

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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The Transfiguration of the Lord
6th of August
Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

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

Next Week 12-13/8.

1 Kings 19:9,1-11-13. Psalm 84. Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 14:22-33.

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. Numbers 11:4-15. P.80. Matthew 14:22-36.

Tue. 1. K. 17:8-16. P. 63. Mathew 6:25-34.

Wed. Num.13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29. P.105. Mt. 15:21-28.

Thu. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10. P.111. John 12:24-26.

Fri. Deuteronomy 4:32-40. P.76. Matthew 16:24-28.

Sat. Deuteronomy 6:4-13. P.17. Matthew 17:14-20.

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-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 6 August 2017 (Matthew 14:13-21)

We are invited as contemporary disciples to attend to food security in our world and to address ways of eliminating poverty and hunger, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

According to the 2017 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFRI) Report, the number of people living in extreme poverty has fallen below ten percent of the global population for the first time in history, down from nineteen per cent in 1990.

The same figures hold for the undernourished in our world. Encouraging as the improved statistics may be, it is still a fact that almost three quarters of a billion people have less than \$US1.90 per day to meet all their basic needs for food, shelter and security. At the same time, the gap between rich and poor is widening, as the SBS program, Filthy Rich and Homeless, brought home so graphically to Australian viewers. It is difficult in our affluent society to imagine the plight of so many in the war-torn countries of our world or to get inside the desperation of parents watching their children die from starvation. According to recent research conducted by Footprint Melbourne (Tim Morizet, The Age, 12.07.2017), Melburnians waste enough food annually to feed two million people at a cost of \$3.5 million.

What has this to do with our gospel reflection? In the first reading from Isaiah, God tells the "thirsty": "Listen and delight in rich food....Incline your ear, and come to me; listen that you may live". The gospel reading from Matthew tells a story of hungry people "hearing", following Jesus, and enjoying an abundance of life-sustaining food. In other words, Matthew presents Jesus as the one who makes the prophetic dream a reality for those who hunger and thirst both literally and figuratively. The passage echoes key aspects of Israel's history. Jesus retreats to a "desert" place, recalling the experience of God's people in the wilderness of Sinai. Those who follow Jesus find life-restoring food in the desert, recalling the manna that God provided for the hungry in the Sinai desert.

Jesus has compassion for people struggling with disease and thirsting for the means to live. In biblical terms, compassion is always accompanied by action for restorative justice. Jesus heals the sick and creates a structure for the sharing of resources. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples offer a simple solution: "Send them away." Sending the

desperate away has, sadly, been part of our national response to those hungering and thirsting for life and security. Jesus refuses such a solution and invites his disciples instead to take some personal responsibility for the situation. The gospel invites us as contemporary disciples to attend to food security in our world and to address ways of meeting the new Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating poverty and hunger by 2030. Informing ourselves on the issues might be one place to begin. Another might be to check supplies before shopping for more food, as Footprint Melbourne suggest.

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).

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.

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

Parish Name Badges.

Parish Name Badges are available for collection from the work room this weekend.

Feast of the Assumption 15th August.

9am. Parish and Whole School Mass. 7pm. Parish Mass.

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. 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

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word. Prep to Year 3 students invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 13/8. Josh De Gee. 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 19-20/8. 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, 12-13/8. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. M.B. 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. Keating. E. Grady. D. Jones. 9am. E. Schneider-Loos. D. Noud. E. Quinn. V. Smith. E. Beach.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 6. 6pm. C. Allen. L. Harrison. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. E. Venzke. C. & A. Woodroffe.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 6. 13/8. Mike, Bryan & Sandra. Group 1. 20/8. Philip, Peter & Sunil.

Newsletter Photocopying.

12/8. Vicki Stephensen.

Community Zumba will be held TODAY –

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

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

6-13/8. The Transfiguration. 19th Sunday of the Year, Centacare CFRS. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality: Quiet Saturday. National Vocations Awareness Week. Saints Mary of the Cross. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Lawrence. Clare. Jane Francis de Chantal.

