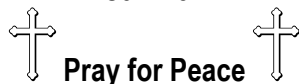


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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19th Sunday of the Year
13th of August

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

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

Next Week 19-20/8.

Isaiah 56:1,6-7. Psalm 66. Romans 11:13-15,29-32. Matthew 15:21-28.

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. Deut.10:121-22. P.147. Matthew 17:22-27.

Tue. 1.Chron.15:3-4,15-16.16:1-2. P.131. Lk.11:27-28.

Wed. Deut. 34:1-12. P.65. Mt. 18:15-20.

Thu. Joshua 3:7-11,13-17. P.113. Mt. 18:21-19:1.

Fri. Joshua 24:14-29. P.15. Matthew 19:13-15.

Sat. Joshua 24:14-29. P.15. Matthew 19:13-15.

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-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 13 August 2017 (Matthew 14:22-33)

Only God can bring order out of the chaos, working through the courageous witness and action of faith-filled disciples, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

The church knows what it means to be "battered by the waves". Over its two millennia history, there have been periods of discrimination and persecution against its members. Countless church members have died for their faith, while others have been and are being denied the freedom to practice their religion. There have also been times when the church has fallen far short of its own ideals and has quite seriously betrayed the gospel values it seeks to embody and proclaim. It is presently "battered" by huge even terrifying waves, largely of its own creating. Only God can bring order out of the chaos, and God works through the courageous witness and action of faith-filled disciples.

In today's gospel, Matthew tells of Jesus astride the waves like the God of Israel in Job 9:8. In Israel's mythology, the sea represents chaos. To walk on water is to have power and authority to bring order out of the chaos. Matthew presents Jesus as exercising the power of God over the potentially destructive chaos. Jesus makes his claim to divine power explicit in words that echo God's words from the burning bush: "It is I" (literally "I am"). He tells the frightened disciples to take heart and not to be afraid. Peter, leader of the group, continues to doubt. He asks for a sign and is then prepared to take a risk in order to come to Jesus on the water. He begins to falter when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses instead on the threatening wind. Jesus reaches out his hand to rescue Peter. In a lovely gesture, Jesus takes him by the hand and holds him firmly in his grip. Jesus names Peter's problem as one of limited faith.

Matthew weaves the story of Peter into an earlier story from Mark's gospel. We can only speculate on the reasons for this. Were Matthew's communities going through hard times? Were they battered by the waves of conflicting loyalties as they found themselves excluded from Pharisaic Judaism? Was the pressure of separation from the synagogue too great for some, even for those in leadership? This is a telling story for anyone who exercises leadership at any level in the church. It is a reminder to us as disciples to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the source of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and on the crucial issues that face our planetary home.

Finally, this story invites us to consider the threatening waves created by the undeniable reality of climate change. The human community has created the problem. The human community must join hands to mitigate the damage. The growing commitment to renewable energy sources provides, for me, a contemporary image of a saving hand reaching out to the Earth communities that are in danger of being submerged.

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).

'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.

"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.

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 attend 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

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word. Prep to Year 3 students invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 20/8. Robyn 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.

Forms: 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 26-27/8. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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, 19-20/8. Group 1. 6pm. P. Phillips. N. D'Souza. D. Griffiths. 7.30am. G. Endicott. L. McDonough. L. Olley. L. McDonough. 9am. D. Riggall. S. Turner. N. Rao.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 1. 6pm. R. Kissane. M. Caruso. A. Fulton. A. Isaak. P. Ryan. 7.30am. J. & S. Rogers. K. Ryan. J. & C. Van der Maat. 9am. G. Cameron. K. Turner. N. Sheridan. E. Schneider-Loos. S. Turner.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 1. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. S. & G. Fernandes.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 1. 20/8. Philip, Peter & Sunil. Group 2. 27/8. Debbie, Matthew & Julian.

Newsletter Photocopying.

19/8. Lynette D'Souza.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

13-20/8. 19th & 20th Sundays of the Year, Centacare CFRS. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. National Vocations Awareness Week. Saints Maximilian Mary Kolbe. Stephen of Hungary. John Eudes.

Parish Newsletter online.

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

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 clergyreport@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.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 9-10 September.

