

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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12th Sunday of the Year.
25th of June

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Jeremiah 20:10-13. Psalm 68. Romans 5:12-15. Matthew 10:26-33.

Next Week 1-2/7.

1 Kings 4:8-11,14-16. Psalm 88. Romans 6:3-4,8-11. Matthew 10:37-42.

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. Genesis 12:1-9. P. 32. Matthew 7:1-5.

Tue. 2 Genesis 13:2,5-18. P.14. Matthew 7:15-20.

Wed. Gen.15:1-12,17-18. P.104. Mathew 7:15-20.

Thu. Acts 12:1-11. P.33. Matthew 16:13-19.

Fri. Gen.17:1,9-10,15-22. P.127. Matthew 8:1-4.

Sat. Genesis 18:1-15. Psalm. Matthew 8:5-17.

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-12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 25 June 2017 (Matthew 10:26-33)

Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson introduces us to the story of Najaf Mazari, an Afghani Hazara rugmaker in reflecting on this week's gospel.

Many of those who once looked through the barbed-wire fences of Australia's detention centres carry personal stories of fear of persecution. One such story, the story of Najaf Mazari, is beautifully narrated by Najaf and Robert Hillman in their joint work, *The Rugmaker of Mazar-e-Sharif*. Najaf is an Afghani Hazara who suffered persecution and torture at the hands of the Taliban. He escaped to Australia via Indonesia in 2002. After some time in detention, he established a rug making business in suburban Melbourne. He was reunited with his wife Hakeema and daughter Maria in 2008 and became an Australian citizen in June 2014.

Some of the first century Christian groups, including Matthew's community, were a bit like the Afghani Hazaras and Syrian or Iraqi Christians in that they are persecuted simply on account of who they are vis à vis those who seek exclusive political and cultural power. They have every reason to fear bodily harm and even death, as did Jesus and his followers. The scene at Gethsemane suggests that Jesus himself experienced deep fear in the face of his impending suffering and political execution. Yet Jesus tells his disciples not to fear those who kill the body.

How are these words to be understood? To return to the story of Najaf: the Taliban had power to destroy his body, but no power over his spirit. A man of deep faith, supported by a family who sacrificed their own comfort and placed their trust in God (Allah), he survived against the most incredible odds. Even if he had died in the effort to find freedom, his faith in the fullness of life with God and the witness of his courage would remain, in stark contrast with the bullying power of the Taliban who could kill the body but not an indomitable spirit.

Trust in God is at the heart of Jesus' response to suffering. The disciples are sent out on mission. They are to proclaim in the marketplace or from the "housetops" the gospel they have received in the security of the household. They can expect rejection and humiliation. They are not to be deterred from their mission. Above all, they are not to give up the struggle or capitulate in the face of persecution. Like all God's creatures, they are precious in God's eyes and will not be abandoned.

On the contrary, Jesus will "acknowledge" them before God "in heaven". Trust in the author and sustainer of life is the appropriate response to suffering endured for the sake of God's empire. Trust in God does not take away the pain. Rather, it puts the inevitable suffering of the disciple on mission into the broader perspective of life in its fullest expression.

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.

Lord, the plight of Iraq and Syria is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Peace is the foundation of life. Grant the people of Iraq and Syria peace and stability that will enable them to live with one another with dignity and joy. Spare their lives and grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (Adapted from *Prayers of Patriarch Sako of Iraq and Archbishop Costelloe of Perth*).

"Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

Date Claimer – Important Child Safety Training – for All Parish Volunteers. Sat. 15/7. 2.15-5.15pm. and Wed. 26/7. 6-9pm. (In the Church). The Archdiocese has asked that all volunteers of the parish complete this training, not only those involved in the care of children. The Archdiocese has specified volunteers who assist with:- Communion Ministry, Hospitality, Readers, Children's Liturgy, Kindy Liturgy, Counters, Finance Council, Grounds Maintenance, Church Maintenance, Pastoral Council, Sacramental Program, RCIA Programme, Sacristans, Youth Group, Refugee Support, Catechists. All interested parishioners are also welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the Parish office advising which session you will be attending. Should these dates not be suitable, alternate dates will be offered in surrounding parishes in the next couple of months. Enq. Parish office 3261 3670.

Children's Liturgy.

No Child/ Lit. during the school holidays. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

No Kindy Lit. during the school holidays. 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.

Name Badges for Parishioners.

Name badges are just so helpful for assisting in meeting and greeting parishioners before and after Mass. Please consider ordering a Parish name badge to help us all get to know each other's names. An order form is at the back of the church. Last day for ordering is Sunday 9/7. Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

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 are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Interment Ceremony - Joseph Morsch.

We are inviting you all to a ceremony to farewell Joseph, who was called to Heaven on 2/5. Fr. Gerry will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's, Bracken Ridge at 9am. Tue. 27/6, after which, we will carpool to St. Dymphna's Church Aspley for Joseph's Interment Ceremony. Everyone is then invited to the nearby Geebung RSL Club, where we can gather to join with Joseph's family for refreshments/lunch. Enq. Ron & Therese Kissane

Thank you.

A very big thank you to Fr. Gerry, Julie, Sue, Marcia and her wonderful helpers, and our very special parish family for the prayers and support given to us at this most difficult time. God bless you all.

John, Benjamin, Isaac and Sophie Conway.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 8-9/7. 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, 1-2/7. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. M. Kennedy. F. Martinez. 7.30am. W. Hassum. D. Phillpott. 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.

