

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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[www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com)

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
24<sup>th</sup> of September

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

Isaiah 55:6-9. Psalm 144. Philippians 1:20-24,27. Matthew 20:1-16.

Next Week 30/9-1/10.

Ezekiel 18:25-28. Psalm 24. Philippians 2:1-11. Matthew 21:28-32.

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. Ezra 1:1-6. P.125. Luke 8:16-18

Tue. Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20. P.121. Luke 8:19-21.

Wed. Ezra 9:5-9. Tob.13:2,4,6-8. Luke 9:1-6.

Thu. Haggai 1:1-8. P. 149. Luke 9:7-9.

Fri. Daniel 7:9-10,13-14. P.137. John 1:47-51.

Sat. Zech. 2:5-9,14-15. P.137. John 1:14-51.

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- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 24 September 2017 (Matthew 20:1-16a)*

*In today's gospel readings, we are invited to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of Earth's inhabitants, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

From 1973 to 1975, I was a student in East Jerusalem. Early each morning, I crossed the road from my home at the Chaldean Patriarchate to the grounds of the Ecole Biblique. I would see the Palestinian day labourers lined up beside their vehicles, waiting for employment. In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, they were living through hard times. In the morning, they were chatty and cheerful. Those who found work no doubt remained cheerful: they had the means to support their families and could find some meaning in their lives. Those still waiting for work at midday or later were dejected and shamed, not least by the prospect of returning home without their daily bread. Those who were hired found honour in the society and the means to sustain themselves and their families. Those who missed out on work suffered hunger, indignity and a sense of powerlessness. Confronted by this spectacle day after day, I began to understand the parable of the labourers in the vineyard.

In Matthew's parable, those who have worked all day grumble because the underemployed are made "equal" to them. They are in fact equal as persons. Jesus makes it clear that people's worth is not to be measured in terms of their capacity for economic production. Pope Leo XIII, writing about the condition of the working class back in 1891, echoes this aspect of the parable. It is worth revisiting Pope Leo's encyclical and recent commentaries on its relevance for the shaping of social policy in our times.

Those who cannot find work and those who cannot work because of sickness or disability or visa restrictions know something of the experience of the Palestinian workers. Their needs are no less urgent than the needs of those who have productive and well paid employment. Even minimal social security benefits might address their basic material needs but are less than effective in addressing the underlying issues of human dignity.

Parables yield meaning differently in different contexts. Some of us may want to consider the corrosive effects of "envy". Faced with the growing disparity between rich and poor in our world, some

may want to raise questions about the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the landowner. Others, conscious of the plight of asylum seekers and refugees, may come with questions about "generosity" offered from a base of power over against equal access to the world's resources. In the face of climate change, many of those who used to be "first" in economic terms now find themselves with huge debts. They may not be quite as desperate as the Palestinian day labourers. They nonetheless find themselves waiting in line as never before. There's an invitation in today's story for us all to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of Earth's inhabitants.

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection  
[www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org](http://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](mailto: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).

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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 sessions 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](mailto:aspley@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### **Children's Liturgy.**

No Child. Lit. during the schools holidays. During the school term, and during the Liturgy of the Word, all Prep to Year 3 students are invited to join us in the Parish Centre. At the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Barbara

#### **Kindy Liturgy.**

In recess during the school holidays. Our 3, 4 & 5 year old littles 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

#### **7.30am. Mass: Friends of-**

-Gerry Polkinghorne. Stuart, Gerry's husband, would like you to know that Gerry has Fronto-temporal dementia, an uncommon illness but sometimes implicated in early onset dementia. She was admitted to the Prince Charles Hospital for assessment and trials of medications. This is why she has not been attending Mass. At present, Gerry remains an inpatient in the "Cognition and Memory Unit". Please keep her in your prayers.

#### **Condolence.**

#### **Recently Deceased:**

#### **Memorial:**

All our deceased family members and friends.

#### **'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 7-8/10. 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, 30/9-1/10. Group 1. 6pm P. Phillips. N. D'Souza. D. Griffiths. 7.30am. G. Endicott. L. McDonough. L. Olley. 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. & S. Fernandes.

##### **Servers.**

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

##### **Counters Roster.**

Group 1. 1/10. Philip, Peter & Sunil. Group 2. 8/10. Debbie, Matthew & Julian.

##### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

30/9. Lynette D'Souza.

#### **Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.**

24/9-1/10. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. National Police Remembrance Day. Centacare CFRS. Social Justice Sunday. Saints Cosmas. Damian. Vincent de Paul. Wenceslaus. Laurence Ruiz and Companions. Jerome. Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

#### **Community Zumba.**

The next Session will be held 1/10.

#### **Parish Newsletter online.**

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

#### **The Catholic Leader Awards.**

The 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. Nominations can be made at the official website: [www.theleaders.com.au](http://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

#### **SALT (Young Adults Group).**

All youth aged between 18-30 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

#### **Rock (Youth Group).**

All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

#### **Blitz.**

Gathering today, Sun. 24/9. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee. Gold coin donation.

