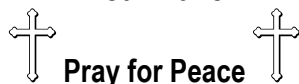


Year 2018



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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**16th Sunday of the Year
22nd of July**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6. Psalm 22. Ephesians 2:13-18. Mark 6:30-34.

Next Week 28-29/7.

2 Kings 4:42-44. Psalm 144. Ephesians 4:1-6. John 6:1-15.

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. Micah 6:1-4,6-8.P.49. Matthew 12:38-42.

Tue. Micah 7:14-15,18-20.P.84. Matthew 12:46-50.

Wed. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15. P.125. Matt. 20:20-28.

Thu. Jer.2:1-3,7-8,12-13. P.35. Matt.13:10-17.

Fri. Jeremiah 3:14-17. P. Matthew 13:24-30.

Sat. Jeremiah 7:1-11. P.83.Matthew 13:24-30.

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/](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-16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 6:30-34)**

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world, the demands of living a gospel way of life can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us.

The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert, on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other.

The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb for being moved with compassion suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and he is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away.

Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us.

The Hebrew word for justice refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness entail.

As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning, though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the “shepherd”, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement of peoples and of other-than-human species.



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Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Lisa Harrison

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.

Parish Twilight Retreat This Evening.

Sunday 22nd July 4 -7pm.

Dr. Maeve Heaney – musician, composer, Doctor of Theology and University Lecturer, with a passion for helping people discover and grow in a personal relationship with God – will lead us in reflection, discussion and quiet time.

A catered dinner will follow at 7pm. All very welcome.

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.

Each month in parish life can bring new opportunities and challenges.

In July we have two special events –

The Parish Twilight Retreat this Sunday evening 4pm-7pm with Sister Maeve Heaney. Welcome to Sister Maeve.

Next Saturday we host the Deanery Youth Day 8.30am – 4pm.

Welcome to the presenting teams and guests for the day.

Sister Dorothy has now begun parish visitations in the parish.

Her available days are Thursday and Friday mornings and early afternoons.

In August we will explore parish consultations for the national 2020 Plenary Council.

In September there will be a parish focus on prayer.

Including sacred space in our homes and home prayer resource suggestions.

In October there will be two nights for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We pray for each of the children and families. We give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received.

Fr Gerry

Anointing Mass.

Tue. 7/8. 9am. All welcome.

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."

Children's Liturgy.

Today, at the 9am. Mass only. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 29/7. Barbara Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of Mass. These sessions are held at the 9am. Mass only and are for 3, 4 & 5 year olds. 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 at the Office or Margaret.

Pope's message lays foundation for new safeguarding strategy 2018 - 2020

Pope Francis's call for "zero tolerance" towards sexual abuse has underpinned a new safeguarding strategy across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Pope Francis's words were an important factor in the Archdiocese's design of a strategy that will apply to all ministries and services for the next three years. The Archdiocese's new strategy applies to all church personnel including bishops, clergy, religious, employees, contractors and volunteers across all parishes, ministries, agencies and services. The Archdiocese encourages Church workers and the community to raise concerns about abuse or other safeguarding issues within the Church. Concerns can be raised with the Office for Safeguarding Services or via the independent and confidential STOPLine service. The Safeguarding Service can be contacted on 07 3324 3752 or safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au. The STOPLine service can be contacted on 1300 304 550 or A0B@stopline.com.au. Anonymous reports can be made to the STOPLine service.

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 7/8. The Mass will be a Healing Mass - with the School Children. After this 9am.

Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Guest Speaker - Lisa Harrison. Lisa is a long term parishioner of St. Joseph's & and one of only 43 Queensland Law Society accredited specialists in Succession Law. She works as solicitor with her husband at a local law practice. Lisa will be addressing us on numerous legal issues including Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA), Advanced Health Directives (AHD) and Protection from Elder Financial Abuse. These subjects are so very relevant to everyone, particularly the elder members in our community. Come along to find out from a qualified practitioner, exactly how these subjects relate to each one of us. Enquiries & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

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 4-5/8. 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, 28-29/7. Group 2.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

29/7. Group 2.

5/8. Group 3.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 28/7.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish has traditionally supported the School fete by volunteering to attend to car parking duties on the School oval between the hours of 8am and 1pm. Can anyone with a couple of hours to spare on the 4th of August and wanting to volunteer please contact Tom Gordon on 3269 0383 (and leave a message).

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".

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

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

St. Joseph's Fete 2018.

4/8. The cake stall is looking for some very generous donations of homemade baked goods such as cakes, slices, cupcakes and Bar Cakes. Feel free to get in touch with us if you would like to help. It is important to remember that the money raised will be going to the betterment of our beautiful Church and School. Please contact me if you would like to help Melissa Xavier

Vocation Views.

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out of the way place". Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out of the way place.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

22-29/7. 16th & 17th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Alpha Programme. Discipleship Day. Saints James Apostle. Charbel. Alphonsa. Bridget. Joachim and Anne.

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

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

St. Joseph's School.

