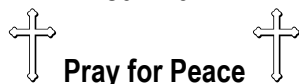


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

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**23rd Sunday of the Year
10th of September**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

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

Next Week 16-17/9.

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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. Colossians 1:24-2:3. P.61. Luke 6:6-11.

Tue. Colossians 2:6-15. P.144. Luke 16:12-19.

Wed. Colossians 3:1-11. P.144. Luke 6:20-26.

Thu. Numbers 21:4-9. P.77. John 3:13-17.

Fri. Hebrews 5:7-9. P.30. John 19:25-27.

Sat. 1. Timothy 1: 15-17. P.112. Luke 6:43-49.

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—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 10 September 2017 (Matthew 18:15-20)

What does a just society or community do with its persistent offenders? Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson ponders this question in the context of this gospel.

What does a just society or community do with its persistent offenders, with those whose behaviour continually disrupts or even destroys the unity of a group? This is an age old question that has no easy answer. The people of South Africa in the wake of apartheid and Timor Leste after twenty-five years of oppression recognised that a too easy amnesty is no solution for violent and destructive behaviour. Offences need to be named and acknowledged by their perpetrators for the sake of community reconciliation and for building the trust essential to the creation of a new future.

The processes followed in South Africa and in Timor Leste were similar to those proposed in today's gospel for members of the church community. The power to deal with transgression is firmly in the hands of the community members. All care must be taken to allow an offender to acknowledge the offence in private. If that fails, the matter is referred to a group of two or three witnesses, in line with Israel's ancient legal practice (Deut 19:15). The next step is referral to the assembled community. A person who refuses to listen "to the church" is to be treated as a Gentile or a tax-collector. The meaning here is not at all clear. Some scholars suggest that the Matthean Jesus is proposing exclusion from the community of those who refuse to listen. Others consider that he is advocating the sort of compassionate approach that Jesus has personally shown to outsiders, to those in need of conversion.

If our personal efforts to resolve conflict are unsuccessful, we do well to seek the wisdom of others. Jesus, God-with-us, is present in the assembly. We have that assurance. We also have the assurance that our failure to deal with transgression can leave a person unreconciled. We need to "loose" the sins of those who acknowledge their offences. In other words, we are called to forgive them and thus set them free from the burden of their sins against us. This does not mean that we overlook or in any way condone offences. In

response to a request from Pope Francis, this Sunday has been named Child Protection Sunday, a Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse. While the gospel passage focusses on offenders, our first concern must be with those who suffer at their hands.

Forgiveness is needed at every level if we are to be in right relationship in the Earth community. Most global tensions have their origin in the unresolved conflicts of the distant past. Our future on this planet depends on our capacity to "surrender to the sky [our] heart of anger" (James K. Baxter) even as we do all we can to ensure that the mistakes of the past are never repeated.

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. 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. 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 17/9. 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.

Community Zumba.

The next Session will be held 1/10.



'Silence and Space before God' Friday Night Prayer Vigil. There will be weekly sacred time to enjoy quiet prayer and reflection.

7pm - 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 23-24/9. Group 6. Enq. Margaret Halpin. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend, 16-17/9. Group 5. 6pm. A. Isaak. A. Jolly. J. Ivett. 7.30am. F. Burke. S. Donatini. K. Hutton. 9am. S. Hutchinson. M. de Gee. N. Mathew.

Eucharistic Ministers.

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

Music Ministry.

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

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 5. 17/9. Brian, Jan & Ann. Group 6. 24/9. Mike, Bryan & Sandra.

Newsletter Photocopying.

16/9. Robyn Masterman.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

10-17/9. 23rd & 24th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Most Holy Name of Mary. Our Lady of Sorrows. Saints Eid Al-Salib or the Feast of the Holy Cross. John Chrysostom. Cornelius and Cyprian.

Child Protection Week concludes 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.

Poor Box: Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVPD 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

Annual Catholic Campaign this weekend.

This special collection taken up for the Annual Catholic Campaign supports the vital works of the Church in the

Archdiocese of Brisbane. This includes: Centacare's pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and the MacKillop Fund bursaries. Your generous tax-deductible gift is divided between these major areas of need. Please consider starting a monthly donation in an amount that means something to you. Your gift will have a lasting impact on these vital works. All non tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Programme which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives. Please give now on 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting today, Sun. 10/9, 6.30pm. on the foreshore at Sandgate for a walk, and drink/food. All youth aged between 18-30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting Sun. 17/9 in the Parish centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today, 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.

To 2020 and Beyond' issued by the Archdiocese – is all about our faith future and our Parish's future in some way. Some things we need to do collectively as a Church and as individuals is to listen more to the voice of the Holy Spirit, worship in such a way that the Spirit within us is nourished, communicate the Good News outwardly, serve and support those with greater needs, protect/heal/advocate for those who are vulnerable, be attentive/inclusive to all in our community, mentor those in/seeking leadership roles, assisting the Church to be innovative and open, caring for of all of God's earthly physical creations. If we regularly do these humble deeds we may find the meaning to life and learn to find contentment with the life that we lead. 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'. Our Next meeting is on Monday the 11/9 at 7pm.

Vocation Views.

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

'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.

RCIA.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Enq. Margaret Halpin

Royal Commission Information.

Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.tihc.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.

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

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.

WAG Update.

This weekend, we have the Annual Catholic Campaign, so in keeping with the spirit of giving, there will be no WAG buckets / watering cans out this weekend. We never compete with any other official collection! Last weekend, we collected \$304.35 for Well No. 11 in SOUTH SUDAN - what a great effort from all our donors! Thank you, one and all. Next weekend, we will be collecting for BLACKALL / TAMBO Parish where they are preparing for their Annual Church Fete on 25/11. For details for anyone wishing to attend Blackall Church Fete, contact John or Sharyn Rodgers. Blackall/ Tambo Parish has sent a 6 month report to our parish office on how the money has been spent. Thank you for all your support. 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.

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. Enq. Maureen

Social bike riding group.

The first Saturday of the month and leaving from Bracken Ridge Tavern promptly at 7am. Enq. Maureen

Sacramental Programme. Enq. 3261 3670.

Giving for weekend 2-3/9.

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, we pray: "That our gracious Lord, who granted this earthly paradise to all people dwelling on our planet, will speak to the hearts of everyone so that we may respect the ecological balance that he offered in his wisdom and goodness, so that both we and future generations will enjoy his gifts with thanksgiving and glorification. Amen". Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. "...We have to realize that a true ecological approach ...must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". Pope Francis "Laudato Si – on Care For Our Common Home" 49,2015. 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 park 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.

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetualadoration.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.

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

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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. 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/>

Veni Sancte Spiritus –

Weekly Tuesday praise and worship evenings. 7pm. At St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce., West End.