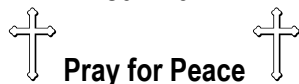


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

28th Sunday of the Year
15th of October

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

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

Next Week 21-22/10.

Isaiah 45:1,4-6. Psalm 95. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Matthew 22:15-21.

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. Romans 1:1-7. P.97. Luke 11:29-32.

Tue. Romans 1:16-25. P.18. Luke 11:37-41.

Wed. 2 Timothy 4:10-17. P.144. Luke 10:1-9.

Thu. Romans 3:21-30. P.129. Luke 11:47-54.

Fri. Romans 4:1-8. P.31. Luke 12:1-7.

Sat. Romans 4:13,16-8. P.104. Luke 12:8-12.

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-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 15 October 2017 (Matthew 22:1-14)

We are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to share the riches of God's creation, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

The increasing wealth of the mega rich and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to share the riches of God's creation. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. The privileged are the first to be invited while the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget in order to keep asylum seekers off-shore at staggering expense, some \$6,000 per person per day on Nauru for instance. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might

be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

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."*

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 22/10. Melissa Ferris. 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 28-29/10. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend 21-22/10. Group 4. 6pm. D/E Grugeon. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. V. Stephensen. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

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

Music Ministry.

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

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 4. 22/10. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. Group 5. 29/10. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

21/10. Judy Hall. Sunil Charles Edward.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

15-22/10. 28th & 29th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. World Mission Day (Holy See). Saints Laura Montoya y Upegui. Hedwig. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Ignatius of Antioch. Luke, Evangelist. John Brebeuf. Isaac Jogues and Companions. Paul of the Cross.

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

Rock (Youth Group).

Camping this weekend. Next gathering 29/10. Enq. Emma Beach. All students between Years 7 -12 are welcome.

Blitz.

Next gathering Sun. 22/10. 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 visit by Fr. Douglas Al-Bazi from the Chaldean Catholic Church to our Parish last weekend was a moving experience for many of us and a significant event for our Iraq and Syrian refugee community. Fr Douglas' journey as a priest especially over the last decade has been an extreme test of personal endurance. His faith has been his main source of hope within a vast valley of darkness. Can his faith, hope, and love of God and others inspire us to persevere through unforeseen obstacles? If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively by sending an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

Vocation Views.

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

[We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship](#)

Pope Francis at TED Talks <http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

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. 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.

Royal Commission Information.

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

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.

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

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 7-8/10.

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 92. Envelopes \$815. Direct Debit \$1328. Loose \$1101. Total \$3245. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 41. \$3396.

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 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.

Please Note: As 16/10 is a student free day, and the Parish Centre will be unavailable, we will be meeting at the home of Jan S. For address please phone Jan 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. 16/10. Enq. Jan S. or Jan

Sacramental Programme. Enq. 3261 3670.

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.

Spring Serenade.

Australian Catholic University Student Choir and ACU Brisbane Community Choir invite you to their Concert on Wednesday, 25/10, 7pm., at ACU Brisbane Chapel. (Entrance off Nudgee Road). Featuring works by Vivaldi, Poulenc, Schubert, Kodaly and a selection of popular classics. Light refreshments after the Concert. Free parking.

Positions Vacant.

Applications open. (Wesley Hospital). A person experienced in the provision and leadership of Catholic pastoral care within an ecumenical team in a hospital setting, and with appropriate qualifications, is required for a part time position of up to 20 hours per week. Enq. please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to careers.

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Prisoners' Transport Group Inc. -

requires a Volunteer Management Committee Member. Prison Transport Group Incorporated (PTG) has been operating for almost 40 years. The organisation has a proud history of volunteer driving and support services for families of prisoners. A committee member needs to be experienced at a managerial level and possess specialist skills in providing strategic leadership for a not-for-profit organisation. The Management Committee member would be representing the Archdiocese of Brisbane in this role. Enq. Rev Deacon Russ Nelson 0427 743 534 or nelhouse@bigpond.net.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. Enq. Billings 1800 335 860 or visit Website www.billings.life

CCR Brisbane presents –

"Prophetic Workshop". Sun. 5/11. 9am. – 6pm. At CCR Brisbane Centre. 688 Nudgee Rd., Northgate. Morning and Afternoon Tea provided. BYO Lunch. Donation to cover expenses. Enq. secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 3103 2400.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats –

– healing lives wounded by abortion. 17-19/11. Cost \$350. This Retreat is a confidential healing ministry for the many people who have been touched by an abortion experience. Too often women and men are silenced by their abortions, and the retreats offer a safe place to express grief and to reclaim their voices in an understanding and compassionate environment. Enq. Jane 0422 172 554 Email: janebacc@gmail.com Website: www.rachelsvineyard.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.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to –

"Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy (17 Days). \$5,555 from 3 - 19/9/18. Seven Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr. Emmanuel-tv & Fr. Jude CSSp. Enq. and itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417 999 553 or (08) 9341 3079, (08) 9341 3131, or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400 759391, (03) 9789 9672.

Early Reminder.

As St. Joseph's School is breaking up early in December, the Senior's Christmas Party will be held on **Tuesday 28th November**. All details will be advised during November.

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

Veni Sancte Spiritus –

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

The gift of a Compliment:

Sincere compliments can be of great value, especially to people who may feel they are being taken for granted.
The gift of a Cheerful disposition: Try to be cheerful with those you love. That means no complaining, no self-pity, and no hurtful comments. Everyone will enjoy your cheerfulness, including yourself.
The gift of Prayer: Pray for your family and friends. Tell them you pray for them!
Praying for someone is a way of saying, "You are so special to me that I talk to God about you".
May God's inspiration, blessing and peace be with today and every day.

"When The Power Of Love Overpowers The Love Of Power, There Will Be Peace!"