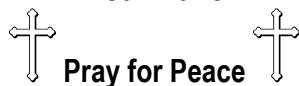


Year 2018



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**6th Sunday of Easter
6th of May**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48. Psalm 97. 1 John 4:7-10. John 15:9-17.

Next Week 12-3/5.

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 46. Ephesians 1:17-23. Mark 16:5-20.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 5pm. 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. Acts 16:11-15. P.149. John 15:26-16:4.

Tue. Acts 16:22-34. P.137. John 16:5-11.

Wed. Acts 17:15,22-18:1.P.148.John16:12-15.

Thu. Acts 18:1-8. P.97. John 16:16-20.

Fri. Acts 18:9-18. P.46. John 16:20-23.

Sat. Acts 18:23-28. P46. John 16:23-28.

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-6th Sunday of Easter
Year B
(John 15:9-17)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that "the tender mercy of our God has given us one another". The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: "In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ's disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message." Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today's reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis wants to say to all believers in his new Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and be Glad).

As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of "joy", the three-fold repetition of "friends" and the nine-fold repetition of "love". We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to "commands" and "commandments".

We tend not to associate "commands" with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as "Father", loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God's love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to God's commandments.

Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus' whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another.

Living in the friendship of Christ's disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest.

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.



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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

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Brouge,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time: noon Fridays).

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free for the elderly and those among us who have some mobility difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking even if it appears the area is not being used.

Car Parking.

The school is undergoing a building programme, this means the central pathway which leads from the Phillips St., carpark to the Church will be blocked off. It will be necessary to walk around the fencing as per the signs. The carparks closest to the church will be reserved for Senior parishioners and those with mobility issues. It will be necessary for many of us to use street parking. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter. Please do not park other vehicles in when parking in the Church carpark, as people need to be able to leave in case of emergency. Please only park in the allocated spaces. There are many side streets available for parking: Waruda St., (with direct path access to the church grounds). Walu St., Elsergundo St., etc. Providing the ground is not too wet, parking will also be available on the school oval (off Phillips St.) Thank you for your patience and understanding. Fr. Gerry Hefferan

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Let us all 'Pray@8'. Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. *"Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."*

St. Joseph's Seniors Bus/Train/Tram -

Excursion to the Gold Coast on Tuesday 15/5. Come & join us on our excursion to the Gold Coast. It will be a long day, however, it will be very enjoyable as we will travel along the Gold Coast Highway on the "G", (Tram) to Pacific Fair. Unfortunately, we won't be able to attend the Liturgy at St. Joseph's Church on this day, due to transport timings. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH OR SCHOOL CAR PARKS, PHILLIPS STREET WOULD BE SUITABLE. Here is the Timetable for the day: 1. Depart St. Joseph's Bus Stop in Phillips Street on the 9:02 CityExpress Bus Route 330. 2. Arrive Broadbeach South on the Tram (The "G") @ 1158 3. Spare Time & Lunch @ Pacific Fair. 4. Depart Broadbeach South on the Tram @ 2:26 pm. 5. Arrive St. Joseph's Bus Stop.. Phillips Street @ 5:22 pm. N.B. The times quoted, provide no more than 13 minutes connection time @ Roma Street & Helensvale Stations. PLEASE BRING YOUR GO CARD. If you would like to join us, please contact Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Sessions will recommence shortly. At the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of Mass. These sessions are held at the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Margaret

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 at the Office or Margaret.

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:-

We Pray 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 have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 19-20/5. 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, 12-13/5. 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. Khaghoany, ? 7.30am. D. Phillpott. 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. A. Coffey. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. C. Kennedy. K. Hutton. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 3. 13/5. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. Group 4. 20/5. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 12/5. Judy Hall.

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

6-13/5. 6th Sunday of Easter. The Ascension of the Lord. Centacare CFRS. Labour Day. Ignite Launch. Our Lady of Fatima. Mothers' Day. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Saints Nereus. Achilleus. Pancras.

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

Our Library.

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

Parish Pastoral Council.

Regular meetings occur between Centacare, Parish, and School in relation to providing up to 20 additional After School Care places. Irrespective of the option chosen, the expected building works would still be in the vicinity of \$1.4m. A new building would mean that the Parish would get back full use of the Parish Centre and this is desperately needed. Undertaking such building works would mean the Parish taking out a new ADF loan for about \$1.4m over 10 years. 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".

St. Joseph's School.

For many years, Scholastic has promoted National Family Reading in the month of May. "If we want children to read independently, they need to have easy access to a wide assortment of fiction and nonfiction books, choice in what they read, and time to practise reading. Given a good selection of books, all kids read more. And those who read more books get more practice and become better readers." Research shows that children who read books for just 10 minutes a day perform better in school. * (National Centre for Family Literacy) There are many worthwhile tips on great ways to get children reading on the Scholastic website. This week we will have completed all Prep 2019 interviews. Offers of placement will be made by the end of this month. Applications for positions are very strong and we will again be accepting four classes for 2019. I would expect that this intake will be the norm for years to come. Whilst our intake in Prep will be consistent, one change to occur over recent years has been the steady increase in the numbers of boys remaining at St. Joseph's for their final two years. The percentage of boys staying after year four is now approximately 75% of the cohort. This is resulting in stronger

numbers in the upper school which is great and will be supported by the proposed building of a new Catholic Secondary College at Fitzgibbon which will offer another option for boys and girls beyond Year 7.

