

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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**22nd Sunday of the Year
3rd of September**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

Jeremiah 20:7-9. Psalm 62. Romans 12:1-2.
Matthew 16:21-27.

Next Week 9-10/9.

Ezekiel 33:7-9. Psalm 94. Romans 13:8-10.
Matthew 18:15-20.

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. 1. Thess. 4:13-18. P.95. Luke 4:16-30.

Tue. 1. Thess. 5:1-6,9-11. P.26. Luke 4:31-37.

Wed. Colossians 1:1-8. P.51. Luke 4:38-44.

Thu. Colossians 1:9-14. P.97. Luke 5:1-11.

Fri. Micah 5:1-4. P.12. Matthew 1:1-16,18-23.

Sat. Colossians 1:231-23. P53. Luke 6:1-5.

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-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 3 September 2017 (Matthew 16:21-27)

We all need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

We all know people in leadership who take themselves a bit too seriously. Some confuse their role or title with their significance in the scheme of things. Some look for privilege and an easy life, forgetting that leadership of anything worthwhile involves hard work, misunderstanding, and invariably brings opposition. The first part of today's gospel story presents Peter, who has just been declared the foundation rock of the church and given the "keys" of the kin-dom, refusing to accept that Jesus' mission will involve suffering, even death. The reader is confronted in this story with the expansive rock face at Caesarea Philippi, and invited to consider the friable properties of the seemingly indestructible rock. Even rocks can be reduced to sand or gravel and a humbler mode of being.

For all its seriousness, there is something quite comical about this story as it unfolds. Peter actually censures or reprimands Jesus. Jesus then sets him straight in no uncertain terms. The "rock" becomes the leader of the opposition, a serious obstacle to God's purposes, a stumbling block. He is ordered back to the place where disciples properly belong, namely "behind" Jesus, "following" him. Matthew provides a striking contrast in this section of the gospel between Peter who "rebukes" Jesus and the Canaanite woman who respectfully and persistently implores Jesus to see from a new perspective. Peter receives a decisive rebuttal, while the woman's plea is heard and she herself is praised for her great faith.

Peter's impetuous outburst provides the trigger for Jesus to invite his disciples to think about what they really want. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is the teacher and the disciples are the students who have accepted the invitation to follow him. That means living out in their lives the pattern of his life. If they really want to be his followers, then they have to embrace the pain involved in his relentless program of teaching and of healing the sick and brokenhearted. They will also share the "glory". If they choose to put their own interests first, then they will surely lose themselves. It is ultimately a question of choosing life. Peter forgets this for a while and has to be reminded to be true to what he has previously professed. He is not very different

from the rest of us. We all need to rethink our choices and to reorder our priorities from time to time if we want to find life. September 1 was the World Day of Prayer for Creation and many churches are celebrating September 1 to October 4 (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) as a Season of Creation. At a time when life on our planet is seriously endangered, we might attend more closely to the urgent gospel challenge of living in ways that help to sustain the life of the whole 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, Ph:

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'.

Bishop Joe on behalf of Fr. Gerry and our-

Parish Community welcomed the following Candidates to the Sacrament of Confirmation on Fri. 1/9.

Nathaniel		Darcy
Sewmi		Grace
Alexander	Mia	Samantha
Jackson	Ruby	Ava
Lachlan	Sam	Lorane
Loretto	Phoenix	Sejin
Todd	Noah	Mitchell
Samuel	Sophie	Henry
Christopher	Jake	Chase
Sienna	Ruby	Allira
Malavika	Christian	Olive
Maria	Gregory	Odessa
Alice	Peter	Anne
Lennox		Baxter

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. 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. Parish Volunteers who did not attend one of our Parish are invited to attend the training at St. Dymnna'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 10/9. Melissa Ferris. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

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

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is kept up to date at all times.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

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.



'Silence and Space before God' Friday Night Prayer Vigil.

Beginning on Fri. 8/9, there will be weekly sacred time to enjoy quiet prayer and reflection.

7pm to 8pm each Friday night until late 2020.

Venue: St Joseph's Church 30 Eldorado Street Bracken Ridge.

Come along any Friday night for some time before God.

Fr Gerry Hefferan

Liturgy Roster.**Liturgy Preparation.**

For weekend 16-17/9. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend, 9-10/9. Group 4. 6pm. D.E. Grugeon. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. V. Stephensen. D. Noud.

Eucharistic Ministers.

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

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. P. Halpin. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. S. & S. Twidale.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 4. 10/9. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. Group 5. 17/9. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

9/9. Sunil Charles Edward.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

3-10/9. 22nd & 23rd Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Annual Catholic Campaign. National Flag Day. Silent Sunday. Our Lady of Vailankanni. Saints Teresa of Calcutta. Peter Claver.

Child Protection Week 4 - 10/9.

'Stronger Communities, Safer Children.' As a community we want to emphasize the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well. Communities in which children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need are stronger communities which contribute to keeping children safe and well.

Parish Newsletter online.

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

The Catholic Leader Awards.

These Awards recognise outstanding Catholics across Australia in various walks of life. All Australian Catholics are invited to nominate themselves or someone they know for one of five categories – Young Leader of the Year, School Leader of the Year, Professional Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the major award, Community Leader of the Year. Nominations can be made

at the official website: www.theleaders.com.au
Nominations close Fri. 29/9.

