

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

24th Sunday of the Year
17th of September

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Sirach 27:30-28:7. Psalm 102. Romans 14:7-9. Matthew 18:21-35.

Next Week 24-25/9.

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

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. 1 Timothy 2:1-8. P.27. Luke 7:1-10.

Tue. 1. Timothy 3:1-13. P.100. Luke 7:11-17.

Wed. 1. Timothy 3:14-16. P.110. Luke 7:31-35.

Thu. Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13. P.18. Matthew 9:9-13.

Fri. 1. Timothy 6:2-12. P.48. Luke 8:1-3.

Sat. 1. Timothy 6:13-16. P.99. Luke 8:4-15.

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–24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 17 September 2017 (Matthew 18:21-35)

How do we read today's story of a king who is prepared initially to forgive the debt that his slave has incurred, only to resort to torture when that slave fails to forgive his fellow slave, asks Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

While the opening verses of this Sunday's gospel reading have Jesus advocating endless forgiveness (not seven but seventy-seven times), the parable that follows is anything but consistent with this teaching and the teaching of Jesus in the gospel as a whole. We are all familiar with the beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall be mercied" (5:7) and with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (6:12).

How then do we read today's story of a king who is prepared initially to forgive the debt that his slave has incurred, only to resort to torture when that slave fails to forgive his fellow slave? This story raises more problems than we can address in this short reflection: the unquestioning acceptance of slavery and the plight of slaves; the absolute power of the king over his subjects; the institution of debt slavery; the treatment of women and children; the collection of crippling taxes to finance the power of the king; an unjust and cruel ruler as an image of the God of Israel; imaging God as a loving father who nonetheless acts in tyrannical ways.

In other words, the parable encodes institutions and practices of the time that Jesus and/or the Matthean community seem to accept without question.

Does this parable come from the lips of Jesus or from the Matthean community? It would be anachronistic to expect a critique of slavery from Jesus or from Matthew's community since the institution of slavery was simply taken for granted. It persisted without critique for some 1800 years. It is totally out of character, however, for Jesus to image his "heavenly Father" as a merciless torturer. It may be that Jesus did in fact tell such a story in another context and that the Matthean author has rather arbitrarily linked the sayings on forgiveness (forgiving 77 times and forgiving brothers and sisters from one's heart) with this story. It is conceivable that Jesus insisted on the consequences of refusing to forgive. While God is merciful and forgiving, disciples must not exploit God's capacity to forgive. Bad behaviour is not to be tolerated. It has its consequences and those who continually fail to forgive can expect to suffer the consequences of their actions.

Whatever we make of the story of the less than forgiving king and the unforgiving slave, we might take on board Jesus' response to Peter's question. "How often should I forgive?" We might also note the reminder at the end of the gospel that true forgiveness is "from the heart". In the biblical world, the heart was the core of the person's being, the seat of cognition as well as of emotion. To forgive from the heart is to forgive with the whole of one's being.

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

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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. Ph: 0419 354 900.

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 contact the Aspley Parish office to register your attendance: Phone: 3862 9402 or Email: 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 littlies are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Enq. Margaret

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is kept up to date at all times.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Forms: Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. There is no cost for the Blue Card. Volunteers, please collect the forms from Bronwyn or Margaret.

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:-

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for God's healing touch and love for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. To have family/friends included in our prayers in the newsletter, please contact Barbara

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.



'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 30/9-1/10. Group 1. 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, 23-24/9. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. M.B. Kennedy. F. Martinez. 7.30am. W. Hassum. D. Phillpott. K. Ryan. 9am. B. Venzke. D. Rodrigo. K. Turner.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 6. 6pm. Jolly/Rosie. J. Schultz. M. Ritchie. ? ? 7.30am. L. Walsh. S. Donatini. A. Keating. E. Grady. D. Jones. 9am. E. Schneider-Loos. D. Noud. E. Quinn. V. Smith. E. Beach.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 6. 6pm. C. Allen. L. Harrison. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. E. Venzke. C. & A. Woodroffe.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 6. 24/9. Mike, Bryan & Sandra. Group 1. 1/10. Philip, Peter & Sunil.