2/7. Group 6. Mike & Bryan. 9/7. Group 1. Philip, Peter & Sunil.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 1/7. Barbara Masterman.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

25/6-1/7. 12th & 13th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Oceanic Rectors Conference. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality Retreat. Saints Peter and Paul (Solemnity). World Refugee Day. The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church. Saints Cyril of Alexandria. Irenaeus.

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.

Vocation Brisbane V9 Prayer Campaign.

This campaign encourages a prayerful culture across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for praying a nine week novena for vocations. Prayer Campaign 8. A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved. B: For they were like sheep without a Shepherd. A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready". B: "But the labourers are few." A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest. B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest. A: And shepherd for your people. Amen. Let us pray: For all young men and women who are making decisions about their future at this time, that they will include service to the people of God among their options. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

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

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, Sun. 25/6 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. Trivia night with Touch Football. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma

Blitz.

Next gathering Sun. 2/6/7. 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 2/7.

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.

The Council was informed that the School recently held a Parent Forum with a focus on the School's Mission Statement and its relevance. The purpose of the School/Catholic Identity: learning & teaching/partnership & relationships, and sought feedback of various elements of School life. Connecting School parents and School children with our Parish and having them actively participate is vital to the School/Parish future. 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'.

An evening with Ursula Rakova -

'Carteret Islanders Responding to Climate Change' 7.30pm. 6/7 in the Parish Centre. Our new Parish Care for Creation Group would like to invite you to join with them to meet and hear Ursula Rakova speaking on the 'Carteret Islanders Responding to Climate Change'. Ursula, a Carteret Islander herself, is the Director of the Carteret Islands Relocation Programme. This is a unique opportunity to hear someone on the frontline of climate change speak about how the effects of rising sea levels are drastically impacting her Carteret homeland and forcing the relocation of her people to Bougainville - a relocation which must be completed by 2020. Further information and an event flyer is available on our Parish Care for Creation website <http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com/events.html> Enq. Rosie and Peter Bugden.

Young People of Our Parish 16 to 29 years –

- Closing date for the survey for Young People is 2/7. You could win 1 of 3 'Dr. Dre Solo 2.0 On Ear Headphones' by completing the survey! <http://bit.ly/YouthSurveyFrancis> Fr. Gerry.

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.rjhc.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

School History Group. Since the beginning of 2016 a small group of people have been meeting on a regular basis slowly sorting through the all the school's data, paraphernalia and other records we have in storage. Whilst conducting this exercise a few gaps have been discovered. We are now sending out an SOS in the hope that either parents, past students or former staff members can help fill these gaps for us. Below is a list of what we are currently in search of (we are quite happy to make copies of photographs). Class Photos: 1988 – Yr 1 White; Yr 2 Brown; Yr 3 Blue; Yr 3 Brown; Yr 6 Blue; Yr 7 Brown. 1983 – Staff Photo. Uniform - (Replica?) Blue jacket and pants (Winter) – with a white stripe on the sleeve (and a thin brown stripe below it). If anyone in the community has information/memorabilia (or you might know of someone who may have kept special mementos of their time at St Joseph's) please feel free to contact Beatrice Smith at the School, or Barbara Masterman after 9am. Mass.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

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

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.

Vocation Views.

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

WAG Update.

Last weekend, 17-18/6, we collected \$243.75 for South Sudan. We thank you most sincerely for continuing to support our WAG programs to help our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and Blackall. Enq. Terry Tolhurst

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh. Thank you for the response to the Winter Appeal. So far we have been gifted \$3,802.00. Your generosity is much appreciated by the needy within our community.

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.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Nouwen Network.

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 17-18/6.

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 \$552. Direct Debit \$1753. Loose \$1173. Total \$3478. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 25. \$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.

Care for Creation Group.

All welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

Finance Council Meeting.

Held 22/5. Items of Interest: Parish Financial Position was reviewed. A bulk payment has been made off the Parish Loan from Centacare (Outside School Care) distributions. The loan balance as at 31/3 was \$62,810.54. The Parish has since received the March distribution from Centacare of \$53,814. The Finance Council has requested information from Centacare about long term projected income before considering the possibility of committing the parish to a significant debt for construction of new Outside School Care Facility. We are still awaiting this information so no commitment has been made. Resealing of concrete in the church has been completed. With the assistance of parishioners this has been achieved at \$8000 less than was originally quoted for the concrete restoration. Air conditioning and fans are being considered for the church.

St. Joseph's School/Parish Fete 2017.

The Cent Auction is always one of the most popular attractions at our Fete. We would love donations to make up prizes for any age, boys, girls, men, women. Sports, games, etc... Donations can be left in the marked container at the back of the Church for collection each Monday. We are always delighted to have the full support of our Parish family.

Positions Vacant.

1. For a part-time position (2 days a week) of Administrative Assistant the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo. For additional information, visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

2. For a position at the Zillmere Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish administration assistant for 24 hours a week. For additional information please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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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@sosi.org.au.

Catholic Mission.

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 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. Next Meeting Mon. 17/7. 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.

Bo Sanchez & Arun Gogna in Gold Coast.

The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Grand Feast on the 1/7. 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

Discere Discernment Day Retreat.

Vocations Brisbane is running a day for young women and men who are keen to explore more about a vocation to priesthood or religious life. All young women and men 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! Sat. 8/7. 9am. – 5pm. At the Carmelite Monastery, 287 Wellington St., Ormiston. Enq. And/or RSVP to Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

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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.

Marriage Encounter.

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

One Heart and One Soul.

Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India, from February 19/2-10/3. 2018. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117 or email info@spiceodyssey.net.au

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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