

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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16th Sunday of the Year.
23rd of July

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11. Psalm 104. Romans 8:18-23.
Matthew 13:1-23.

Next Week 29-30/7.

Wisdom 12:13,16-19. Psalm 85. Romans
8:26-27. Matthew 13:24-43.

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. Exodus 14:5-18. P. Matthew 12:3-42.

Tue. 2 Cor. 4:7-15. P125. Matthew 20:20-28.

Wed. Sirach 44:1,10-15. P.131. Matt. 13:1-17.

Thu. Ex.19:1-2,9-11,16-20. P. Matt. 13:10-17.

Fri. Exodus 20:1-17. P.18. Matthew 13:18-23.

Sat. 1.Jn.4:7-16. Psalm 33. John 11:19-27.

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-16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A, 23 July 2017 (Matthew
13:24-43)*

*In this gospel parable, there is a movement from
small to great that communicates something about
the power of God to bring abundance of life from
the most insignificant beginnings, writes Sister
Veronica Lawson rsm.*

Some time back, my great-nephew met with an
unwelcome refusal from his father. His response:
"Dad, I am not impressed with what I'm hearing!"
Like young Izaak, I suspect that most experienced
gardeners and farmers and bakers would have
something similar to say at Jesus' choice of images
for God's empire of the heavens. They would be
particularly unimpressed, I expect, by the methods
of the farmer-gardener God presented in today's
gospel reading. Leaving weeds to endanger the
wheat crop seems none too smart. Mustard, known
for its propensity to grow wild and threaten the life
of every other plant in the garden, makes for an
equally strange image. God's empire imaged as a
baker woman taking yeast, a substance considered
a corrupting influence in the first century Jewish
world, and mixing it into twenty kilos of wheat flour,
stretches the imagination in other directions.

These images cut across expectations quite
dramatically. What do they tell us about God's kin-
dom of the skies? In the parables of the mustard
seed and the leaven, there is a movement from
small to great that communicates something about
the power of God to bring abundance of life from
the most insignificant beginnings. They don't seem
to fit with the parable of the wheat and the weeds
until we look a little more closely. The element of
danger to the life of the whole is common to all
three parables. Maybe Matthew's Jesus is telling us
that God is a God of risk, prepared to let the
weeds and endangering herbs and other dubious
substances to "infect" God's field. Harvest-time will
be time enough to divide the wheat from the weeds.
In the meantime, the good seed must take hold.

In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven,
Jesus may be telling his hearers that their idea of
infection or danger is different from his. At one
level, he engages the more-than-human and talks
about respect for the complexity of eco-systems. At
another, he is talking about societal inclusion: the
very people that many consider unclean or sinful or
demon-possessed are not to be displaced from
God's field or God's table. On the contrary, they
may be the very ones who season the life of the

whole. Life is messy after all and God is in the
mess. It is worth noting that the leaven parable
offers one of the few occasions in the gospel where
God is imaged as female. While we are all aware
that God is neither male nor female, most of us
have been conditioned to use only male images for
God. The parable of the woman kneading dough
validates the potential of female experience to
reflect the life and activity of God in our world.

*From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection
www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org*



Prayer for Peace

Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults
Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

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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, Ph:

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'.**

Some wonderful news!

The late mail on our Parish Priest, Archbishop Coleridge has just extended Fr Gerry's appointment as the Parish Priest for our parish for another 6 years. Let us thank God that Fr Gerry's re-appointment to this Parish will continue to bare fruit in terms of faith ministry and much needed critical social works. May his steady guidance continue to inspire Parishioners to be willing labourers in the vineyard. Tom Gordon Pastoral Council Secretary.

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. 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. Enq. Parish office 3261 3670.
Parish Volunteers who are not able to attend this final session in our Parish, are invited to consider attending the upcoming training at St. Dymna's. Aspley on Sat. 14/10 from 2 – 5pm., in the John O'Callaghan Parish Hall. Please contact the Aspley Parish office to register your attendance: Phone: 3862 9402 or Email: aspley@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Seniors Group.

Therese and I will be handing over to Margaret and Peter Guy after the 1/8. We leave for Ireland on the 6th & return on the 14/10.....just in time for Melbourne Cup and the Christmas Party. We are going over for the Kissane Family Reunion in Listowel, Count Kerry. 2 years ago, the lady who is running this reunion, held another for a different arm of the family & ONLY 400 turned up.....eekkkkkk. Should be very interesting, eh? We will give you a FULL report when we return.

