

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

11th Sunday of the Year
17th of June

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24. Psalm 91. 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. Mark 4:26-34.

Next Week 23-24/6.

Isaiah 49:1-6. Psalm 138. Acts 13:22-26. Luke 1:57-66,80.

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. 1 Kings 21:1-16. P.5. Matthew 5:38-42.

Tue. 1 Kings 21:17-29. P.50. Matthew 5:43-48.

Wed. 2 Kings 2:1,6-14. P.30. Matthew 6:1-6,16-18.

Thu. Sirach 48:1-14. P.96. Matthew 6:7-15.

Fri. 2 Kings 11:1-4,9,18,20. P.131. Matt. 6:19-23.

Sat. 2 Chronicles 24:171-25. P.88. Matt. 6:24-34.

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-11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 4:26-34)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kin-dom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated, more scientific understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.

In an era of urbanization, supermarket chains, and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable might serve as a reminder of the goodness of the Earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It might inspire us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the Earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kin-dom.

At another level, we might ask about the identity of the sower. We might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They are open-ended and challenging.

The second parable appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God's reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity.

Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have brought a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience.

Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously, for extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.



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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 Broughe,

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.

While the school is undergoing a building programme, 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. 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' Outing.

Visit To Redcliffe Museum. Tue. 19/6. After the 9am. Liturgy, we Will Carpool to The Redcliffe Museum. UBD Ref: Map 91. "R-5". Corner of Oxley & Anzac Avenues. Morning Tea will be supplied For a small fee. TBA on the day. Margaret Harding, Volunteer, Redcliffe Museum, will address us on some of the history of Redcliffe, before we have FREE time to explore the newly opened Museum opened only a week ago. We will then carpool for the short drive to the newly opened... again only a week ago. Redcliffe RSL Club for Lunch. We have booked some tables, however we DO NEED TO CONFIRM the number of members attending. Please ring Therese or Ron if you are able to attend. EVERYONE WELCOME. Enquiries: Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Sessions will recommence next term. 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.

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.

We Pray God's Healing touch and love-

for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. Marie Cross. Clima and Ben Santiago. Kate Hutchinson. Alana Ryan. Kane Murdoch. Greg Pyne. Aileen Collins. Christina Peters. John Hanley. 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.

Safeguarding Children and –

- Vulnerable Adults Training. If you weren't able to attend the Sandgate or Banyo sessions recently, here are some other opportunities for anyone who needs to complete this training course: At HANLY ROOM, Francis Rush Centre, next to the Cathedral of St Stephen. Thursday 12/7. 12.30 to 2.30pm. Sun. 29/7. 10am. to 12 noon. Please note capacity is 100 people, from the whole of the Archdiocese. Parking at the Cathedral Precinct is unavailable for weekday sessions. Limited parking is available for the Sunday session. Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to register to attend. If you would like to register, please contact Terry Tolhurst, Terry will facilitate the on-line registration process for you.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

17-24/6. 11th Sundays of the Year. The Nativity of John the Baptist. Centacare CFRS. Saints Romuald. Aloysius Gonzaga. John Fisher. Thomas More. Paulinus of Nola.

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.

Vocation Views.

Through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and by the Word of God we are nourished and continue to grow towards fuller maturity. Like the Church, we are the potential to be like a growing tree, bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

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

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

St. Joseph's Fete 2018.

4/8. If you have any unbroken toys your children have outgrown, our Trash and Treasure Stall would love to have them!

They would also like other items such as clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, books, comics, games, etc. So if you are having an early spring clean, don't forget us! Donations may be left at Johns' Shed (entry Phillips St..)

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

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

North East Deanery Youth Day.

Join with youth and young adults (12 -30 yo) from across North East Brisbane to celebrate the Year of Youth. The Day will be facilitated by Br Damien Price, Greg Sunter and the Passionist Youth Team, and will include discussions, activities, the sharing of food, and the celebration of Mass. Saturday 28 July from 8:30 to 4pm at St Joseph's Bracken Ridge. Cost \$5. Please register by 20 July 2018 at www.trybooking.com/VJYQ.

Enquiries: nedyouthday@gmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council.

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.

Spotlight on: Cent Auction. The cent auction is looking for donations for this year's Fete! Perhaps you may be able to help us: Business (we will have paperwork surrounding your donation with your company logo & what you have donated): * a voucher, * product * monetary donation. We are also looking for personal donations from home. This could be anything brand new, that you bought for your home or were given as gifts and it's just sitting in a cupboard collecting dust. We will accept any donations big or small: * toys including outdoor toys, * kitchen items / candle packs, * tool / sports equipment, * cushions / throw rugs, * beach items / back packs. Enq. at the School 3261 2858.

Mental Health Pastoral Care.

Wednesday 25/7. Registrations close Friday 20/7. This will be a day for:-

- De-mystifying and humanising mental health for pastoral care workers and chaplains.
- Enabling members of the community to make a difference in the lives of people who face mental health difficulties.
- Equipping members of the community to walk alongside those affected by mental ill-health.
- Informing members of the community of the resources available to help people in dealing with Mental Health and Wellbeing.
- Raising awareness of how the Mental Health System works.