Thanks to your generosity in the past you have helped to care for our retired priests. "The Priests Foundation is a little like my walking stick - helping me to stay on my feet," says Father Denis Long. "It's difficult to put into words the many ways that you have supported us - there's healthcare, travel assistance, accommodation, and much more. "We're deeply grateful for this care. I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our benefactors and assure you that we remember you in our Masses and our prayers." The Priests Foundation is one of the vital Catholic agencies that is supported through your gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign. In the coming decade, a large number of priests will become eligible for retirement – your contributions will go a long way toward providing for the increasing demand on these critical services. Number of Retired Priests supported – 53!

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting this Sun. 13/8 at Cherside's new restaurant area. We are meeting under the dome at 6.30pm. All youth aged between 18 -30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next meeting Sun. 20/8 from 5 – 7pm., in the Parish Centre. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today, 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.

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.

Let us not forget the important role that woman have always played in the Church. To enable this strong tradition to continue we all must be ever vigilant to ensure that woman are enabled to participate and become more equally involved in decision making, leadership, and Ministry within the Church. If we see an obstacle being overtly/covertly placed in the way of any individual person each of us has the responsible to speak up and act. A person's God given talents must be allowed to shine, for every cog is of equal importance in enabling the wheels within the Church to always turn in unison with biblical teachings. 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 headed 'For the attention of the Pastoral Council'. Our next meeting Mon. 14/8.

Royal Commission Information.

Legislation set to be introduced to kick-start national redress Francis Sullivan, CEO TJHC, reported on 10 August that legislation is set to be introduced to kick-start national redress. The Commonwealth Government will introduce legislation, in the spring session of federal parliament, to effect a Commonwealth administered redress scheme for victims of sex abuse within institutions. Further details in Francis Blog at the link below. 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.

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.

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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.

'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. Gerry's Blog - Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017.

I invite you to read our latest reflections / prayers from Gary Creevey, entitled 'PRINCIPAL'S PRAYER' and another from Vicki and Brian, entitled 'GRANDPARENTS' PRAYER', which can be read at <http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog> It is wonderful to read the prayers and reflections from our own parish family, sharing their personal prayer life with all of us. Thank you for your insights so far. Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

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.

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or have to give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help us to strengthen our faith in the Lord. Pray for vocations on this National Sunday for Vocations Awareness.

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

WAG Update.

This week the focus is on BLACKALL / TAMBO parish and so the watering cans will be out! The terrible effects of the drought are still lingering for our friends in our Sister Parish and even with good rains, it will be years before they will be back on their feet. The Parish Fete will be held on Saturday 25 November and if anyone wishes to attend they would be most welcome! Last week, we collected for SOUTH SUDAN and we were amazed that everyone was so generous! The bucket collection amounted to \$409.05 which means we now are within about \$1,500 AUD of our target to install Water Well No. 10. Well done everyone and thank you most sincerely for your ongoing support of this important humanitarian project. 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. 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 5-6/8.

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 32. \$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 bride@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 1011.

Music ministry for Confirmation Celebrations.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 25th August & Friday 1st September at 7pm in our Parish. If you would like to be part of the music ministry for these celebrations please note the rehearsal times. Tuesday 15th August at 7.50 pm (after 7pm Mass for the Assumption) & Tuesday 22nd August at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Helen Hickey

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 Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass, from 9:30 - 11:30am., in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. Next Meeting Mon. 21/8. Enq. Jan or Jan

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

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. Enq. Adam Burns burnsa@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. 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 8912 4818. MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

Position Vacant.

Catholic Pastoral Carer/Team Leader. Applications are open for this position at the Wesley Hospital. A person experienced in providing pastoral care in an ecumenical team in a hospital setting, and with appropriate qualifications, is required for a part time position for 20 hours a week. For additional information please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

30th Anniversary of Bracken Ridge Library.

Sat. 26/8. A Day of Fun for the whole family. Some activities to look forward to are:- A Supermarket seed-sowing Workshop. Storytime with Amanda Cooper. Morning Tea. Sandgate Historical Society local history address. Qld. Astronomical Society solar viewing. Free Sausage Sizzle. Face painting. Special visit by a Police Car. Street Science Show. [Bookings essential 3667 6060](http://bookings.essential36676060.com). Try a visit to:- www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries

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.

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

Bequests are-

- an Important source of funds for parishes. Remember your parish in your Will.