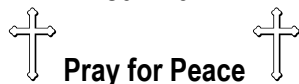


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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**33rd Sunday of the Year
19th of November**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17. Psalm 22. 1
Corinthians 15:20-26,28. Matthew 25:31-46.

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. Macc.1:10-15,41-43. P.118. Luke 18:35-43.

Tue. Zechariah 2:14-17. P. Matthew 12:46-50.

Wed. 2 Macc.7:1,20-31. P.167. Luke 19:11-28.

Thu. 1 Macc. 2:15-29. P.49. Luke 19:41-44.

Fri. 1 Macc.4:36-37,52-59. P. Luke 19:45-48.

Sat. 1 Macc.6:1-13. P9. Luke 20:27-40.

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.

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.

If you missed out on completing a Census form, extra copies are available on the paper table. Please return to the sealed red box as soon as possible. Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Please look at the photos on poster –

-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 28/11.

On Tuesday, 28/11 after the 9 am HEALING Mass, come along in your "Christmas Gear" & enjoy a day of celebrations & fun at our Annual Christmas Party.. We will provide "bicies", Christmas cake & a "cuppa" for Morning Tea. Entertainment by the St. Joseph's School Choirs AND Christmas Lunch (incl. drinks). A "Very Special Visitor" will also be dropping in, to reward the "good boys & girls". Please bring a present (MAXIMUM value..\$10). Ladies bring a lady's present.. Men bring a man's present. For catering purposes, would anyone wishing to attend, please add your name to the list at the rear of the Church, or contact us to indicate that you want to be included in the celebrations. Our Christmas Party is always well attended, but we really want to have numbers, as we certainly don't want to run out of "goodies" on the day. Peter Guy will be selling Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings. Great idea for Christmas gifts. Cakes \$13 (1 kg), \$17 (1.5kg) . Plum puddings \$13.Come along & join in the celebrations. Enquiries & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

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 26/11. Marianne Grant. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word. Our 3, 4 & 5 year old littles 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 2-3/12. Group 4. 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 25-26/11. Group 3. 6pm. M. Kennedy. P. Connors. M. Denkes. 7.30am. L. McDonough. P. Bugden. M. Braithwaite. 9am. B. & R. Masterman. M. Healy.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. S. Balagtas. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolly. J. Khaghaoany. ? 7.30am. D. Phillipott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. D. Johns. J. Boyle. 9am. T. Clarke. K. Cunningham. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. M. Johnson. L. Esparcia. Justin, Adrian Coffey. 7.30am. S. Angus MacInnes. K. Hutton. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 3. 26/11. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. Group 4. 3/12. Neal, Bronwy, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

25/11. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar 19-26/11.

33rd Sunday of the Year. Christ the King. Centacare CFRS. Silent Sunday. First World Day of the Poor. Martyrs of Vietnam. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saints Cecilia. Columban. Clement. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. Catherine of Alexandria.

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 \$3,394.95 (cash donations). This amount does not include credit card donations processed at the SVDP office. 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.

Enq. Jess Hickey

Rock (Youth Group).

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.

Joey's Joyful Carols.

Tue. 21/11 from 6.30pm. Food on sale from 5.30pm. All parishioners welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council.

A letter from the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

Dear Fr. Gerry.

A very warm hello to you and your wonderful Parish. I am writing on behalf of St Patrick's Blackall to thank you most sincerely for the exquisite handmade Lectionary covers we have been given from your people. They have been designed and sewn with so much love and care that it is very humbling to receive such a special gift. Thank you especially to the most talented, generous person who has taken so much time to make these for us. They will be another visible sign of the beautiful connection between our Parishes. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and prayers.

God bless.

Moira Kent (Parish Liaison).

Please welcome Debbie Jones and Emma Mason as new members to the Pastoral Council. In the very near future we will farewell Matt Ritchie who has been appointed to a teaching position south of the border. Sam Turner has agreed to take up the reigns as Chairperson with Matt's departure. 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".

A Parish Apology.

Thank you to all those people in our community who responded to the Parish Pastoral Council's note regarding 'A Parish Apology' for the Church's actions, indifference and ignorance in child abuse. The Council met this week and discussed at length your responses and suggestions. We will move forward now and commence this important plan of action for our Parish, keeping everyone updated as we proceed. We are very grateful to you. Fr. Gerry and The Parish Pastoral Council.

