

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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26th Sunday of the Year
1st of October

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

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

Next Week 7-8/10.

Isaiah 5:1-7. Psalm 79. Philippians 4:6-9. Matthew 21:33-43.

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. Exodus 23:20-23. P.90. Matthew 18:1-5,10.

Tue. Zechariah 8:20-23. P.86. Luke 9:51-56.

Wed. Nehemiah 2:1-8. P.136. Luke 9:57-62.

Thu. Nehemiah 8:1-12. P. 18. Luke 10:1-12.

Fri. Baruch 1:15-22. P.78. Luke 10:13-16.

Sat. Baruch 4:5-12,27-29. P68. Luke 10:17-24.

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- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 1 October 2017 (Matthew 21:28-32)

Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson suggests that changing one's mind can be an act of courage and humility, even heroism, particularly if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or the "common good".

What does one do with passive-resistant behaviour? This is a question that many of us have to confront at some time because there are people in every walk of life who make an art form of saying yes and failing to follow through with action. Such people can seriously undermine the most worthy of projects or plans. We meet them in today's gospel. And what do we make of the slow starters, those who take time to come on board? We see them in today's gospel as well. Changing one's mind is not greatly valued in our society. It is seen as a sign of weakness. For evidence of this, one has only to listen to the taunts in parliament when one of our political leaders changes course in the light of new information. I suggest that changing one's mind can be an act of great courage and humility, even heroism. This is particularly so if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or compassion or the "common good".

Jesus addresses most of his parables to the disciples. In this instance, however, his audience comprises the chief priests and Jewish elders who have challenged his authority. Earlier in the chapter, this same audience is allied against Jesus (21:15). They are angered by the "amazing things" he does and by the public recognition he receives from the children in the temple. The parable is part of his response to these temple authorities. Like the second son, the temple authorities profess to do the will of God, but their actions belie their words. Jesus spells out the meaning of the parable as it relates to the disjunction between what they say and what they do. They have rejected the prophet John who came to them "in the way of righteousness". The tax collectors and prostitutes, "sinners" from the perspective of the authorities, accepted John's message, albeit belatedly like the first son, and are making their way into God's empire "before" the guardians of the religious institutions.

Voluntary changes in behaviour often come from a change of heart, from the "metanoia" of the gospel. There are some few who change course and make of their whole life, retrospectively, what they opt for as their future. Blessed Oscar Romero, former archbishop of San Salvador, for example, was

initially slow to speak out against his government's suppression of basic human rights. He knew the cost of opposing the authorities. On March 23, 1980, he called on the soldiers, as Christians, to stop carrying out the government's repressive orders. On the following day, he was assassinated. There is always a cost in the pursuit of justice, generally less dramatic than the cost to Romero. Today's parable invites us to bring our actions into line with what we profess as Christian disciples, whatever the cost.

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection www.catholicreligioustralia.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 Brouge,

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."*

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tuesday 3/10 after 9am. Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Games morning or an opportunity to chat with friends. Enquiries and transport Peter & Margaret Guy

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 email the Parish Office to register attendance bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Or phone 3261 3670.

Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence 8/10 during the Liturgy of the Word, all Prep to Year 3 students are invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Rostered 8/10 Barbara Masterman. At the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

In recess during the school holidays. 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 recent loss of loved ones.

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 Heferan

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 14-15/10. 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 7-8/10. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. M & K Scott. 9am. Youth. Youth. JJ. Jeremias.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. ? 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. 8/10. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. Group 3. 15/10. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

7/10. Anna Andrulic.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

1-8/10. 26th & 27th Sundays of the Year. Queen's Birthday. School Term 4 begins. Centacare FOCUS. Centacare CFRS. Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. Spirituality in the City Conference, Quiet Saturday. The Holy Guardian Angels. Our Lady of the Rosary. Saints Francis of Assisi. Bruno.

Community Zumba.

The next Session will be held 1/10.

Parish Newsletter online.

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

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).

Meeting this Sunday, 1/10 at 5pm., in the Parish Centre. Wear old clothes for clay work and running shoes for games. All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach
ROCK CAMP IS HAPPENING on October 14-15. Please contact Emma for details

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.

Catholic Social Justice Council website.
(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

Parish Pastoral Council.

In the Pope's document "The Joy of the Gospel" he has a dream that Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. To strive and survive as a Church, as a Parish, as a faith believing individual we have to rise out of our current bunker mentality. To fight the good fight...to run the race to the finish...we cannot be mere spectators in the grandstand looking on. 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.

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness: serving God with perseverance and happiness fills us.

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

Please check the latest Parish Blog updates! We have a new one from Wendy. 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. This week we published a prayerful reflection from Wendy entitled 'Ribbons & Shoelaces' and, in the weeks that follow, we will publish a reflection from the Men's Prayer Group. A hard copy will be placed on the noticeboard in the Church.

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
Netta Sheridan.

Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. 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

RCIA.

We would love to hear from any adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic. Enquiries: Margaret

Fire & Spirit THIS 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

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 BLACKALL/TAMBO. St. Patrick's BLACKALL will be holding their annual Fete on Saturday 26/11. Just 8 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. Next week our focus will be 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. As always, a very big thank you to all our donors, we could not do these two outreach programs without your assistance. 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. 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 23-24/9.

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 \$685. Direct Debit \$1658. Loose \$91120. Total \$3463. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 39. \$3410.

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.

<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 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.

Sacramental Programme. Enq. 3261 3670.

The Legion of Mary invites –

-you to celebrate the 100th 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.

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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, has a two bedroom unit for sale. On the sixth floor overlooking bushland, with onsite amenities: cafe, hairdresser, chapel, indoor heated pool and aged care, the unit is priced at \$400,000. If you 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. perpetual.adoration.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.

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.

Billings Life.

The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems and 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

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

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.

Persons are Gifts.

Persons are gifts which the Creator God sends to us ... wrapped.

I am a person. Therefore I am a gift. A gift to myself first of all. God my Creator gave myself to me.

Maybe I've never seen the wonderful gift that I am.

Could God's gift be anything but beautiful?

I love the gifts which those who love me give to me.

Why not the gift of me?

Every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts.

Love is a relationship between persons who see themselves as they really are:

Gifts given by God to be given to others.

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