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word. Prep to Year 3 students invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 30/7. Melissa Ferris. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Our 3, 4 & 5 year old littlies are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. 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 are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 5-6/8. 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, 29-30/7. Group 4. 6pm. D/E. Grugeon. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. V. Stephensen. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. P. Ryan. P. & M. Needer. 7.30am. W. Hassum. J. Garcia. J. & C. Van der Maat. G. Endicott. 9am. B. Masterman, L. Venus. N. Rao. M. Creevey. R. McKenzie.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. P. Halpin. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & H. Hickey. S. & S. Twidale.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

30/7. Group 4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. 6/8. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

29/7. Sunil Edward.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

23-30/7. 16th & 17th Sundays of the Year. Theology in the City Series 4. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality: Two Hours with God. Saints Charbel. Alphonsa. James, Apostle. Joachim. & Anne.

The annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal –

Will be held in our Parish next weekend – 29/30 July. This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St. Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Uganda

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 bishops, priests, religious men and women and lay ministers who serve our Church. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 9-10 September.

We need volunteers to serve as Ambassadors for the 2017 Annual Catholic Campaign. It's light work, small time commitment but makes a profound difference! We encourage all new Ambassadors, Parish Priests and staff to attend a brief workshop conducted in-person across the Archdiocese or online. Follow link to complete the online registration form and we will be in touch. <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/resources/register-as-an-ambassador/>

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting Sun. 30/7 in the Parish Centre from 7pm. We will be having a discussion on the Resurrection led by Damian Riggall. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Gathering today. Sun. 23/7 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm., for Zumba with Julie McCoy. Make sure you are in sports wear. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sun. 30/7. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee. Gold coin donation.

Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 11.30am. All 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.

Recent ABS Census data revealed a decrease in the number of Australians identifying as Catholics and an increasing number stating that they have NO religion. Even our Parish is not immune from these 'winds of change'. While our School children regularly attend Mass whilst they are in the School environment, seeing them with their Parents regularly at a weekend Mass is a different matter. What can we do as individuals or as a group to motivate more adults to formally gather each week to reflect and contemplate God's hope for all peoples in this world? 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'.

Catholic Leader.

A good read for just \$2.

Royal Commission Information.

The Royal Commission has released a new research report that suggests strong connection to culture can help protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from sexual abuse in institutions. The research report, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and sexual abuse in institutional contexts, explains how the impacts of past discriminatory policies and ongoing systemic

racism continue to put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at heightened risk of institutional child sexual abuse today. The research report is available at <http://bit.ly/2u7xam5> 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.

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

Sacramental Programme 2016 -2017.
Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

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

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.

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

WAG Update.

BLACKALL/TAMBO. This week the focus is on our Sister Parish as they celebrate the centenary of their St. Joseph's School. Two weeks ago we collected \$243.70 to go to their assistance projects. Let us all pray for the people of Blackall / Tambo that their celebrations are happy and that good rains start coming. SOUTH SUDAN. Last week we collected \$215.55 towards Well No. 10. So far through our collections we have been able to send over \$100,000 AUD to South Sudan for the 9 wells that we have installed there. This has been no small effort and has been assisted greatly by bucket collections, donations in lieu of flowers at Funerals, the parish singers CD and their various musical evenings and many other direct donations. We have heard from Sr Rita this week with this message: "Here we are at the moment surrounded by hunger, many, many seeking food. We are at a

"hunger" stage not "starvation" yet though some skeletal figures a little more distant from Mapuordit are presenting. Thank God we did receive some really good rain, just showers, but the showers have saved many crops. Due to hunger of last year people planted so much more this year only to be confronted with drought; However God has heard prayers and many crops thought to have died have revived. We pray to experience the resilience of nature. Blessings and greetings to all. Rita" Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is offered by our migrants. You do not need to own a mower. Enq. Michael

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. The next gathering is on Wed. 2/8 at 12.30pm., at Cafe Espresso 351 Beams Rd. Taigum. 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 15-16/7.

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: 73. Direct Debit Givers 93. Envelopes \$467. Direct Debit \$1470. Loose \$1142. Total \$3079. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 29. \$3431.

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

2017 National Pilgrimage.

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. \$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.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass.

At St. Stephen's Cathedral. Tue. 8/8 at 10am. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Open Seating. RSVP by Tue. 1/8 to: rsvp@bne.catholic.net.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

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available. Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. brisbanecatholic.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.

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

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

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.

Billings Life.

A woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. The Billings Ovulation Method® teaches a woman to interpret her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages from puberty to menopause. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health accredited Billing Method Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. Enq. Billings LIFE 1800 335 860 or visit Website www.billings.life

Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.

Enq. Beris 3300 1332.