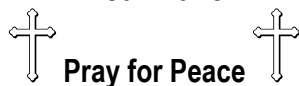


Year 2018



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**17th Sunday of the Year
29th of July**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 4-5/8.

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15. Psalm 77. Ephesians
4:17,20-24. John 6:24-35.

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. Daniel 7:9-10,13-14. P.96. Mark 9:2-10.

Tue. Jer. 30:1-2,12-15,18-22. P.101. Mt. 14:22-36.

Wed. 1.Kings 17:8-16. P. 63. Mathew 6:25-34.

Thu. Jeremiah 31:31-34. P.50. Matthew 16:13-23.

Fri. 2. Cor.9:6-10. P.111. John 12:24-26.

Sat. Habakkuk 1:12-2:4. P.9.Matthew 17:14-20.

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-17th
Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(John 6:1-15)**

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

The gospel readings for the next five weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called "first world" know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth's precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John's account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the "signs" he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd's response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The "mountain" place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the "more-than-enough", so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing.

Although the people partially understand Jesus' identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems.

It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.



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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.

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.

Sister Dorothy has now begun parish visitations in the parish.

Her available days are Thursday and Friday.

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 5/8. Kathleen Anable. 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, Terry 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 AOB@stoline.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.

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 11-12/8. 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, 4-5/8. Group 3.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

5/8. Group 3.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 4/8.

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.

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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.

Today we are reminded by St. Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to "bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience". That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

29/7-5/8. 17th & 18th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Alpha Programme. Two Hours of Quiet. Catholic Education Week. Saints Peter Chrysologus. Ignatius of Loyola. Alphonsus Mary Liguori. Peter Faber. Dominic. John Mary Vianney.

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.

FOR THE FETE: Bags..bags...bags. In keeping with the recent ban on single use plastic bags, we won't be supplying these at our stalls this year. We

hope to have some reusable bags – eg. Department store bags such as Myer, David Jones, Target, shoes and clothes store bags etc. at each stall. To help us boost free bag supplies at stalls, please send in any department store bags that you may have at home anytime between now and the Fete. We also encourage you to bring your own bags for all the goodies you'll collect through the day – trash 'n' treasure, books, clothes, cakes, craft, sweets, pick-a-box, etc. However, if you forget your bags, we will have re-usable cloth bags on sale at stalls for 50c and also on sale will be special 40th Anniversary commemorative bags for \$3.00.

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/QCENet 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

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.

Following on from the Royal Commission.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has convened an additional plenary meeting for 2018 to expedite the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The meeting will be held in Melbourne on August 2 and 3, and will allow the bishops to consider, as a body, the Church's formal response to the Royal Commission. Their media release is at <http://bit.ly/ACBC26072018>
Netta Sheridan

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Centacare Family and Relationship Services -

Brisbane 07 3251 5000

Lifeline - 13 11 14

UnitingCare – Chermide 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

St. Agatha's.

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

PALMS Australia.

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified and/or experienced professional trades and business people willing to volunteer as mentors to their local personnel. They have asked Palms to find and prepare these volunteers to live and work in the communities, building capacity of local people and organisations through skill-transfer. This has proven most effective in developing communities sustainably, improving opportunities and reducing poverty. Palms Australia is a Catholic agency which expresses Pope Francis' call to be "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets", and in the villages, farms, hospitals and schools where Palms volunteers serve. Palms volunteers do not seek comfort, but embrace a life of solidarity with their host communities during a mission of 1-3 years. The Archdiocese is supportive of those who take up a global mission placement: The Archdiocese will cover the cost of the Palms Orientation course and a re-entry weekend on return. The Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund that in 2018 will provide a payment of \$2,500 for each year one is on this mission. Palms Australia gives us an opportunity to show the true face of the Church. Enq. 3324 3415 or aomail@bne.catholic.net.au

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Next meeting Wed. 1/8, 12.30pm., at Café Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

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. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459.

Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com

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

Celebrating 35 Years of Passionist Family -

Groups in Queensland. The QLD Family Group Team would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has been part of the Family Group Movement in QLD and Northern NSW for the past 35 years. Fr Brian Taynor, Fr Ray Sanchez, Tim Horlock and Paul Traynor will be celebrating with us. At The Fort, Fort Rd Oxley. Sat. 15/9. From 4pm. Welcome and Gathering. Mass. Happy Hour. Dinner 7pm. RSVP elainestrati@gmail.com Elaine 0414 187 458 or irbergin@bigpond.net.au Jeanelle 0400 518 314 or gwen.winterscheidt@gmail.com Gwen 0407 175 508.

Queensland Churches Together.

Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project (JCDVPP). 1/9. 8am. – 1pm. At Churches of Christ Community Centre, 41 Brookfield Rd., Kenmore. \$30. Enq. 3369 6792 or admin@qct.org.au

Arts, Spirituality, Care for our Common Home.

Sat. 1/9. This Workshop will be held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, from 8.30am. to 3pm. Theme: Care for Our Common Home (Creation), with God and Creation, Wisdom and Creation, and Love and Creation providing the focus for the sessions. The inspiration for the day is Pope Francis' Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home, Accredited by Brisbane Catholic Education as a five hour contribution towards teacher's Professional Development. Registrations close Fri. 24/8. Enq. Peter Hunter at peterandhelen190@hotmail.com or phone 3286 1494. This workshop is being held on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and marks the beginning of the Season of Creation which runs through until 4/10. The Workshop provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate that Day of Prayer and begin the Season of Creation in an intentional way.

29th July. 17th 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

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

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 .

WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last weekend we collected \$211.90 for Water Wells in South Sudan. This weekend we are collecting for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

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	\$640.
Direct Debit	\$1366.
Loose	\$930.
Total	\$2936.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 29 \$3369.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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