Newsletter Photocopying.

23/9. Vickie Stephensen.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

17-24/9. 24th & 25th Sundays of the Year. International Day of Peace (UN). Centacare CFRS. Social Justice Sunday. Saints Januarius. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Korean Martyrs. Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions. Padre Peo.

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.

These Awards recognise outstanding Catholics across Australia in various walks of life. All Australian Catholics are invited to nominate themselves or someone they know for one of five categories – Young Leader of the Year, School Leader of the Year, Professional Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the major award, Community Leader of the Year. Nominations can be made at the official website: www.theleaders.com.au Nominations close Fri. 29/9.

Annual Catholic Campaign.

Your generous tax-deductible gift is divided between major areas of need, and will have a lasting impact on these vital works. All non tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Programme which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives. Please give now on 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer.

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, 17/9 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. New games, container designing, and pizza! All students between Years 7 – 12 welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering 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.

We celebrate on 24/9. 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. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 11.30am. All welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Men's Prayer Group.

Held every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the parish invited and welcome. Enq. Phillip

Parish Pastoral Council.

It has been brought to our attention that some parishioners are finding it a challenge to manage the stairs to the sanctuary for the various ministries. Let us know if there are any other concerns that might be limiting your involvement and or inclusion in our celebrations. 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.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

Parishioners if they wish, may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog A hard copy will be put on the noticeboard in the Church.

Royal Commission Information.

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.

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 Next gathering 1/10.

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Update on meeting-

-Community Conversation held 13 September 2017. "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.

Prayer Blog - 'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'

Please check the latest Parish Blog updates! We have three new ones from Fr. Gerry. 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.

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

Pope Francis At TED Talks.

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

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese prepare "Two Minute Homilies" and upload them on social media: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

WAG Update.

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

Mowing Service.

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

menALIVE in the City.

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

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria.

Social Parish Tennis Group –

Plays Wednesday nights 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

Sacramental Programme. Enq. 3261 3670.

Giving for weekend 9-10/9.

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 \$787. Direct Debit \$1658. Loose \$986. Total \$3431. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 37. \$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 the Collection plate or email our Parish Office at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Care for Creation Group.

Pope Francis has declared a Season of Creation starting with the world day of Prayer for Care for Creation on Friday 1/9. and concluding on Wednesday 4/10. As we continue the Season of Creation, we pray: "Loving God, may your divine wisdom, peace and power, which created and sustains and guides all creation in its hope for salvation in the kingdom, always maintain the beauty of the world and the welfare of humanity, leading all people of good will to produce fruitful work toward this purpose". Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. September 2012. Everything is connected. Concern for the environment ... needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society." Pope Francis "Laudato Si – on Care For Our Common Home" 10, 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 32

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass.

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Sat. 7/10 at 10am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass. RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Fri. 29/9. Cathedral car park will be available.

Pilgrimage to India.

"One Heart and One Soul" in February 2018. Led by Marie Fonseca from February 19 – March 10. The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117.

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

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Holy Spirit Care Services' retirement village –

- at Boondall. Viridian, currently has a two bedroom unit for sale. Located on the sixth floor overlooking bushland, with onsite amenities such as cafe, hairdresser, chapel, indoor heated pool and aged care, the unit is well priced at \$400,000. If you or someone you know would like to inspect the unit and Viridian, please phone Sharon on 3054 4635.

One Heart and One Soul.

Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India, from February 19/2-10/3. 2018. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117 or email info@spiceodyssey.net.au

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

2017 National Pilgrimage.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Melbourne 8/11, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18/11. \$3,265.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single supplement: \$610.00. Enq., or for a Pilgrimage brochure. Sr. Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr. Annie Bond 02 8912 4818. MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

Memorandum.

Members of our parish community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved one who pass away. The Chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request. Enq. Barbara Masterman

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

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

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.

Eureka Street.

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Fear knocked. Faith answered. There was no-one there!