

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
26th of November

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

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

Next Week 2-3/12.

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8. Psalm 79. 1
Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:5-11.

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. Daniel 1:1-6,8-20. P. Luke 2:1-4.

Tue. Daniel 2:31-45. P. Luke 21:5-11.

Wed. Dan. 5:1-6,13-15,16-17,23-28. P. Luke 21:12-19.

Thu. Romans 10:9-18. P.18. Matthew 4:18-22.

Fri. Daniel 7:2-14. P. Luke 21:29-33.

Sat. Daniel 7:15-27. P. Luke 21:34-36.

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- 33rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 25:14-30)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In answer to my usual greeting, "G'day Muff, what are you up to?" my polymath brother-in-law, David (nicknamed Muff), would invariably reply, "Just contemplating the eternal verities!" The conversation that followed, usually over a glass of wine, would confirm the truth of his response. Contemplating the eternal verities was a way of life for my brother-in-law over the six decades of his life, until his all too early death 12 years ago.

As the end of the church year approaches, the liturgy presents us with texts that invite us all to consider the big questions of life and death, including the day of reckoning that will inevitably confront each one of us. Matthew's parable of the talents is part of a discourse about the final realities. It is sandwiched between the parable of the ten lamp-bearers, five of whom are unprepared for the bridegroom, and the end time judgement of the nations (next week's gospel).

The previous story has concluded with the warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is usually interpreted as a reference to the second coming of Christ. Today's story continues this motif. It opens: "For it is as if a man going abroad summons his slaves and entrusts his property to them..." The slaves are entrusted with phenomenal wealth: ten talents, five talents, and one talent respectively. A talent was a measure of weight rather than a coin and one silver talent was the equivalent of 1000 days wages for an ordinary labourer.

The slaves receive no instructions, but later events indicate that the man expects a good return on his wealth. The first two slaves deliver and are invited into the joy of the master, another possible reference to the end time when God will embrace those who are faithful to their mission. The third slave buries his talent and provides a reasonable rationale: the master is a hard man who inspires a fear-ridden response in the slave. The master does not resile from this description. The seemingly unproductive slave loses even what he has and is banished to a place "where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Is the master an image of God? There are some elements in the story that may point in this direction. There are other features,

however, such as the concentration of wealth in one person and the treatment of the fearful slave, that suggest this may be too simplistic an answer. In face of the present global unrest, we may find ourselves in sympathy with the third slave insofar as he challenges the violence and exploitative ways of the master. Parables are open to multiple interpretations and the eternal verities cannot be encapsulated in one story or one image. They bear ongoing reflection and call us to responsible action.

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.

Please return all forms to the sealed red box as soon as possible. Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections.

This little book 'Chosen' is available on the paper table. A Donation of \$3 would be welcome.

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. If any family member would like to claim a photo, please contact Barbara Masterman.

Senior's Christmas Party 28/11.

Tuesday, 28/11 after the 9am, HEALING Mass, come in your "Christmas Gear" & enjoy a day of celebrations & fun. We will provide "bicies", Christmas cake & a "cuppa" for Morning Tea. Entertainment by the St. Joseph's School Choirs. Christmas Lunch (incl. drinks). A "Very Special Visitor" will also be dropping in, to reward "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, anyone wishing to attend, please add your name to the list at the rear of the Church, or contact us. 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 3/12. Melissa Ferris. 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:-

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

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 9-10/12. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. 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 2-3/12. Group 4. 6pm. D/E Grugeon. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. V. Stephansen. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. P. Ryan. ? M. Halpin. 7.30am. W. Hassum. J. Garcia. J. & C. Van der Maat. G. Endicott. 9am. B. Masterman. L. Venus. N. Rao. M. Creevey. R. McKenzie.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. P. Halpin. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. S. & S. Twidale.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 4. 3/12. Neal, Bronwy, Nitin & Marissa. Group 5. 10/12. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

2/12. Sunil Edward.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar 26/11-3/12.

Christ the King. 1st Sunday of Advent. Centacare CFRS. Cathedral Advent Fair. Blessed Anuarite Nengapata Clementina. Saint Andrew Apostle.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh

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 may 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).

