

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**19th Sunday of the Year
12th of August**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

1 Kings 19:4-8. Psalm 33. Ephesians 4:30-5:2.
John 6:41-51.

Next Week 18-19/8.

Proverbs 9:1-6. Psalm 33. Ephesians 5:15-20.
John 6:51-58.

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. Ezek.1:2-5,24-28. P.148. Matt. 17:22-27.

Tue. Ezek. 2:8-3:4. P.118. Matt.18:1-5,10,12-14

Wed. 1.Chron.15:3-4,15-16. P.131. Lk.11:27-28.

Thu. Ezek.12:1-12. P.77. Matthew 18:21-19:1.

Fri. Ezek.16:1-15,60-64. Matthew 19:3-12.

Sat. Ezek.18:1-10,13,30-32.P.50. Matt.19:13-15.

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-18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(John 6:24-35)**

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the constructed environment and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

The question, "Rabbi, *when* did you come *here*?", has to do with time and place Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. The more we do so, the more attuned we will be to the implications of accepting that Jesus is the bread of life.



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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. 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 continues parish visitations in the parish. Her available days are Thursday and Friday. This month we 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

Feast of the Assumption.

Holy Day of Obligation this Wednesday. Currently in Australia we only have 2 Holy Days of Obligation that are not regularly on a Sunday. They are The Assumption on 15/8 and Christmas Day on 25/12. This year, Wed. 15/8 is also EKKKA Show Day in Brisbane. This very important religious day of Mary, celebrates Our Lady assumed into heaven. Our Masses on the day will be 9am., and 7pm.

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.

Held in the Parish Centre at 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 19/8. Angela Keats. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited and welcome. 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.

St. Joseph's Seniors' Outing.

City Hall Concert - Tue. 21/8. After 9am. Liturgy, we will catch the CityExpress Bus from St. Joseph's Bus Stop in Phillips Street, departing at 9:34. Morning Tea (Venue TBA). Concert: "The Honey Sliders Play the Beatles". 12noon - 1pm. Then lunch at a venue TBA, before returning home on the bus. Therese & I will be away until the 20/8 so please text the Mobile No. below or leave a message on the landline, if you are able us to join us as we enjoy the music of the Beatles era. Please bring along your GoCard. Enquiries: 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 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 25-26/8. Group 6. 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, 18-19/8. Group 5

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 5.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 5

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

19/8. Group 5.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 18/8.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

12-19/8. 19th & 20th Sundays of the Year. The Assumption. Our Lady of Fatima Devotion at Sunnybank. Feast of Filomena. Centacare CFRS. Saints Pontian. Hippolytus. Maximillian Mary Kolbe. Stephen of Hungary. San Alberto Hurtado.

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.

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.

To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God. "Try, then, to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you". Be a presence of God's love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God's love.

The Annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

This Weekend - 11/12. We welcome Mr. Laurie Scott from Catholic Mission to our Masses this weekend. 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news....' Isaiah 52:7. In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to the school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar.

St. Joseph's School.

Cultural Showcase Evening Mon. 27/8. In the Fr. Bernie Costigan Centre. This will feature many of our talented groups in the school.

Position Vacant -

-Parish Secretary Liturgy. For a position at the Pine Rivers Catholic Parish. A person is required for a part time position of Parish Secretary. Enq. to website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

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

Plenary Council 2020.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying. 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.

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 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference agreed on 3 August to release its formal response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse by the end of the month. It will also release the four volumes of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council's final report. Their media release is at <http://bit.ly/ACBC03082018> Netta Sheridan. Specialist Support – Updated Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld) Helpline - 1800 337 928 Centacare Family and Relationship Services - Brisbane 07 3251 5000 Lifeline - 13 11 14 UnitingCare – Chermiside 07 3624 2400 Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Catholic Prison Chaplaincy.

Volunteer lay Catholic chaplains make a huge difference to the lives and rehabilitation prospects of prisoners. Currently 25 Chaplains visit the 11 prisons in the Archdiocese. New male and female Chaplains are always welcomed with a particular need right now at Borallon Correctional Centre for male chaplains and for female Chaplains at the Southern Queensland Correctional Centre at Gatton and Numinbah Correctional Centre. Training, support and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses provided. Blue Cards and consent for criminal history checks required. If you would like to know more about faith in action in this ministry please contact Centacare Pastoral Ministries 3324 3193, or email: adminpasmin@bne.centacare.net.au subject: Prison Chaplaincy.

Friday Night Prayer Vigils.

Quiet Prayer and Reflection in the Church -8pm., each Friday night. All welcome.

Men's Prayer Group.

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

Women's Prayer Group.

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

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

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable –

- Adults Training. The following training days are being offered this year:

Aspley Parish.

Sunday, November 18th, 10am - 12pm

Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City.

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

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on Sat. 6/10 at 10am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. For catering purposes, RSVP by 28/9. cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 3324 3030.

BLITZ- Gathering this 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- Gathering Sun. 19/8 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between years 7-12 welcome. Enq Emma Beach

SALT- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Meeting tis Sun. 12/8 opposite Fishmonger at Sandgate for Fish 'n' Chips. All welcome. Enq. Jess

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. 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.

Position Vacant – Cathedral Organist.

Applications are open for a position as a leading Cathedral church musician for the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane performing organ accompaniment, music improvisation, and choral education on a full time basis. Enq., please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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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 jrbergin@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. 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. of Creation which runs through until 4/10.

12th of August. 19th Sunday of the Year.

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

QUICK REFERENCE ...

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SVDP

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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

Our Parish Newsletter online

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Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

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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.

Cath. Social Justice Council website. (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last weekend we collected \$168 for the Water Wells in South Sudan.

This week we take a break from WAG and focus on the Catholic Mission Appeal.

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	\$653.
Direct Debit	\$1836.
Loose	\$989.
Total	\$3478.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 31 \$3358.

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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