

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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17th Sunday of the Year.
30th of July

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

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

Next Week 5-6/8.

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14. Psalm 96. 2 Peter 1:16-19. Matthew 17:1-9.

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. Ex. 32:15-24,30-34. P.105. Matthew 13:31-35.

Tue. Ex. 32:7-11,34:5-9,28. P.102. Matt. 13:36-43.

Wed. Exodus 34:29-35. P.98. Matt. 13:44-46.

Thu. Ex. 40:16-21,34-38. P. 83. Matt. 13:47-53.

Fri. Lev.23:1,4,11,27,34-37. P.80. Matt. 13:54-58.

Sat. Lev.25:1,8-17. Psalm 66. Matt.14:1-12.

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-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 30 July 2017 (Matthew 13:44-52 or Matthew 13:44-46)

This week's gospel invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives, to know our own hearts, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.

Today's gospel passage begins and ends with reference to treasure. It invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives, to know our own hearts. What do we really want? Many of our contemporaries are asking that question in relation to a consumerist lifestyle that appropriates far more than our share of the world's resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge. There is a new realisation that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous.

Several years ago, I had the good fortune to meet Kamran Mofid, an Iranian-born economist who holds dual British and Canadian citizenship. For two decades, Mofid had espoused and taught his students an "economy first" approach to life. Then, in a "search for life's bigger picture", he took up studies in pastoral theology and subsequently founded Globalization for the Common Good, an Oxford-based organisation dedicated to a global economics for the good of all rather than the benefit of the few. Mofid and his team believe that "the rich heritages of the world's religions" are a key resource for the promotion of global peace, justice, and the well-being of all earth's creatures. They invest their energies and resources in establishing dialogue at multiple levels, celebrating religious diversity, and seeking ways to overcome ideological divisions. They seek in these ways "to harness the wealth of the world's diverse spiritual and ethical traditions to create a sense of common purpose that can enable us to build social and economic policies that are truly humane and life-enhancing." Mofid turned his whole life around at considerable personal sacrifice for the sake of a "treasure" previously hidden to his consciousness. With like-minded people of diverse faiths, he now pursues a path that is named in Matthew's gospel as the reign or empire of the heavens.

Like Matthew's community, we need to be "scribes" trained for or educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions "what is new and what is old", wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish. Parables help

to subvert our presuppositions, our ways of looking at the world. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price remind us that gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We don't have to re-invent the wheel. We simply need to search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others like Kamran Mofid who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community.

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

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).

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 bear 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."

Healing Mass.

This Tuesday, 1/8 at 9am. Everyone is invited to ask our Blessed Saviour for His healing powers & for help, in each of our lives. The Year 4's from St. Joseph's School will also be attending. Fr. Gerry will be assisted by Fr. Joe McGeehan.

Important Child Safety Training –

-for All Parish Volunteers. 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 did not attend one of the two sessions in our Parish are invited to consider attending the upcoming training at St. Dymphna'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

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 1/8. Mass this Tuesday will be a Healing Mass with the School Children. After this 9am. Healing Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Guest Speaker: Warren Hill. Warren is a qualified Queensland Ambulance Service Paramedic & will volunteer his time to demonstrate CPR procedures & update us on various health related issues. All he asks is a gold coin donation, which is passed onto his QAS base to fund volunteer services. He is coming all the way from Caloundra, in his own time, just to help us. Enquiries & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word. Prep to Year 3 students invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 6/8. Barbara. Masterman. 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 or Margaret.

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 12-13/8. Group 6. 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, 5-6/8. Group 5. 6pm. A. Isaak. A. Jolly. J. Ivett. 7.30am. F. Burke. S. Donatini. K. Hutton. 9am. S. Hutchinson. M. de Gee. N. Mathew.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. RB. Craigie. ? ? 7.30am. R. del Rosario. R. & A. Soriano. C. & A. Kennedy. 9am. B. & V. Stephensen. D. de Gee. M. Hutchinson. T. Clarke.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. M. Lewry. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

6/8. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann. Group 6. 13/8. Mike, Bryan & Sandra.

Newsletter Photocopying.

5/8. Robyn Masterman.

Community Zumba will be held –

-in the Parish Centre. Sun. 6/8 from 7pm. Enq. Emma Beach

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

30/7-6/8. 17th Sunday of the Year. The Transfiguration. Centacare CFRS. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality: Quiet Saturday. National Vocations Awareness Week. The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Saints Ignatius of Loyola. Alphonsus Ligouri. Peter Faber. Dominic. John Mary Vianney.