Meeting this Sun. 26/11 for a Bonfire at Bridgeman Downs. All students between Years 6 to 12 are welcome. Please contact Emma for any details

Blitz.

Next meeting on Sun. 28/1/18. All Years 4 to 6 are welcome in the new year in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Emma Beach Gold coin donation.

Parish Pastoral Council.

The document titled "Memory and Reconciliation: The Church and the Faults of the Past" by the International Theological Commission states that ...the Church's recognition of past wrongs is consistent with the requirements of fidelity to the Gospel. The Church recognises the human limitations and weaknesses of the various generations of Christ's disciples. Acknowledging the weaknesses of the past is an act of honesty and courage...it opens a new tomorrow for everyone... As we journey through life, let us all continue to reflect on our own human weakness, and the weakness of the various public and private institutions around us. In our own unique way we all have to 'take a stand' to bring the Gospel teaching to life. 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".

Vocation Views.

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ the King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another. Pray for young people as we prepare for National Year of Youth.

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.tjncouncil.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 taking a break from the usual collections for South Sudan and Blackall/Tambo. In their place, we are having a special collection for children at school in the Deception Bay area as per the article below. Last week we collected \$280.60 for BLACKALL / TAMBO Parish.

Our six member team has been very busy since arriving in Blackall on Wednesday. The ladies have been unpacking all the donated items, sorting and wrapping prizes for the "Treasure Hunt" and pricing craft, Jams etc, and other saleable items. All the heavy lifting of stall props and tables has been done by the men. It is exciting to see the Novelty Stall and Ring-A-Coke Stalls take shape. In the main street on Friday morning we pre-sold tickets in the Christmas Hamper which we put together from donated and purchased items. Saturday 25th will be a busy day in Blackall as first up is the Races followed by the St Patricks Church Christmas Fete commencing at 6pm. A big "Thank You" to those who generously donated to the Fete.

Next week, we will be having a special annual collection for PETER'S PENCE. What is Peter's Pence you ask, well, the following is a direct quote from Pope Benedict: "Peter's Pence" is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character". (Address to the Members of the St Peter Circle, 25 February 2006).

Enq. Terry & Rita Tolhurst

Bucket collection THIS 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

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

Fire & Spirit

Held on the first Sunday of each month from 3.30 -5pm. 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

St. Joseph's School.

School for 2017 concludes on Fri. 1/12 at 12 noon. Next year school will commence on Mon. 24/1/18. The Uniform Shop will be open as follows: 15/1. 16/1. 17/1 & 18/1/18. 9 – 11am. And 22/1. 23/1. 24/1 & 25/1/18. 8 -10.30am.

Pope Francis –

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

Social bike riding group.

The first Saturday of the month and leaving from Bracken Ridge Tavern promptly at 7am. Enq. Maureen

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 18-19/11.

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 \$707. Direct Debit \$1657. Loose \$1084. Total \$3448. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 47. \$3374.

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

It's 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. Enq. 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

St. Rita's Catholic Parish –

-Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI. Covering Petra. Bethlehem. Jericho. Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. 8-21/4/18. Limited seats. Enq. 3207 9177. Enq. 3207 9177 or email: victoriapoint@nbe.catholic.net.au

The Full Spiritual Exercises In Daily Life.

Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality invites you to experience the traditional Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, during 2018. The Full Spiritual Exercises are a practical means of discovering God's unique love and desire for each of us revealed in the context of our daily lives. Faber offers you a personal approach to the Exercises, with weekly face-to-face conversations with an experienced and accredited Ignatian Spiritual Director who will adapt the Exercises to your needs over a period of 30 or more weeks. For this journey a person needs generosity and a readiness to pray for an hour at least five days each week, make a daily review or examen, and meet each week with the one giving you the Exercises. We welcome you to contact Sharyn at the Faber Centre for details: www.faberspirituality.org.au | fabercis@bigpond.com 3368 2450 by 2/2/18.

Healing Meeting.

Tue. 28/11, 7pm., at St. Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Tce., West End. **Awaken Together In Christ.** A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him. The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit, people have been receiving many miracles and lives have been changed. We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances to-day. Everyone welcome! Hosted by St Mary's & Dutton Park Parishes

Holy Spirit Care Services.

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

Bequests are-

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