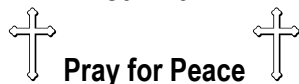


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**31st Sunday of the Year
5th of November**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

Malachi 1:14-2:8-10. Psalm 130. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13. Matthew 23:1-12.

Next Week 11-12/11.

Wisdom 6:12-16. Psalm 62. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Matthew 25:1-13.

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 11:29-36. P.68. Luke 14:12-14.

Tue. Romans 12:5-16. P.130. Luke 14:15-24.

Wed. Romans 13:8-10. P.111. Luke 14:25-33.

Thu. Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12. P.45. John 2:13-22.

Fri. Romans 15:14-21. P.97. Luke 16:1-8.

Sat. Rom. 16:3-9,16,22-27. P144. Lk. 16:9-15.

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.

International Day of Older Persons - A story about love

Our challenge as we age is to maintain the integrity and shape of our life in a way that is consistent with our character, writes Josephite Sister Maryellen Thomas rsj.

Let me introduce you to Dora and her journey to wholeness. Dora was an artist. Her beautiful paintings could be found everywhere in the district. She had been a popular member of nearly every committee in her country town. If there was something happening, Dora was there in the middle of it. In her family, Dora was recognised for her listening ear, wisdom and affection. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren loved her. If they needed her, she was there in the blink of an eye. She had outlived two husbands and this demonstrated her ability to love and be loved.

When Dora came to the Aged Care Facility where I worked, at the age of 94, she was far from the person described above. The woman we met was cranky, crotchety and very hard to please. Something had happened to Dora that created a change in the 'self' she had been. This once active, artistic person was now immobile, grossly arthritic and vision impaired. She seemed to have lost everything that was important to her and this made her very cross. Her daughter, who was in her seventies, had become her slave and was not coping with her mother's care needs. The time had come for Dora to move to a place where she could be assisted with all her needs. This, of course, made her crosser!

The latest transition was very painful for Dora and she was not going to give in and be nice to anyone! The caring staff were unable to do anything that seemed to make her happy. She fast became the resident from hell, frequently pumping the bell for attention, rudely bossing the staff and then criticising anything they did for her and constantly complaining. Everyone tried every trick in the book to win Dora over, but without success.

Months passed and then Dora met Jack, a gentle, hearing-impaired widow. Jack had a beaming smile that could win anyone over. Behind his smile he held a great sadness. He had become estranged from his family and was isolated because of his deafness. Still, he had enough compassion in him to reach out to Dora, who was obviously in need of a friend.

Time passed and Dora and Jack's relationship blossomed into something more than friendship. They spent all their days together and were often seen holding hands or cuddling. At 88 and 94 they had once again found love. Jack and Dora were able to see past each other's infirmities to recognise the beauty in each other. As the relationship developed Dora became softer, more loving and appreciative. She started to form friendships with staff and became an advisor, confidant and peacemaker. Then something terrible happened. Unexpectedly, Jack died. Dora was distraught and inconsolable.

However, this is not the sad end to a true love story because in loving and being loved by Jack, Dora had recaptured her real 'self'. She had become friends with the staff and together they grieved and let go of the pain of losing Jack.

Dora's gifts were her ability to be available for others, to be a listening ear, to impart wisdom and to share affection. She lived for many more years after Jack's death and was a firm favourite of staff because of her loving and giving nature.

[This article was first published in the September 2017 edition of Mary MacKillop E-News, the monthly newsletter of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.](#)

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."*

Parish Census Update 2017.

Last weekend we collected Census forms at all the Masses. If you missed out on completing a Census form, extra copies are available on the paper table today. Please return to the sealed red box any time in the next 3 weeks. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3261 3670.

Children's Liturgy.

Today 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 12/11. Robyn 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:-

Seniors' Monthly Get Together.

Tue. 7/11 for our Melbourne Cup lunch. Commencing at 11am. when sweep and raffle tickets will be on sale to add to the enjoyment of the day – followed by lunch. Please bring a plate of "finger food" to share. Watch the race on the big screen. Enquiries & transport Peter & Margaret Guy

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 18-19/11. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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 11-12/11. Group 1. 6pm. P. Phillips. N. D'Souza. D. Griffiths. 7.30am. G. Endicott. L. McDonough. L. Olley. 9am. D. Riggall. S. Turner. N. Rao.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 1. 6pm. R. Kissane. M. Caruso. A. Fulton. A. Isaak. P. Ryan. 7.30am. J. & S. Rogers. J. & C. Van der Maat. K. Ryan. 9am. G. Cameron. K. Turner. N. Sheridan. E. Schneider-Loos. S. Turner.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 1. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. P. Olley. McCoy. 9am. S. & S. Fernandes.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 1. 12/11. Philip, Peter & Sunil. Group 2. 19/11. Debbie, Matthew & Julian.

