

Year 2017



Pray for Peace



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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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**32nd Sunday of the Year
12th of November**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

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

Next Week 18-19/11.

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31. Psalm 127. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. Matthew 25:14-30.

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. Wisdom 1: 1-7. P138. Luke 17:1-6.

Tue. Wisdom 2:22-3:9. P.33. Luke 17:7-10.

Wed. Wisdom 6:1-11. P.81. Luke 17:11-19.

Thu. Wisdom 7:22-8:1. P.118. Luke 17:20-25.

Fri. Wisdom 13:1-9. P.18. Luke 17:26-37.

Sat. Wisdom 18:14-16,19:6-9. P104. Luke 18:1-8.

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-32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 25:1-13)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

How many times were you told as a child to be ready for an outing or for the expected arrival of visitors or for dinner or for something else when you simply wanted to stay as you were? Sometimes it matters little whether we are ready or not. Sometimes it really matters and today's gospel parable depicts one of those situations when it is of crucial importance to be prepared.

The imminent event is a wedding celebration. The betrothal period is over and the bridegroom has left to bring the bride from the home of her parents to his family home. Ten young women of his household will watch for the arrival of the couple and will light their way into the wedding feast. The young women in their turn can expect to be welcome at the feast. Five are well prepared for the arrival and five are not. The five who bring (olive) oil for their lamps are designated "wise" while the other five who bring no oil are said to be "foolish". Negotiating the terms of the marriage contract takes longer than expected so that the bridegroom is delayed. The young women wait and wait, then fall asleep. At midnight, the bridegroom's arrival is signalled and the young women rise to trim their lamps in readiness for their role of lighting his way.

The bride is invisible in the telling of the story, presumably because the focus must be on the bridegroom alone. Earlier in Matthew's gospel (9:15), Jesus is depicted as "the bridegroom". The attentive reader of the gospel is aware that today's parable is about Jesus and that it forms part of Matthew's end-time discourse (24:1-25:46). The delay of the bridegroom evokes the community's expectation that Jesus who has died and been raised will return at an undisclosed time. In the interim, the members are to be actively watchful and ready, living in the spirit of Matthew's first discourse (5:1-7:29) with its emphasis on right relationship. Matthew 7 concludes with reference to wise and foolish decisions: the foolish one builds on sand while the wise one builds on rock.

The behaviour of the "wise" in today's parable is as puzzling as that of the "foolish". The "foolish" fail to prepare: they have no oil and cannot expect to light the way without it. The "wise" have prepared and they receive their reward. Is there wisdom, however, in sending their "foolish" friends to buy olive oil at midnight? There are more unanswered questions than we can address in this little

reflection. We can identify with both the wise and the foolish. We need the wisdom to ensure that the produce of God's Earth, represented by the olive oil, is received as gift and used in right measure or in right relationship



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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.

If you missed out on completing a Census form, extra copies are available on the paper table. Please return to the sealed red box any time in the next 2 weeks. Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Please look at the photos on the wall –

-to see if you recognise any of the children in the photocopies photos. As far as we can tell, (School History Group), these must be some of the very first photos taken at St. Anthony's in 1927. A First Communion Group in 1945, and 1955. If any family member would like to claim a photo, please contact Barbara Masterman.

Senior's Christmas Party Reminder.

As St. Joseph's School is breaking up early, the Senior's Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 28th November. Further details to be advised.

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 19/11. 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.

Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. 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 25-26/11. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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 18-19/11. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. K. & M. Scott. 9am. J.J. Jeremias. Youth. Youth.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. P. Hanley. T. Cullen. R. Del Rosario. A. Voegeli. ? 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. CD's. 7.30am. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 2. 19/11. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. Group 3. 26/11. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

18/11. Anna Andrulic.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar 12-19/11.

32nd & 33rd Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Saints Albert the Great. Margaret of Scotland. Gertrude. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Parish Newsletter online.

<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.

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.

SALT - Young Adults Group.

Meeting this Sun. 12/11 at 7pm., for a discussion evening in the Parish Centre. All youth 18-30 most welcome to join us. Especially any new members, as we embark on our new journey leading the group from within, following the leadership and guidance of Emma over the past years. Enq. Jess Hickey

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, 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.

Years 3 - 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 - 6pm. Enq. Emma Beach - Gold coin donation.

Parish Pastoral Council.

Death of an important community leader or reformist international figure at the most influential point in their life generally means that the drive and motivation of others to take up the reigns to continue to accomplish further common good is lost or significantly reduced. How much better would the world have been if these people had not died at such a critical time? Yet with Jesus and the Apostles his death had the opposite effect. His death was the start of a new beginning - the world wide spreading of the Good News and the chance for all to share in eternal life. So if the talent of another is lost, misplaced, or denied can we take the lead ourselves to further deliver the *Beatitudes* to the wider world? 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 this coming Mon.13/11.

Vocation Views.

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings., anniversaries and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

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.

Christmas Preparations.

Once again our local SVDP offers Columban Calendars at \$10 each. Christmas Cards \$4 for a pack of eight, and 'Keep Christ in Christmas' stickers for \$1 per sheet. These are all at the same price as last year.

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

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.

WAG Update.

Last weekend, we are collected \$288.50 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.

This weekend we collect for SOUTH SUDAN, towards Well No. 12. As always, we thank everyone most sincerely for their contributions to these two great projects. BLACKALL / TAMBO. Our Team of six will be setting off for the Fete very soon. SUNDAY 19/11 will be the last day for collection of donations. 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

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

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" from: <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 4-5/11.

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 \$671. Direct Debit \$1657. Loose \$1083. Total \$3410. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 45. \$3366.

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 bride@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

End of Year Event.

Sat. 25/11. At CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Guest speaker: Peter Pellican. Mass celebrant: Bp Emeritus Oudeman OFMCap Enquiries: Miriam (secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or 3103 2400). Programme: 9.30am Praise & Worship. 10.15am Morning tea. 10.45am Peter Pellican on 'What does it mean to be ecumenical in the Catholic tradition?' 11.45am Set up for Mass. 12noon Mass—love offering will be taken up. 1pm. Bring and share lunch. All welcome.

Advent Fair.

At St. Stephen's Cathedral, City. Sun. 3/12. 8am. - 2pm. An Annual Fundraising Effort by St. Stephen's Cathedral Choir. Coinciding with COSSAG's Christmas Market. Cakes. Savouries. Multicultural Cuisine. Sweets and more... Guides and Welcomers Tour. Free tea and Coffee.

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

John Fisher College.

Girls Years 7 - 12. Limited space in 1028. For further details and or 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.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetualadoration.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

Memorandum.

Members of our parish community who have lost a loved one in recent months, may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, (perhaps 12 months).. The Chapel can be accessed at any time, and families may find this a place of comfort during those early days of grieving.. Crosses are available on request. Enq. Barbara Masterman

The crosses have brought much comfort to our families over the past few years. Unfortunately, the available wall space in the chapel is limited and only a few spare places remain. If your family members have been remembered there for an extended time and you feel ready, we respectfully request that you take your loved one's cross or crosses now and find a prayerful restful area in your home, where you can continue to spend time with them.