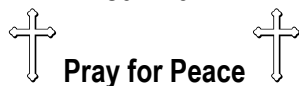


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

**Parish Website:**

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**Parish Facebook:**

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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
22<sup>nd</sup> of October**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 4.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 28-29/10.**

Exodus 22:20-26. Psalm 17. 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10. Matthew 22:34-40.

**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 4:20-25. P. Luke 12:13-21.

Tue. Romans 5:12,15,17-21. P.39. Luke 12:35-38.

Wed. Romans 6:12-18. P.123. Luke 12:39-48.

Thu. Romans 6:19-23. P. 1. Luke 12:49-53.

Fri. Romans 7:18-25. P.118. Luke 12:54-59.

Sat. Ephesians 2:19-22. P.18. Luke 6:12-19.

**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-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 22:15-21)**

*This week's gospel story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees who were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians who represented secular Jewish power and wealth despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When both were faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Their "opponent" in that context was Jesus of Nazareth. No good was to come of their alliance. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as "teacher", they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a "no win" position: "Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?" Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intentions and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest".

Jesus' response, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God's prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus' words have nothing to do with the modern

distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a

secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church. It is quite anachronistic to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That must be the main criterion for any personal or global alliance, military or otherwise.



### 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).

'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 29/10. Barbara Masterman. 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. A weekly sacred time to enjoy quiet prayer and reflection. 7pm - 8pm each Friday night until late 2020. At St Joseph's Church 30 Eldorado Street Bracken Ridge. Come along any Friday night for some time before God.

#### **Liturgy Roster.**

##### **Liturgy Preparation.**

For weekend 4-5/11. Group 6. 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 28-29/10. Group 5. 6pm. A. Isaak. A. Jolly. J. Ivett. 7.30am. F. Burke. S. Donatini. K. Hutton. 9am. S. Hutchinson. M. De Gee. N. Mathew.

##### **Eucharistic Ministers.**

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. R. Nave. T. Ringer. B. Craigie. ? ? 7.30am. R. de Rosario. R. & A. Soriano. C. & A. Kennedy. 9am. B. & V. Stephensen. D. de Gee. M. Hutchinson. T. Clarke.

##### **Music Ministry.**

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. M. Lewry. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

##### **Servers.**

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

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

Group 5. 29/10. Brian, Jan & Ann. Group 6. 5/11. Mike, Bryan & Sandra.

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

28/10. Robyn Masterman.

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

22-29/10. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. "Two Hours with God". The Lord of Miracles. Saints John of Capistrano. Anthony Mary Claret. Simon and Jude Apostles.

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

Web:<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).**

Gathering 29/10. From 5 – 7pm., in the Parish Centre. This is the first time for the year that we welcome all Year 6 students. Enq. Emma Beach. All students between Years 6 -12 are welcome.

#### **Blitz.**

Today, Sun. (22/10). Years 3 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Emma Beach. Gold coin donation.

#### **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.**

We continue to welcome new refugee families to our Parish with 4 new families arriving last month. This brings the total number of Syrian and Iraq families to about 130 in our local community. With their safety now assured, these 4 families begin a new journey – establishing themselves in our culture, learning a new language, reskilling themselves, and rebuilding their economic security. Having many others around them who have

travelled the same path is a great help but life is still a big struggle for all of our refugee families. Please continue to support and make them welcome. 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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

#### **Vocation Views.**

We can choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's, and then live as though everything depends on God.

#### **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](http://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. 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

#### **From Archbishop Mark.**

I hope this edition of Alive finds you warm and dry. The rain has been welcomed across the Archdiocese – a blessing for many but not without problems for others. In this edition, we look at the devastating story of Sara Mehari – a beautiful 12-year-old girl whose life was changed by an accident in her backyard while playing. Sara now requires

serious levels of care. That's where the strength of Catholic communities shines. From her former home in Toowoomba to her new base at Bracken Ridge, Sara and her family have received help in many ways from Catholic communities. Sara is held in many prayers across this archdiocese and beyond. We wish her and her family well.