Vocation Views.

Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then lie it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

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.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will sit on December 14 to publicly mark the conclusion of the five-year long inquiry. Royal Commission CEO, Philip Reed, said, "... we have held 57 public hearings, where we sat for 444 days and heard evidence of more than 1,300 witnesses. Commissioners have also listened to the personal accounts of almost 8,000 survivors of child sexual abuse in institutions through 'private sessions'". The Royal Commission's final report will be delivered to the Governor General on Friday 15/12/17. 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.

Catholic Social Justice Council website. (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

WAG Update.

This weekend we are collecting for **BLACKALL / TAMBO** Parish where their fete will be held next Saturday. This week we received a beautiful card from the Parish extending their thanks to our Parish for the Lectionary covers that we sent up recently. It is re-produced here in this newsletter and is on our Parish Facebook page. Let's pray that they have a great day and that all our parishioners who are travelling there for the fete have a safe and happy trip.

Last week we collected \$285.45 for **SOUTH SUDAN** to assist with well No. 11. Please hold our friends in South Sudan in your prayers as the future of the people in this country is uncertain, but with prayer, we can accomplish anything.

"Thank You" to those generous parishioners who have donated to the upcoming St. Joseph's Parish Blackall Church Fete. We would still be very happy to receive donations small or large UNTIL TODAY Sunday 19/11. Items can be placed in the box marked "Blackall" at the back of the Church or can be collected. The Fete will be held on Sat. 25/11 and due to the heat and shortage of workers, runs from 6 - 9pm. Already we have been informed by the Council that the preferred outdoor location, Banks Park has been deemed unsafe due to electrical problems. We are awaiting confirmation of the new venue. Contacts John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg and Sharyn McLagan, Maurice and Glenda Murdoch.
Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

Pope Francis -

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

Bucket collection next weekend 25/26/11. Can you help our children?

I have been a member of the parish for more than 20 years and have been proud to support all the initiatives that our parish has developed, from the water wells in Sudan, the Blackall support and the help with the Iraqi and Syrian refugees.

I work at an extremely disadvantaged school and was wondering if our parish would be able to support our school by sponsoring a program offered by our Chaplain, Kyle Eckersley to give the children in our very needy community a better chance in life. Many of the children arrive at school each day with no food, having had no breakfast and with little evidence of proper care. To fully sponsor a program for a term would cost around \$200. To complete training for new programs is anywhere between \$600-1000. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Thanking you. Carol McDonald Special Needs Teacher Years 1 and 2 Deception Bay North State School

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.

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

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

End of Year Event.

Sat. 25/11. At CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Guest speaker: Peter Pellicaan. 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 Pellicaan 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. Bing 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.

Giving for weekend 11-12/11.

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 \$713. Direct Debit \$1657. Loose \$1264. Total \$3634. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 46. \$3372.

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.

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

Its hamper time

The families of people in prison have been amazed by the lovely hampers we made for them the last few years and were so thankful for our kind thoughts. This year we will pack hampers in Christmas supermarket bags as they have to be carried on public transport; so, nothing over 1 litre or 1 kg please. **No chocolate** because of the heat. Suggest non-perishable foods - eg cans of fish, tomatoes, fruit; biscuits sweet and savoury; soft drink in cans; snack foods; lollies; Christmas cakes and puddings; cartons of custard; also small family games, Christmas decorations, serviettes, plates and bonbons. Please bring in a NEW reusable Christmas shopping bag and put them at the back of the church before Sun. 3/12 when we will pack from 2-4pm. Helpers needed! Enq. Sue

Prisoners' Transport Group Inc. -

-requires a Volunteer Management Committee Member. Enq. Rev Deacon Russ Nelson 0427 743 534 or nelhouse@bigpond.net.au

John Fisher College.

Girls Years 7 - 12. Limited space in 1028. Enq., details and/or enrolments, contact the College on 3269 8188.

"Simbang Gabi" -

9 day Pre-Christmas Night Mass. At St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's Church, Bracken Ridge. Thu. 21/12. 7pm. Carols Holy Mass (English) at 7.30pm. Fellowship after Mass. Please bring a plate to share. Enq. Bing or Amando. All invited and welcomed to the special Catholic Australian-Filipino Community of Brisbane North Ceremony.

Sacramental Programme.

Enq. Helen Hickey.

menALIVE in the City. Enq. 3367 1402.