Newsletter Photocopying.

11/11. Lynette D'Souza.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar 5-12/11.

31st & 32nd Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Remembrance Day. Knights of the Southern Cross Queensland State Conference. Our Lady of 33 Orientals. Saints Leo the Great. Martin of Tours.

Parish Newsletter online.

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

Our Library.

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

Catholic Leader.

A good read for just \$2.

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

Wheels for Sara Appeal.

To date our parish has raised \$1009.95 towards the Wheels for Sara Appeal. If you would like to make a donation, please place the money in an envelope clearly marked "Sara" so that we can direct the monies accordingly. This envelope could be placed in the WAG bucket or on the collection plate. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3261 3670.

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting Sun. 12/11 from 5 – 7pm. We will be shopping at the Aspley Hypermarket and then having dinner at McDonalds. All Years 6 to 12 are welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Meeting today, Sun. 5/11 in the Parish Centre from 4.30-6pm. Years 3 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Theme: "The Light Within". We will be doing clay work and many games. Enq. Emma Beach - Gold coin donation.

Parish Pastoral Council.

There are many Saints whose journey through life we traditionally know well and who provide us with much inspiration in our own lives. There are also many Saints in the Church from other cultures and other parts of the world that we have limited or no knowledge of. Our own local Parish is made up of many different cultural groups from many parts of the world. Learning about the life of other Saints and how they grew their faith in ancient lands and foreign places may help us to better understand our own faith and the faith journey of those to the right and left of us in the pews at a Sunday Mass. 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". Next Meeting Monday 13/11.

Vocation Views.

"Credibility" becomes a household word, not because there is so much of it, but because there is such a lack of it. The Church also needs people who do not only practice what they preach, but can also preach what they practice.

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

See 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.

Catholic Social Justice Council website.

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

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.

Enquiries: Margaret

WAG Update.

This weekend, we are collecting for our sister parish, BLACKALL / TAMBO where the money collected is being used to feed hungry children who come to school having no breakfast and other charitable works. Last weekend we collected \$218.25 for SOUTH SUDAN, towards Well No. 12. As always, we thank everyone most sincerely for their contributions to these two great projects.

BLACKALL / TAMBO. "Thank you" to those who have donated goods to be sold on the "Bracken Ridge Parish Variety Stall" at the upcoming Blackall Fete. Our Team of six will be setting off for the Fete in a couple of weeks. SUNDAY 19/11 will be the last day for collection of donations. We are a little concerned about the small amount of stock we have but we also believe in "DIVINE INTERVENTION" so all will be OK on the day. Donations of Christmas Food and gifts, (not chocolates, too hot in November), Jam, Chutney, Honey, household items, games, and especially GOLDEN CASKET "SCRATCHIES" are still desperately needed. We cannot accept second hand items as there won't be a Trash and Treasure Stall at the Fete. Donations can be placed in the box at the rear of the Church or contact John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg and Sharyn McLagan, Maurice and Glenda Murdoch for collection. 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

Zumba.

No Zumba class this Sunday 5/10 due to other commitments.

Fire & Spirit TODAY Sunday: 5/11.

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

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

Giving for weekend 28-29/10.

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 \$772. Direct Debit \$1328. Loose \$1134. Total \$3234. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 44. \$3365.

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.

Sacramental Programme.

Enq. Helen Hickey.

menALIVE in the City.

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

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. 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

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. Applications are open for a position at the Hendra Catholic Parish. A person with sacramental & liturgical knowledge is required for a part time position of pastoral associate 25 hours a week working across a variety of days during the week and weekends including nights. More details: website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. *The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

John Fisher College.

Girls Years 7 – 12. Limited space in 1028. For further details and enrolments, contact the College on 3269 8188.

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.

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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

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.

Pilgrimage to India.

"One Heart and One Soul" led by Marie Fonseca from February 19 – March 10/18. 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.

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