2 a copy.

Something of interest for every family member.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

Day of Prayer.

The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18-40 years. Sat. 10/6. 9am. – 5pm. At Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. Cost: \$10 (Includes lunch). Enq. or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

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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>.

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.

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