#### **Social Justice Sunday TODAY.**

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. Enq. Visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council.**

The Catholic Leader has recently started an AskOne evangelisation campaign that aims to inspire Catholics to invite someone who does not attend Mass anymore to come back and reignite their faith. If the Good Samaritan could put their hand out to help someone of a different faith and culture can we try do the same today for those who are of our own faith and culture? Today in our secular world we seem to have great difficulty in openly taking about a number of traditional and contemporary topics with religious faith being one of them. We each need to labour and find ways to water the increasing dry lands and repel the encroaching faithless desert. 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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) with a heading 'For the attention of the Pastoral Council'.

#### **Vocation Views.**

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all of the talents He has entrusted to us.

#### **Child Dignity in the Digital World –**

2017 (World Congress). Seven members of our parish community recently attended an all-day seminar by Jesuit priest Fr. Hans Zollner covering 'Ecclesial significance of clerical abuse a worldwide view' and 'Theological and Spiritual aspects of the abuse crisis'. I attended a similar seminar with priests of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. All of us found the seminar enlightening and valuable. Fr. Hans spoke about the upcoming World Congress - 'Child Dignity in the Digital World' 3-6 October, 2017 <https://www.childdignity2017.org/> and advised that aspects of the congress will be available by Facebook Livestreaming. Several members of our parish community, who have young children, have expressed an interest in learning more. Fr. Gerry.

#### **Prayer Blog - 'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.**

Please check the latest Parish Blog updates! We have a new one from Fr. Gerry. [www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog) Parishioners, if they wish, may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections online on our parish blog. A hard copy will be placed on the noticeboard in the Church. In the coming weeks we will publish two prayerful reflections – one from Wendy and another from the Men's Prayer Group. A hard copy will be placed on the noticeboard in the Church.

#### **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.**

Royal Commission FAST FACTS: 40,231 Calls handled; 24,480 Letters & emails received; 7,509 Private sessions held; 2,340 Referrals to authorities (including police). 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.tjhcouncil.org.au/> Specialist Support : Director of 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](http://www.knowmore.com.au) Netta Sheridan.

### **Fire & Spirit next Sunday 1/10.**

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

### **RCIA.**

Enq. Margaret Halpin

### **Update on meeting.**

-Community Conversation held 13/9. "What is the role of the Community in Domestic Violence Prevention?" Six members of our parish, including myself and two Parish Pastoral Councillors (Tom and David) attended an evening of community conversation at SANDBAG Community Centre to consider the question, "What is the role of the Community in Domestic Violence Prevention?" It was a well-attended meeting with members of the community, Councillor Amanda Cooper Councillor for Bracken Ridge. BCC and Stirling Hinchcliffe, State Member for Sandgate and Qld. Police Domestic & Family Violence Co-ordinator Sergeant Kerry McKay. Lots of valuable and interesting conversation and a plan to meet again in about 3-4 weeks. We will keep you updated. Fr. Gerry.

**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 week the focus is on SOUTH SUDAN. Our friends over there are forever grateful for the TEN wells that we have installed so far. We are not far away from our ELEVENTH well.

Last week the collection was for BLACKALL / TAMBO and we raised \$277.90. As always, a very big thank you to all our donors, we could not do these two outreach programs without your assistance. St. Patrick's BLACKALL will be holding their annual Fete on Saturday 26/11. Just 9 weeks away! We are seeking to include homemade Jam, Lemon Butter, Chutney, Pickles etc on our Novelty Stall at the Fete. Ingredients can be provided if required. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please contact John & Sharyn Rogers, Sharyn & Greg McLagan, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch. 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](mailto: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. Next gathering Wed. 4/10 at 12.30pm., at Cafe Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria.

### **Social Parish Tennis Group –**

Plays Wednesday nights at the Deagon Tennis Courts. 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 16-17/9.**

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: 72. Direct Debit Givers 93. Envelopes \$856. Direct Debit \$1658. Loose \$927. Total \$3441. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 38. \$3408.

### **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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

### **Care for Creation Group.**

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation new website and Facebook page. It has lots of useful resources that may interest you. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. 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: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen, Pope Francis, February 2016). "... St. Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness". Pope Francis "Laudato Si – on Care For Our Common Home" 12, 2015. The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3030 by Fri. 29/9. Cathedral car par will be available.

**Sacramental Programme.** Enq. 3261 3670.

### **The Legion of Mary invites –**

-you to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Miracle at Fatima. Fri. 13/10. 6pm. Rosary Procession by Candlelight, gather at Sandgate behind the Scout Hall. The Rosary will also be led from 6pm., in Sacred Heart Church. Mass at 7pm. BBQ provided behind Sacred Heart Church from 5pm. All welcome.

### **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](mailto:brisbanecatholic.org.au)

### **Journey Catholic Radio Programme.**

[www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@spiceodyssey.net.au)

### **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.**

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. [perpetualadoration.nundah@gmail.com](mailto:perpetualadoration.nundah@gmail.com)

### **2017 National Pilgrimage.**

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, 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](mailto: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

### **Bequests are-**

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