

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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**20th Sunday of the Year
20th of August**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

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

Next Week 26-27/8.

Isaiah 22:19-23. Psalm 137. Romans 11:33-36. Matthew 16:13-20.

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. Judges 2:11-19. P.105. Matthew 19:16-22.

Tue. Judges 6:11-24. P.84. Matthew 19:23-30.

Wed. Judges 9:6-15. P.20. Matthew 20:1-16.

Thu. Apocalypse 21:9-14. P.144. John 1:45-51.

Fri. Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22. P.145. Matt. 22:34-40.

Sat. Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17. P.127. Matt.23:1-12.

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-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 20 August 2017 (Matthew 15:21-28)

Jesus' horizons are expanded by the persistence and insight of the Canaanite woman and he restored to a state of well-being, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

The gospels are written in Greek and much of the language of the gospels has to be understood against a Greek philosophical background. Today's gospel story culminates in the healing of a "daughter" who may be a little girl or even a young woman. Her mother, the main character in the story, is known to Matthew's community simply as a Canaanite woman, or in other words an indigenous woman. To some early Christian communities, she is Justa, so we might reasonably call her daughter Justina.

Justa comes to Jesus as he moves from Jewish territory into or close to non-Jewish territory. In the language of liturgy, she laments loudly and persistently for her daughter, for Justina is "severely tormented by a demon". For the ancient Greeks, the antithesis of demonic possession or torment is human flourishing or well-being (eudaimonia). Eudaimonia means having a good guardian spirit as opposed to a malevolent spirit that impairs a person's well-being and sense of self.

Justina's well-being is in jeopardy. Her distraught mother is an outsider to the "house of Israel" who is nonetheless familiar with Israel's prayer of lament. She is a woman alone in public space, risking ridicule and rejection to find healing for her daughter.

The immediate response to her plea is silence: Jesus "does not answer her a word". Is he ignoring her cry for help? Is he simply stunned, taken aback at the vehemence of her request? Is he rendered speechless by the simple fact that she would cross the boundaries of gender and ethnicity in this way? Is he in awe at her courage and faith from the outset? All we know is that he says nothing and that the disciples tell him to send her away. He responds by defining the limits of his mission rather narrowly: he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Justa is not deterred from her mission. She begs Jesus to help her and receives an explicit refusal in a confronting image that names his people as "the children" and hers as "the dogs". She accepts his statement as a challenge

and bests him in the exchange: "even the dogs eat the crumbs...."

Jesus' horizons are expanded by the persistence and insight of this woman. Justa's great faith is affirmed and her daughter is healed. Justa is vindicated and Justina restored to a state of well-being or eudaimonia. Justina has her counterparts across the globe. The challenge for us is to be Justa in our times for the sake of all in the Earth community, human and other-than-human, whose well-being or eudaimonia is impaired by violence or war or lack of access to the means to flourish.

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."

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. All Prep to Year 3 students invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 27/8. 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.

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 2-3/9. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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, 26-27/8. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. J. Walsh. M/K. Scott. 9am. Youth. J.J. Jeremias. Youth.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. L. Walsh. P. Hanley. T. Cullen. R. Del Rosario. A. Voegeli. 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. CD's. 7.30am. J. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 2. 27/8. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. Group 3. 3/9. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

26/8. Anna Andrulic.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

20-27/8. 20th & 21st Sundays of the Year, Migrant and Refugee Week. Centacare CFRS. Multicultural Mass in the Cathedral. The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saints Alberto Hurtado. Rose of Lima. Our Lady of Czestochowa. Pius X. Bartholomew: Apostle. Louis. Joseph Calasanz.

Parish Newsletter online.

Website: <http://www.stiosephsbrackenridge.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 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 stiosephandsthanthony@gmail.com Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 9-10 September.

The seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary are truly humbled by the support that you give during the Annual Catholic Campaign. The gifts you put toward the Campaign directly benefit Holy Spirit Seminary, training the priests of the future to be missionaries of mercy. One seminarian says, "My call to come to Holy Spirit Seminary is undoubtedly a precious gift from God Himself - a gift I will always treasure." Thanks to your prayers and your financial support our Seminary in Banyo is preparing 19 more young men for the priesthood. With your ongoing support, Holy Spirit Seminary is able to help each seminarian in the Archdiocese of Brisbane respond to the call of their vocation, providing spiritual formation and theological training. Please give now on 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Next Meeting Sun. 27/8. In the Parish Centre. All youth aged between 18-30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

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

Blitz.

Next gathering Sun. 27/8. 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

Royal Commission Information.

The Royal Commission has released 85 recommendations aimed at reforming the Australian criminal justice system in order to provide a fairer response to victims of institutional child sexual abuse. The Criminal Justice Report - recommends a sweep of legislative and policy changes including reform to police and prosecution responses, evidence of complainants, sentences and appeals, and grooming offences. It recommends new offences, including 'failure to report' and 'failure to protect'. Read the Criminal Justice Report and short Fact Sheets at <http://bit.ly/CriminalReportandFactSheets> Facts sheets cover Outline of recommendations; Improvements for complainants in court; Failure to report offence covers the religious confessional; Tendency and coincidence evidence and joint trials. 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

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

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.

'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.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

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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.

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all Gods' people.

WAG Update.

This week the focus is on SOUTH SUDAN. 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. Last week our watering cans raised \$226.15 for our Sister Parish of BLACKALL / TAMBO. Their Parish Fete will be held on Sat. 25/11, and if anyone wishes to attend would be most welcome! 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 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 12-13/8.

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: 71. Direct Debit Givers 93. Envelopes \$704. Direct Debit \$1921. Loose \$1013. Total \$3637. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 33. \$3415.

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.

Pope Francis has declared a Season of Creation starting with the world day of Prayer for Care for Creation on

Friday 1/9 and concluding on Wednesday 4/10. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

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 time. 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 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. 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@sosi.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.

Giveaway Lounge Suite to a Family who may need it.

A 1 x 2 seater and 2 x 1 seater reclining chairs in very good condition is available. It is a tan/beige colour and is very comfortable. Your own transport would be needed to

collect it. Available locally in Bracken Ridge. Enq. 0433 472 963.

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. 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.

Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.

Penola Place in St. Stephen's Cathedral grounds. Supervised play Mon. Wed. and Thur. from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners available. Enq. Beris 3300 1332.

Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>