Keynote Speaker - Dave Andrews.

This event is organised by a cross-denominational committee. Phone: 3217 2522 | Fax: 3217 2274 | Email: aalban@anglicaresq.org.au At Chermide Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Road, Chermide - Cnr. Rode and Gympie Rds. Parking at rear of church. ATM within short walking distance.

Queensland Churches Together.

'Looking Beyond Division'. Introduction to Ecumenism. 24-18/9. At the Australian Catholic University, Nudgee Road. Banyo. Applications due in by 31/8. Enq. and or Applications: Ray Williamson. CLedger@csu.edu.au or ph: 02 6272 6201. The Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project (JCDVPP), have produced a book "Questions Women Ask about Domestic Violence and Christian Beliefs" (cover attached). The book costs \$6. All

proceeds will go towards creating training material on DV prevention. Please email QCT if you would like to place any orders for the book. Jackie at admin@qct.org.au

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. This is our follow on. The Catholic Church will join National Redress Scheme with the Australian Catholic Bishops and Catholic Religious Australia, issuing a press release on Wednesday 30th May. The press release is at <http://bit.ly/ACBC30052018> The press release focuses on participation in the national redress scheme for survivors of child sexual abuse. Once more details are received, our Parish Facebook page and our parish newsletter will provide links for access. Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

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. 13 11 14

UnitingCare Chermide. 3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine. 3028 4648.

Netta Sheridan.

Nouwen Network.

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

Survey of Catholic families attending –

-non-Catholic schools. The Archdiocese of Brisbane is conducting research into the reasons that some Catholic families choose to send their children to non-Catholic schools. We know that there are many reasons for this. We are seeking families who have chosen to send their children to state, independent or other denominational schools to take part in a short, anonymous, online survey. We hope the responses will give us a better understanding of the needs of the families in our parishes. It is estimated that the survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you would like to help our community in this way, please access the survey at this web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3P7TJ> Q The survey will be open until 24 June. Thank you for your assistance.

"Viridian, a Catholic retirement village –

-at Boondall, currently has some lovely units available for sale. Two of the units which are two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a study are north facing. Perfect for enjoying breakfast on the balcony in the winter sun. The third is a two bedroom unit, main with walk in robe and two way bathroom overlooking bushland. If you or someone you know would like to inspect these units, please phone Sharon on 3054 4635 or see www.holyspirit.com.au".

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

28/8 – 11/11/18. Enq. Magi Pilgrimages. Ph: 1300 721 561 or email: info@magiholidays.com.au

Feel the Beat.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers Zumba on the first Sunday evening of each month will no longer be continuing.

Irish Celtic Concert.

Performed by the Queensland Irish Choir. At the Sandgate Town Hall. Sun. 1/7. 2 to 4pm. A wonderful afternoon of entertainment which will include the choir singing a number of popular Celtic songs, Pipers, Dancers, singalong, and a complimentary afternoon tea! Tickets at the door. \$18, or \$15 for groups of ten or more. It would be appreciated if proposed group attendees ring Jennifer Dunbar on 07 3399 3129 or 0447 744 788 before Sun. 1/7 to receive the reduced price on arrival. It will also assist for catering purposes.

Two Minute Homilies.

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

27 May 2018—Trinity Sunday

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy Statement

... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14. Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

Thank you for your support in returning your documentation to the Parish Office. Should you be unsure about the requirements for your ministry, please contact Terry Tolhurst

SVDP

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

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am. Next gathering Monday 18 June. Enq Jan or Jan

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St Joseph's Fete

Saturday 4 August 2018

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night All welcome

Youth Groups

BLITZ:- next gathering today. Sun. 17/6. June. We will be looking at ways we can care for the environment. All children in years 4-6 are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre 4.30-6pm. —Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:- next gathering Sun. 24/6. We will be going Bowling at Strathpine Hyperbowl from 5-7.30pm. Permission forms will be there to fill out. Please bring \$15 for the game. All high school students between years 7-12 welcome Enq Emma Beach

SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Meeting this Sunday, 10/6 at 6.30pm. Enq. Jess

Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen pf the Parish invited and welcome. Enq. Philip

Women's Prayer Group

Held Wednesdays in the Church from 9.30 – 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last weekend we collected \$131.10 for our friends in Blackall/Tambo Parish.

This week we are collecting for the Water Wells in South Sudan.

As always, we thank our very generous parishioners for continuing to support our projects.

Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

Giving

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up before the offertory. Current number of Envelope Givers: 68. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 93. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$536
Direct Debit	\$1672
Loose	\$1286
Total	\$3494

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 23 \$3448.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

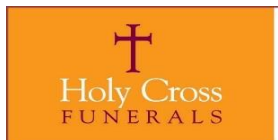
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Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks for your support.



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