Following on from the Royal Commission.

At the end of February 2018, the Parish published the final weekly update on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and committed to monitoring internet sources for new information and providing it through the parish newsletter. The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) met last week in Rome with their first day dedicated to hearing from members of the Survivor Advisory Panel (SAP) of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission from England and Wales. This was part of the PCPM's ongoing commitment to ensuring that the thoughts and contributions of people who have been abused inform all aspects of the Commission's work. The PCPM heard presentations on 'The outcome of the Australian Royal Commission' and on other matters, which may be read at <http://bit.ly/PCPMPress>

Specialist Support Updated:

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld).

Helpline 1800 337 928.

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Centacare Family and Relationship Services Brisbane. 3251 5000

Lifeline.

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UnitingCare Chermiside.

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Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

Netta Sheridan.

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

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

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

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you." The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? Please, pray for Vocations.

The Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

This year the keynote speaker will be Mr Bob Atkinson, one of the six Royal Commissioners on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The 2018 Charity recipient will be ARMCare (Australian Refugee and Migrant Care Services Ltd) . More information and booking can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/2018PrayerBreakfast

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria

B/Ridge Uniting Church Multicultural -

Leisure Therapy Group. This group primarily seeks to assist, enable and encourage people with some limitations in life, but all are welcome to attend. Bracken Ridge Uniting Church Multicultural Leisure Therapy Group - Tuesday 1/5 at 10am. At the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church, Cnr. Pellinore Road and Bracken Street, Bracken Ridge. Cost \$5 per person including morning tea. Enq. 3269 8814. Please join us.

Need help at School?

Experienced teacher providing support in your home. Prep – Grade 10. English and Maths. BA. PGCE. MA. Educational Leadership. \$60 per hour. Enq. Caroline 0435 643 978.

Alice In Wonderland Tea Party.

For Australia's Biggest Morning Tea! Wed. 23/5. 9-11.30am. In the Fr. Bernie Costigan Centre, St. Joseph's. Phillips St., Bracken Ridge. All welcome. \$5 Raffles.

PALMS.

Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin. or trade skills? Have you ever thought about sharing them with our Global family to reduce poverty and make a fairer world? Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainability. Try a short Encounter to Timor, Leste or Samoa. Enq. Christine at PALMS on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

2018 Parish Sacramental Programme.

The next opportunity for enrolment for the Sacraments of Initiation of children will be Tue. 29/5 at 7.30pm., in the Church. Enq. Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings on 3261 3670 or email Helen

Two Minute Homilies.

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

menALIVE in the City.

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

New Socks and Warm Beanie Appeal.

We will be having our annual May appeal to collect beanies and new socks to support those in our local area and our City who are struggling at this time. Socks (dark colours are best) and beanies will be distributed to those in need through Paddy's Van at Shorncliffe, Rosies at Caboolture & the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade at Spring Hill. Socks and beanies must be new. A large plastic storage box will be available at the back of the church from 28/29th April until the end of May. Your support will be greatly appreciated by those who find themselves without a place to call home this winter. Our warm donations will help lift hearts and spirits. Please do not leave any other items of clothing in the box. SVDP shops at Sandgate & Brighton welcome all other donations of clothing. With gratitude Helen Hickey Enq. Parish office: 3261 3670.

Feel The Beat -

-with Julie McCoy's Community Zumba Fitness Class on the First Sunday of each month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Julie is a certified Zumba Fitness Instructor. All ages & fitness levels welcome. Please wear comfortable work out gear and joggers. Next session 6/5.

Soundwave Choir (formerly JAJA Choir)-

- is looking for a new conductor. We are a small community choir who loves to sing! We would be happy to have someone conduct for us even on a short-term basis if someone was just interested in a temporary stint. Also happy for music students to contact us if they would like some experience. Please contact Kathryn for more information.

St John Fisher College Open Day.

The Open Evening is Thursday 10th May 3:30-6pm. Please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below if you would like to discuss this or would like more information. Enq. Clarissa Wright 3269 8188, 3869 0216 or clarissa.wright@bne.catholic.edu.au or www.sjfc.qld.edu.au

Lost and Found.

An iPad has been found in the Church. Please see Margaret Halpin if it is yours.

The Brisbane team of Catholic Mission -

- is expanding. We are looking for someone with passion, energy and a sense of humour to join us as a donor relations officer. If you know someone who wants to make a difference in the world and has a heart for mission and evangelizing, please share the link below with them. <http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/work-with-us>