[Banking details, including Direct Debit, at <http://bit.ly/WheelsforSaraM>]

### **WAG Update.**

SOUTH SUDAN. Great news! We now have enough funds to pay for Well no. 11!!!! This was achieved by a donation from the children of our school! They collected over \$740!! A big thank you to all at St Joseph's Primary School!!!! As it happens, this weekend we are collecting for a special vehicle to suit Sara's disabilities. Archbishop Coleridge has also spoken in support of Sara and her family. The Catholic Leader has an article on her this weekend and the need for the vehicle. Last weekend's collection was for BLACKALL / TAMBO and we collected \$337.20 for which we say a huge thank you!

When our Parish was seeking to support a drought stricken country community, Rockhampton's Bishop Michael McCarthy advised Fr. Gerry that BLACKALL/TAMBO was the most needy region in western Queensland. The combined population of Blackall/Tambo is approx. 1200 people. This week the area has received patchy rain, with some parts receiving up to 52ml – but the drought is not over! The Blackall Fete Team is very grateful to those who have donated craft and various other goods this week. But our Stall is still very short of saleable stock and/or raffle prizes. We would appreciate donations of Golden Casket "Scratchies" of any value which we can use as prizes. Kitchen hand towels were a big seller last year but as yet we don't have any to sell. It is 5 weeks until the Fete on Sat. 25/11. Donations can be left in the box at the back of the Church or can be collected by John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch. Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

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

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation 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

### **Sacramental Programme.**

Enq. Helen Hickey.

**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.

### **Pope Francis –**

At TED Talks. <http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

### **Two-Minute Homilies.**

Priests from around the Archdiocese prepare "Two Minute Homilies": <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/>

### **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

### **@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available.**

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. [brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://brisbanecatholic.org.au)

### **Giving for weekend 14-15/10.**

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 \$532. Direct Debit \$1328. Loose \$980. Total \$2839. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 42. \$3383.

### **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.

### **Reformation for the Church today.**

Aspley Uniting Church invites you to a Reformation Dinner, marking 500 years since Luther declared to the Church that big changes were essential for survival. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and Moderator David Baker will speak on the meaning of the Reformation today. Tue. 31/10. 6.30 for 7pm. \$50 per head. At Geebung RSL Club Newman Rd, Geebung. RSVP 3263 9275 or email [minister@aspleyuc.org.au](mailto:minister@aspleyuc.org.au)

### **Justice for people seeking asylum –**

- a multi-faith workshop. Love Makes a Way and the Asylum seeker Resource Centre, together present a free half day workshop introducing language and strategies to help you have values-based conversations informed and motivated by your faith, with family, friends and fellow community members. Afternoon tea provided. 29/10. 1-5pm., at Aspley Anglican Church, 30 Ridley Rd, Bridgeman Downs. Enq. Erin, 0432 699 934.

### **menALIVE in the City.**

Enq. 3367 1402 or [mail@menalive.org.au](mailto:mail@menalive.org.au)

### **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. 20/11. Enq. Jan or Jan

### **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](mailto:nelhouse@bigpond.net.au)

### **'On Mission with Christ'**

A Lecture by Fr. Richard Leonard SJ. Richard is a Queenslander, a well-known author, Speaker and Jesuit Priest. Thu. 2/11. 6.30 for 7pm., start. At Holy Spirit Church, Harriet St., Auchenflower. Parking onsite. Gold coin entry.

### **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.

### **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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### **Holy Spirit Care Services.**

Viridian Retirement Living and Aged Care Community. Boondall. Two Apartments available. For Inspection call Sharon on 30545 4635.

### **Women's Discernment Retreat.**

Vocations Brisbane Weekend retreat for young women keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs. old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you. Sat. 25/11 from 9am. – Sun. 26/11 at 5pm. Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd., Oxley. Enq., or RSVP to Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

**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@ccbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccbrisbane.org.au) or 3103 2400.

### **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.**

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