St. Vincent De Paul.

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

Annual Catholic Campaign next weekend.

9-10/9. Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer! Pope Francis puts it simply: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." This is the effect that your donations have had on the most vulnerable people in our community. Your gifts enable Centacare Pastoral Ministries to seek out the lost, to embrace those on the fringes of society. Your gifts help show the merciful face of our Church to those who are in need. Last year, your contributions helped more than 100,000 people access Centacare's pastoral ministries, in over 200 locations including: prisons, hospitals, psychiatric pastoral care and local indigenous communities. These ministries rely on the generosity of the faithful, as they receive little to no government funding. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of people who are sick, imprisoned, isolated and alone. Thank you for supporting the people on the frontline of the Church's mission. Please give now 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

Community Zumba.

Zumba is cancelled this Sunday as it is Fathers' Day. The next Session will be held 1/10.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Next meeting Sun. 10/9. All youth aged between 18-30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Gathering this Sun. 3/9 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next Gathering Sun. 10/9. 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.

Reading through the document 'To 2020 and Beyond' issued by the Archdiocese - as part of the plan for the future, we live in a time and a place when we must set out on a journey into the future along paths that are not altogether clear. Like Jesus, we find ourselves in a type of desert and we need the Holy Spirit and faith to allow us to cross new unknown thresholds to find that 'something' that is greater than Solomon. We cannot stand still while the wells dry up, we must search and find new waters that will sustain the good works of the Archdiocese, its people, and the next generation. 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'.

Vocation Views.

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

'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.

Royal Commission Information.

Two new research reports, released by the Royal Commission, suggest that a significant proportion of reports to police of child sexual abuse in institutional settings involved another child as the person of interest. The two reports are available at <http://bit.ly/RoyalCommReports> 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. (Important Notice)

We will **NOT** be gathering today, as it Fathers Day, and participants may have something special planned for Dads. We look forward to gathering again the following month, in October. 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

Invitation to Attend –

-Community Conversation 13/9. 6 – 7pm. "What is the role of the Community in Domestic Violence Prevention?" SANDBAG Community Centre, 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate. Recently a parishioner requested the Parish Pastoral Council consider how the parish may respond pastorally and take up the opportunity to be part of a 'community conversation' into DV prevention. The Pastoral Council response was that they supported being involved and, to that end, at least one councillor will participate in the community conversation. You may like to be part of the 'community conversation', either as part of our Parish Community or as an individual member of the general community of post code 4017 and surrounding communities. RSVP: admin@sandbag.org.au by 7/9 please. Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

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

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.

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.

Visit of the International Centennial Pilgrim Image. At our St. Joseph's St. Anthony's Church Thu. 7/9 from 6.30pm. Welcoming. Rosary Procession. Mass. Imposition of the Rosary Scapular. Family Consecration to the Tow Hearts. Floral Offering and more. Let us respond to our Lady's call for prayer and reparation to restore peace on earth and holiness in family life.

WAG Update.

This week we focus on SOUTH SUDAN with our bucket collection. AND there is some good news here! We are now collecting the last \$1,000 Aus to get over the line with

Well No 11!!! What a great team we have here in the Bracken Ridge Parish! Everyone has been so supportive of this outreach since its inception in 2011. So in six years, we have already paid for 10 water wells to be installed. Thank you one and all for your support. That is \$100,000 US!! The UNHCR report for 2016 indicates that 1.9 million South Sudanese people are now refugees. In this week's Catholic Leader you can read about Aguek Nyok, the former South Sudanese taxi driver, the Hero of the Moorooka bus fire where his good friend Manameet Alisher was the bus driver killed in that dreadful incident. BLACKALL / TAMBO last week's watering can collection amounted to \$264.70 and once again, we thank you for the support of our sister parish. They are gearing up for the annual church fete on 25 November. If anyone would like to travel up there for this event, you would be most welcome. Also, if any of the groups in the parish would like to make things for the various fete stalls, any help would be most appreciated. Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

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 26-27/8.

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 \$638. Direct Debit \$1921. Loose \$840. Total \$3399. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 35. \$3414.

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. As we continue the Season of Creation, with Pope Francis, we pray: "Oh God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes ... God of love, show us our place in the world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth. God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen. St. Francis of Assisi shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Sunday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

Catholic Mission.

This bike ride, from November 15-26, will focus on one of the most beautiful of "all the nations", Cambodia, and 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

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass.

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Sat. 7/10 at 10am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass. RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Fri. 29/9. Cathedral car par will be available.

Pilgrimage to India.

"One Heart and One Soul" in February 2018. Led by Marie Fonseca from February 19 – March 10. The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117.

@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.

Holy Spirit Care Services' retirement village –

- at Boondall. Viridian, currently has a two bedroom unit for sale. Located on the sixth floor overlooking bushland, with onsite amenities such as cafe, hairdresser, chapel, indoor heated pool and aged care, the unit is well priced at \$400,000. If you or someone you know would like to inspect the unit and Viridian, please phone Sharon on 3054 4635.

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

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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com