Our parish will conduct the Propagation of the Faith -

Appeal this weekend, 22-23/7. In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St. Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the Health Centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk

pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St. Luke's and provide essential services for women and children. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today. 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.

Fr. Hans Zollner SJ – Visit to Brisbane.

2/9. An invitation to Parish Staff & Volunteers, Pastoral Councillors and Youth Ministry Co-ordinators. As part of the next steps in our ongoing strategy to promote a safe environment for the people of God of all ages, the Archbishop has invited Fr. Hans Zollner SJ to the Archdiocese to work with us. Fr. Zollner, a licensed psychologist and psychotherapist and is a Member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. Over the past decade, Fr. Zollner has become an articulate, leading, sought after Consultant and prolific author in the area of the Safeguarding of Minors and Child Sexual Abuse Prevention as well as in the area of Spirituality of Priesthood and Consecrated Life. He will work with clergy in our Archdiocese 9am to 4pm on 29 and 30/8. It is proposed that Fr. Hans will participate in a round table discussion with key Archdiocesan staff and volunteers to discuss the following: TOPIC: The emerging theology and spirituality of the priesthood and the world view of the Ecclesial significance of clerical abuse. 2/9. 9am. – 4pm. At Clairvaux Mackillop College, 281 Kessells Rd, Mt Gravatt. It is hoped that some car-pooling, from the church car park, may be available. Please advise if you are interested in attending by 31/7 by emailing stjosephandstanthony@gmail.com Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

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 those who have made a commitment to pray intensely for vocations, that their intercessory prayer for an increase of candidates for priesthood and religious life will be fruitful for the Church and that they will be blessed for their efforts. 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).

Today. Sun. 30/7 gathering 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).

Next meeting on the 6th August in the parish hall from 5-7pm. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today, 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.

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How do we attract and retain people to be active and participating members of this Parish. Vigilant shepherds never leave their watch. We have to identify and promote the good news message and continue to work from a solid Bible-based foundation. How do we go about inviting others who have fallen by the wayside to again take up their faith and spiritual journey. How do people identify that prayer is important to their lives. We need to lead by example by locally doing small acts of mercy. Our Church has to provide nourishment to a variety of persons – all undertaking their own individual search and all with a need to bring meaning to their lives. 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'.

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

Catholic Leader.

A good read for just \$2.

Royal Commission Information.

Royal Commission 'Fast Facts': 39,480 Calls handled; 23,691 Letters and emails received; 7,113 Private Sessions held; 2,165 Referrals to authorities (including police) - * Current as at 1 July 2017. Francis Sullivan, CEO TJHC reported on a three-day assembly of Catholic Religious Australia which was held in June. The assembly included an apology by the major superiors of male religious congregations to female religious congregations, as follows. "We want to express our sorrow for the harm that men within our congregations have brought upon others and the shame this has brought upon yourselves and the Church," the apology statement said. "We apologise for those times when we leaders have not acted with the swiftness or decisiveness that is rightly expected of us in our positions of authority, allowing abuse to continue. 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 3269 2377.

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.

Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

WAG Update.

This week we focus on South Sudan. The account balance at the end of June was \$9,929.34 and since then we have collected \$478.50 all this is going towards Well No. 10. So on current exchange rates, we need to raise just over \$2,000 AUD to get over the line. Let's hope the Australian dollar stays at a high value! Blackall/Tambo: last week we collected \$246.85 for our sister parish. And, also, last week, they celebrated the Centenary of the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School at Blackall and from all reports, the event was a great success. From photos on Facebook, the Church was full for the Mass, possibly overflowing, which would be the first time for many years! People came from everywhere to be there - Sisters and other teachers who had taught there, former students and the entire population of Blackall and surrounding areas were involved with the various activities over the weekend. Some photos from the event are at the back of the church. 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.

Sacramental Programme. Enq. 3261 3670.

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 22-23/7.

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 \$612. Direct Debit \$1470. Loose \$904. Total \$2986. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 30. \$3416.

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.

Next Meeting 5/8 at 4.45pm., in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

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

St. Patrick's College.

Shorncliffe. Open Day. Tue. 8/8. Enq. www.stpatricks.qld.edu.au or Ph. 3631 9000.

Quo Vadis is a latin phrase that means –

"where are you going?" The Quo Vadis Weekend is offered to young men considering the priesthood. Hosted by Vocation Brisbane and Holy Spirit Seminary. 26 – 28/8 at the Holy Spirit Seminary. To register for the weekend, contact Adam Burns bumsa@bne.catholic.net.au.