

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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27th Sunday of the Year
8th of October

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 14-15/10.

Isaiah 25:6-10. Psalm 22. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. Matthew 22:1-14.

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. Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11. P. Luke 10:25-37.

Tue. Jonah 3:1-10. P. 129. Luke 10:38-42.

Wed. John 4:1-11. P. 85. Luke 11:1-4.

Thu. Malachi 3:13-20. P. Luke 11:5-13.

Fri. Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2. P. 9. Luke 11:15-26.

Sat. Joel 4:12-21. P. 96. Luke 11:27-28.

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- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 8 October 2017 (Matthew 21:33-43)

Our contemporary sensibilities in relation to slavery invite a new reading of texts such as this gospel parable that critiques the power that some exercise over others, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

While the international community has long since outlawed slavery, we have become increasingly aware of the persistence of a lucrative global industry structured around the sexual and labour enslavement of vulnerable people. Groups such as MGA (Mercy Global Action) and ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans) are taking action on behalf of those enslaved. Today's gospel features a parable about an absentee landowner with slaves to do his bidding. Commentators focus on almost every aspect of this parable: the landowner, the tenants, the fate of the "servants" and of the landowner's son, the interpretive comments that Jesus offers the chief priests and elders to whom the parable is addressed, the prophetic inter-texts and the allegorical elements in the text. Few consider the role or the fate of the slaves as slaves in the parable. Our contemporary sensibilities in relation to slavery invite a new reading of such texts, a reading that at the very least critiques the power that some in the Earth community exercise over others.

The frequent translation of the Greek *doulos* as "servant" rather than as "slave" masks the underlying reality that some members of the community, even within the circle of believers gathered at the Eucharistic table, were actually the property of others in the community. The fact is that nobody in the ancient world, not even Jesus of Nazareth, questioned this situation. It is not surprising, therefore, that the slaves in today's parable are considered by the "tenants" to be dispensable. Their role is to collect the produce from the harvest on behalf of the absentee landowner.

We can surmise that the "tenants" have legitimate grievances against the landowner. They clearly have no intention of parting with any portion of the produce, presumably the tax imposed on them as a condition of their tenancy. They react violently when confronted by the three slaves who are the landowner's emissaries. They beat one slave, kill another and stone yet another. Their treatment of the slaves is an implicit acknowledgement that the slaves represent the landowner whose demands they refuse to meet. The landowner risks the lives of other slaves by sending yet another and bigger delegation. This second group of emissaries meets the same fate as their predecessors. Finally, the landowner sends his own son in the expectation that the tenants will show him the respect they have denied the slaves, his property. In fact, the son receives the same treatment as the slaves. He too is dispensable from the perspective of those wanting to seize "the inheritance", those wishing to take control of the vineyard for their own purposes. As we reflect on gospel

stories that take slavery for granted, we might commit ourselves to eliminating all exercise of power over others or over any "vineyard" entrusted to our care.

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection



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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 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.

Today, 8/10 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. Rostered 15/10. Marianne Grant. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word. Our 3, 4 & 5 year old littlies are invited to join us in the Parish Centre 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 Hefferan

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 21-22/10. Group 4. 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 14-15/10. Group 3. 6pm. M. Kennedy. P. Connors. M. Denkes. 7.30am. L. McDonough. P. Bugden. M. Braithwaite. 9am. B. & R. Masterman. M. Healy.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. G. McLagan. S. Balagtas. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolly. J. Khaghaoany. 7.30am. D. Phillpott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. D. Johns. J. Boyle. 9am. T. Clarke. K. Cunningham. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. M. Johnson. L. Esparcia. Justin. A. Coffey. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. C. Kennedy. K. Hutton. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 3. 15/10. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. Group 4. 22/10. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

14/10. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

8-15/10. 27th & 28th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. World Mission Day (Holy See). Saints Denis and Companions. John Leonardi. John XX111. Callistus.

Parish Newsletter online.

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

St. Vincent De Paul.

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

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting 6:30pm., this Sunday, 8/10 at the Full Moon Hotel. Emma will be stepping down from SALT leader. We would like to gather to thank Emma for her wise and gentle leadership of our youth group over the past 7 years. Damian, Sarah & Jess will now be leading the group from within. Please note, gatherings will now be on a monthly basis. All youth 18-30 most welcome to join us. Enq: Jess Hickey

Rock (Youth Group).

Rock Camp is from 14-145/10. Please contact Emma for details or permission forms. All students between Years 7 -12 are welcome.

Blitz.

Next gathering Sun. 8/10. 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.

The future installation of some audio visual solution (eg. screens, monitors, etc) in the Church is becoming more necessary as the Archdiocese's communications & media is increasingly delivered in an electronic form. This could be seen as a Care for Creation initiative – we reduce our

use of paper – we are taking further steps to respect our Planet. Change is all around us – in our Church, in our Schools, in our work places, in our community, in our homes, in everything we do. It is a personal challenge to keep up with it – but it is also our personal challenge to raise our voice if some changes are not good for the human spirit/soul. 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'. Next Meeting 9/10.

Vocation Views.

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily, in the best way we can.

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

Please check the latest Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog This week we have published a prayer reflection from the Men's Prayer Group. It is called 'Prayer is ... A Conversation with my dearest Friend'. 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.

A Prayer for Mental Health Week 2017.

We pray in Mental Health Week 2017 for all those people who suffer with a mental illness, for their families, friends and carers. We pray that the Australian Community and the Catholic Community, in particular, will be welcoming and accepting to all people. We pray, especially, for the Ministry of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Invitation.

Mass to celebrate Queensland Mental Health Week. Fri. 13/10, 1pm., at St. Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley. Light refreshments after Mass. All welcome.

Royal Commission Information.

Justice McClellan delivered an address at the Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychotherapy (ANZAP) 30th Anniversary Conference NSW. You may read his address at: <http://bit.ly/2yl5vmH> 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.

Held on the first Sunday of each month from 3.30 – 5pm. Come and join us for our monthly afternoon of praise,

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship

worship and sharing of the Word in our Parish Church. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle

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 our focus is on SOUTH SUDAN. Our friends over there are so very grateful for the wells that we have installed so far. We are not far away from our ELEVENTH well! Last week we collected \$222.60 for BLACKALL/TAMBO. St. Patrick's BLACKALL Annual Fete will be held on Saturday 26/11. Just 7 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. 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

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. 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". 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

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is offered by our migrants. You do not need to own a mower. Enq. Michael 0417 635 269.

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 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

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

menALIVE in the City.

Enq. 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

Giving for weekend 24/9-1/10.

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 \$613. Direct Debit \$1328. Loose \$1077. Total \$3018. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 40. \$3400.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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@sosi.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.

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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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.

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, From the dawn of Creation, You have given Your children the good things of Mother Earth. You spoke and the gum trees grew. In the vast desert and dense forest, in cities at the water's edge, Creation sings praise. Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of the Earth. When Jesus hung on the tree, You heard the cries of all Your people and became one of Your wounded ones, the convicts, the hunted and the dispossessed. The sunrise of Your Son coloured the Earth anew and bathed it in glorious hope. In Jesus, we have been reconciled to You, to each other and to Your whole Creation. Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the Earth. Enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Saint Gerard Majella.

In the room prepared for him in his final months of life, Gerard had written on the door in large letters:
"Here the will of God is done, as God wills it to be done and for as long as God wills it to be done".

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