

Year 2017



Pray for Peace



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Pentecost Sunday
4th of June

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 10-11/6.

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9. Dan. 3:52-56. 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. John 3:16-18.

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. Tobit 1:3,2:1-8. Ps. 111. Mark 12:1-12.

Tue. Tobit 2:9-14. Psalm 111. Mark 12:13-17.

Wed. Tobit 3:1-11,16-17. Ps.24. Mark 12:18-27.

Thu. T.6:10-11.7:1,9-14.8:4-9. P.127. Mk. 12:28-34.

Fri. Tobit 11:5-17. Psalm 145. Mark 12:35-37.

Sat. T.12:1,5-15,20. T.13:2,6-8. Mark 12:38-44.

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/](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- Pentecost Sunday
Year A, 4 June 2017 (Acts 2:1-11; John 20:19-23)**

On this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant in the upper room appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received God's Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will "retain" or "seize hold of" the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain". To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem.

Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of

violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. On this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider engaging in a "values inventory" by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.

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'.

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.

We pray for our young people –

-celebrating First Eucharist this weekend.

Blake, Alyssa, Ava, Hamish, Gabby, Bethany, Geraldine, Miguel, Shanna, Emmy, Jack, Nate, Daniel, James, Jade, Aidan, Charlotte, Jacob, Zara, Logan, Archie, Agnus, Callum, Bianca, Samuel, Ava, Grace, Erin, Rory, Lorenzo, Ava, Matilda, David, and Jackson.

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."

As a parish community we are committed to praying for South Sudan. Catholic media sources now confirm that Pope Francis will not be visiting there this year. A Vatican team has assessed the security issues. Let us pray for peace in South Sudan and for an end to the civil war. Let us pray for the villagers with whom we are connected as a parish. As we approach Pentecost this weekend, we pray that the Holy Spirit will protect them. Amen.

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Winter Collection.

This will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month 10am. – 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Ministry Commitment Forms.

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

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" and 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. 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 11/6. Marianne Grant. 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 11/6. Debbie 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.

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.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 17-18/6. Group 4. 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, 10-11/6. Group 3. 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. Group 3. 6pm. G. McLagan. G. Cameron. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolly. J. Khaghaoany. 7.30am. D. Phillipott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. C. Van der Maat. 9am. T. Clarke. M. Halpin. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 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.

11/6. Group 3. Terry, Rita & Michael. 18/6. Group 4. Neal. Bronwyn. Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 10/6. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

4-11/6. Pentecost Sunday. The Most Holy Trinity. Centacare CFRS. Quiet Saturday. Silent Sunday. Queensland Day. Saints Marcellin Champagnat. Norbert. Ephrem.

@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.

Parish Newsletter online: Website.

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

'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).

Meeting this Sunday 4/6 for a Prayer and Reflection evening on the gift of our brokenness. In the Parish Centre at 7pm. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting Sun. 11/6 from 5 – 7pm. In the Parish Centre. We have a wonderful guest speaker, Michael Crisafio who will be doing a presentation called "Ready Steady Cook"! All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering this 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. Today. 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.

Held 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

Parish Pastoral Council.

Speakers at the ecumenical Reconciliation service here last Monday night suggested that the journey forward is still very much a 'work in progress' action item for the descendants of the original custodians of this land. Let us all look at the intent of the recent Uluru Statement and see if such can be a further step forward. Now is not the time to 'rest on our laurels' be it for our original custodians or our more recent custodian who have joined us from the Middle East. 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'. Our next meeting is on Monday the 12/6.

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference reported from their plenary - held 4-11/5/17. "...the bishops discussed the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, in particular the Catholic Church Final Hearing of the Royal Commission. They considered the Church's response to those who have suffered because of child sexual abuse. They agreed to produce a single record detailing the policies, norms, guidelines and practices that have been established since the 1990s to promote and regulate professional standards, safeguarding of children and vulnerable people, and responding to complaints of abuse. The bishops addressed matters concerning the Sacrament of Penance, the continuing work of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, and public liturgies of sorrow, lament and healing. The bishops considered the 'Day of Prayer and Penance' proposed by the Holy Father Pope Francis and progressed by the Secretary of State Cardinal

Pietro Parolin in his letter to the Bishops Conferences in June 2016. The bishops agreed that the day will be marked on Child Protection Sunday, held on the second Sunday of September each year." For your information, the full text of the ACBC report is at <http://bit.ly/ACBCPlenaryMay2017> 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

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.

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Vocation Views.

"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit". Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active, if we utilize them for the building up of the Church. Name the way God has gifted you.

WAG Update.

Last weekend we collected \$28.65 for South Sudan. We have all heard of the terrible plight of the people of South Sudan. This weekend our buckets will be out for Blackall. 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.

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.

Nouwen Network.

The next gathering will be 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. 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 27-28/5.

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 \$729. Direct Debit \$1740. Loose \$1134. Total \$3603. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 22. \$3432.

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.

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@sosj.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.

Marriage Encounter.

4-6/8. Weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For Bookings/details: Maria and David Murphy 3342 1456. dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Website: www.wme.org.au

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.

Holy Spirit Home Carseldine.

A one bedroom villa is available for sale. With a northerly aspect, air conditioning and new kitchen appliances, this villa is affordably priced at \$280,000. Please phone Sharon 3263 0300 for more information and to book a tour.

Queensland Irish Choir INC.

Proudly sponsored by Mark Ward Property. Invite you to attend: The June 2017 "Celtic Winter" Concert. The Choir will sing a range of Celtic songs which you are sure to enjoy. Guest: International Trumpeter and Recording Artist John Coulton. At The Brisbane German Club – Vulture St. East Brisbane. Sun. 18/6 2 – 4pm. Cost \$15. Bookings through Jennifer Dunbar 3399 3129 or 0447 744 788 or

Email: jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com Tickets can be purchased at the door. Afternoon Tea is included.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary Liturgy.

Applications are open for a position at the Pine Rivers Catholic Parish. A person with sound liturgy knowledge and excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish secretary – liturgy up to 37.5 hour a fortnight. For additional information please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. *The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy work 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.*

Bo Sanchez & Arun Gogna in Gold Coast.

The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Grand Feast on the 1st of July. The theme is "Moving Forward in Christ Jesus". The event will be held at the Southport Church of Christ, cnr. Olsen Ave and Griffith Way, Southport. Mass starts at 4pm. Admission FREE. Contact Francis Gueco at 0438310461 or email kikodok@yahoo.com

Day of Prayer and Reflection led by –

the Canossian Sisters, 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.

1987 St. Columban's College 30-year reunion.

The class of 1987 invites all past students from our year level from Year 5 to Year 12 and staff. Fri. 16/6. At Victory Hotel – Nelson Bar – CBD at 6pm. Cost: \$25 (includes venue hire and food platters.) RSVP and payment by 2/6 to Anthony O'Brien 0403 951 558 or anthonyobrien70@hotmail.com

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

Catholic Leader: \$2 a copy.