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.

Invitation.

To parish staff, volunteers, key leaders in youth and children's ministries, pastoral associates, parish pastoral and finance council members, safeguarding representatives and parishioners to attend a session with Fr. Hans Zollner SJ. World-renowned expert on Safeguarding Minors & Child Sexual Abuse Prevention on 'The emerging theology and spirituality of the priesthood and the world view of the Ecclesial significance of clerical abuse.' Saturday 2/9. 9am. - 4pm. At Clairvaux MacKillop College Auditorium. 24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. RSVP: ASAP to Vicar for Clergy's Office at clergy-support@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3324, 3324 3365. (morning tea, light lunch and refreshments provided). Please advise if you are interested in attending 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.

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/>

Zumba.

Led by Julie McCoy at 7pm., in the Parish Centre on Sun. 6/8. All ages are welcome but under 18's will need an adult supervisor or hopefully participant. For details call Emma Beach

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting Sun. 13/8 at Chermiside's new restaurant area at 6.30pm. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, 6/8 in the Parish Centre from 5-7pm. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sun. 13/8. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee. Gold coin donation.

Thank you for your generous support of –

-the Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers—for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world. Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda

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.

How do we attract and retain people to be active and participating members of this Parish. 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. 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'.

Royal Commission Information.

Justice McClellan delivered address at Office of Director of Public Prosecutions NSW Conference on Wednesday. In his address he speaks of the role of victims and survivors in the criminal justice process and that this has always been a central element of the Royal Commission's

criminal justice work. Visit <http://bit.ly/2w4tpyk> to read his speech. 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

Fire & Spirit TODAY!

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.

The Uniting Church Parish of Bracken Ridge –

would like to invite all our Parishioners to a morning tea on Tuesday 8th August at their Church cnr. of Pellinore Rd. and Bracken St. This will be followed by a guest speaker. Fr. Bob Harwood. The P.P. Of Redcliffe. Fr. Bob was raised in Bracken Ridge and was a Pastor of the Uniting Church before converting to Catholicism. Fr. Bob will be reflecting on his life journey. The jug will be boiling at 0945, followed by a short devotional with Fr. Bob starting his talk at 10:30am. The Ladies of the Parish will be providing morning tea and request a donation of \$5.00 per person to help defray costs. To help with catering, if you wish to come, please advise Ann Carter 0414652364 by midday Monday. However if you wake up Tuesday and want to come the Ladies tell me they would love to see you.

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.

If some people did not herd the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today? May the Transfiguration move us to justice for the King Most High.

Catholic Leader. A good read for just \$2.

WAG Update.

Last week our focus was on Catholic Mission and so we didn't have a WAG collection as we don't compete with

Catholic Mission or with CARITAS. So, 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 - I think they are still getting over the huge turnout they had for the School Centenary! The annual Parish Fete is coming up on Sat. 25/11. So if any of our fantastic crafty type people wish to lend a helping hand, their contribution will certainly be much appreciated. In fact if anyone has any ideas about how we can assist our sisters and brothers at the fete in Blackall please don't hesitate to contact us. Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

St. Vincent De Paul.

Poor Box: Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVDP Society to help those in our community who are in need.

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 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.

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. 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 29-30/7.

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: 72. Direct Debit Givers 93. Envelopes \$571. Direct Debit \$1470. Loose \$898. Total \$29939. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 31. \$3401.

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.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass.

At St. Stephen's Cathedral. Tue. 8/8 at 10am. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Mark Coleridge. All the faithful are invited to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint and guests are encouraged to join us for morning tea in the Cathedral grounds after Mass. Open Seating. RSVP by Tue. 1/8 to: rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au

Care for Creation Group.

All welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

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

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.

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

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@sosj.org.au.

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

St. Ignatius Parish.

Toowong. Annual Women's Night of Spirituality. Tue. 5/9 At 7.30pm. In the Stuartholme School Chapel. This is a legacy of Fr. Peter Quin SJ. Enq. 3870 7818.