Cultural Showcase Evening Mon. 27/8. This will feature many of our talented groups in the school and will be held in the Father Bernie Costigan Centre. Every couple of years Brisbane Catholic Education has surveyed staff to determine levels of satisfaction across a number of areas. At present, BCE is planning for the future as part of a project entitled Vision Beyond 2020.

Mental Health Pastoral Care.

Wednesday 25/7. 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. 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.

For four Sundays in September –

Christians around the world celebrate the Spirit in Creation. QCEN is seeking photos and artworks to share as resources for liturgy during this season. A selection will be displayed in St John's Cathedral, Brisbane. 1/9 – 4/10. Upload your photos to www.fb.com/QCEnvNet where you will find more information, email your files to admin@qct.org.au or send printed photographs to PO Box 2096, Toowong Q 4066. All work will be acknowledged. For more information contact Craig Batty at cdbatty@gmail.com or 0414 744 558. For 2018 Season of Creation resources, visit www.seasonofcreation.org

Following on from the Royal Commission.

<http://bit.ly/ACBC30052018> This 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.

Plenary Council 2020.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying. The last time the Catholic Church in Australia held a Plenary Council was in 1937. It has been more than 80 years since we gathered all of the Church together and much has changed. In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change? The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage,

to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years. The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. See www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.

St. Agatha's.

Clayfield. Centenary Mass. Sun. 12/8. 10am. All welcome.

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

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. To place an order email Jackie at admin@qct.org.au

Abrahamic Faiths Concert.

An evening of Jewish, Christian and Muslim Sacred Voices and Music. The concert is followed by a delicious Supper. There is no charge for the concert or the food. All are welcome to attend. Thursday 23rd August at 7.30pm., at the Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University.

Blackall/Tambo Parish.

The 150 year Anniversary of the town of Blackall will be celebrated over a ten day period from Fri. 24/8 to Sun. 2/9. Events include Billy Cart Races, Rodeo, Weaner Sale, BBQ Cook Off with Matt Golinski, Entertainment by Tania Kernaghan, Bush Poetry and Combined Church Services. The full program of events can be found at www.btrc.qld.gov.au/b150-anniversary.

Lawn Maintenance.

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it simple for you.

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Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com

Note: please message us as the line could be busy with other calls during your call.

22nd July The 16th Sunday of the Year

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 Training.

The following training days are being offered this year:
O'Shea Centre, Wilston.
Monday, August 6th, 10am - 12pm
Aspley Parish
Sunday, November 18th, 10am - 12pm
Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane City
Thursday, July 12th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Sunday, July 29th 10am - 12pm
Thursday, August 16th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday, September 13th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday, October 18th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday, November 7th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday, December 6th 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to attend. First though you must Register and Terry Tolhurst can do this for you. Please contact him on Ph:0412 844 642 or email: terrytol@bigpond.net.au

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 16 July.
Enq Jan or Jan

Date Claimer

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

Deanery Youth Day

Saturday 28/7. 8.30am. - 4pm. At St. Joseph's. Bracken Ridge.

Calling all youth and young adults 12 - 30 years.

Register by this Monday 20/7 at www.trybooking.com/VJYQ

**Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!
Enq. Emma**

BLITZ:- next gathering Sun. 29/7, in the Parish Centre from 4.30 - 6pm.
All students in years 4-6 are welcome to join us. Gold coin donation.
Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:- next gathering Sun. 22/7.
Meeting in the SANDGATE TOWN HALL from 5-7pm. (We are doing Fire Safety).
All students between years 7-12 welcome
Enq Emma Beach

SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Enq. Jess

Men's Prayer Group

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

Women's Prayer Group

Gathering each Wednesday in the Church from 9.30 - 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

Last weekend we collected \$222.35 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish. This weekend we are collecting for Water Wells in South Sudan. As always, we thank you for your very generous support of our Parish 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: 67. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$470.
Direct Debit	\$1366.
Loose	\$994.
Total	\$2830.

*Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.
Average - Week 28 \$3385.*

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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Ph:.....

Email:.....

*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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WAG (World Action Group) Update

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Dear parishioners,

We have been notified that a parishioner has been diagnosed with tuberculosis. Our prayers are with the parishioner to make a full recovery. The parishioner is having treatment and remains in isolation at their home. They have not been to Mass for more than a month because of their ill health. The person often attended our Sunday morning 9am Mass.

We wanted to inform you of any risks. We have taken advice from the Metro South Clinical Tuberculosis Service. The risk for fellow parishioners is generally low. The risk increases slightly for those who have low immunity, and those under five years old. The tuberculosis bacteria is spread through droplet infection (for instance, coughing). It is not spread through touching objects.

The instance of the illness in Australia is very low on a world scale. Tuberculosis is curable with treatment.

If you are concerned about contracting tuberculosis through this case, you can access a free screening at the PA Hospital via the Metro South Clinical Tuberculosis Service. If you have queries or wish to undertake a test, you can call 3176 4141 and ask for Louise Hall.

We again offer our prayers for our parishioner and hope to see them recovered as soon as possible.

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