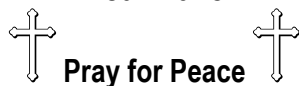


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**21st Sunday of the Year
26th of August**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18. Psalm 33. Ephesians 5:21-32. John 6:60-69.

Next Week 1-2/9.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8. Psalm 14. Jas. 1:17-18,21-22,27. Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.

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. 2 Thess.1:1-5,11-12. P.95. Matt. 23:13-22.

Tue. 2. Thess.2:1-3,14-17. P.95. Matt. 23:23-26.

Wed. Jeremiah 1:17-19. P.70. Mark 6:17-29.

Thu. 1. Corinthians 1:1-9. P.144. Matt.24:42-51.

Fri. 1. Corinthians 1:17-25. P.32. Matt. 25:1-13.

Sat. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. P.32. Matt. 25:14-30.

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/>

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-21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(John 6:60-69)**

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

If we have trouble understanding and coming to terms with the teachings of Jesus in the gospel, then we can take some comfort from the reaction of the disciples in John's community some decades after the death of Jesus. It seems that it was not only the members of the Jewish synagogue who were offended by his teaching, but also those Jews who had accepted Jesus as Messiah or Christ and had joined the community of believers. "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" they complain. They are referring to his teaching on the "bread" that he will give them. Once again, Jesus' response introduces new teaching, teaching that can only raise more questions in their minds. He links "spirit" with "life". Having used the term "flesh" of his body and of the life that he offers to those who eat of his flesh, he now introduces an element of doubt: flesh is now "useless"! We must be careful not to interpret this literally. It is typical of John to use the same word in a variety of ways. Here "flesh" is used negatively and metaphorically to refer to human weakness and sinfulness in contrast with "spirit" which evokes the creative spirit of God that moved over the waters at creation and the spirit of God that informed the word of the prophets.

The Johannine Jesus lays the ground for offering progressively deeper insights into his identity and destiny and into the meaning of the Christian life. The reference to his "ascending" recalls the earlier part to the gospel where he is presented as the pre-existent one, the one who comes from God and has already ascended to God (John 3:13). Once again, we are confronted with an ancient cosmology that places God in the heavens above. After his death, Jesus will tell Mary Magdalene that he has not yet ascended and instructs her to tell the disciples that he is ascending to God (20:17). It seems that John wants to keep emphasising the origins of Jesus as the eternal Word and the Wisdom of God.

There are many who refuse to grapple with the complexities and implications of his teaching and they turn away. Jesus asks his closest followers if they too will desert. Peter speaks for himself and his companions when he declares their undying allegiance: "To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." Eternal life is the Johannine equivalent of the "kin-dom of God" or "of the heavens" of the other gospels.

Most of us have wanted to abandon our commitment at some time or another. Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and an encouragement for those of us who seek to understand more deeply and to keep believing despite the challenges.



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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.

...Both Lives Matter...

From the Archdiocese of Brisbane: For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born – late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it “in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed”. This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. The Archdiocese wants to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider it. We believe that both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. Visit our website to learn more: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/> Link to a video that the Archbishop has made on the abortion laws: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6E7wAwT8Xv8> Thank you to all parishioners who have already signed the petition stating “Both Lives Matter”. If you haven’t had a chance yet, please consider taking the time to add your name to the petitions on the paper table today. Petitions from last week and this weekend will be submitted to the Archdiocese on Monday 27 August.

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. 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

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.”

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together

“Hoy” Games Day With Shirley. Tue. 4/9. After 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share & come along in your colourful Spring outfit for our Spring Morning Tea. Shirley Kingston will be involving us all, in Games of Hoy. Please bring an item to the Value of \$1 (approx.) to play. Enquiries & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Today. Held in the Parish Centre at 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 2/9. Robyn Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited and welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. 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.

Child Protection Week.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane marks Child Safeguarding Sunday on 2/9. That Sunday coincides with the first day of National Child Protection Week and Father’s Day. Child Protection Sunday provides an opportunity for Archdiocesan parishes, ministries, agencies and services to highlight the activities they undertake to care for and protect children. The Office for Safeguarding Services has collected resources to support parishes and faith communities in the lead-up to Child Safeguarding Sunday. These resources may be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/AOBsafeguardingresources> To assist with preparation for Child Protection Week the National Committee for Professional Standards has provided Homily Notes and Prayers of the Faithful provided by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ. This may be found within the resources link above.

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.

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. Enq. to Craig Batty at cdbatty@gmail.com or 0414 744 558. For 2018 Season of Creation resources, visit www.seasonofcreation.org

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

26/8-2/9. 21st & 22nd Sundays of the Year. World Refugee and Migration Day (Holy See). National Flag Day. Multicultural Mass at the Cathedral. Centacare CFRS. Retreat with Fr. Ray Sanchez. The Passion of John the Baptist. Our Lady of Czestochowa. Saints Monica. Augustine.

Vocation Views.

Jesus, teach us about life everlasting: “Your words Lord are spirit and life ... “ It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God’s way. “The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life”. It is God’s words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life. Pay for vocations

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 8-9/9. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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, 1-2/9. Group 1.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 1.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 1.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

2/9. Group 1.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 1/9.

Parish Pastoral Council.

Sr. Dorothy has ‘hit the ground running’ in relation to her visitations of refugee families in the Bracken Ridge area and is extending her travelling to other areas as requested by the families...she is visiting several families each day and is being made very welcome by all families – these families really appreciate her physical presence on the ground. Another initiative involves some apprenticeships open to refugees via East Coast Apprenticeship & Training organization and is starting to ‘bear fruit’ and leading to good job offers for a number of participants. 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”.

Catholic Mission.

2018 Annual Catholic Campaign. Help educate our future priests. Your support helps to equip our next generation of Catholic priests with a solid pastoral and theological education, so they are able to guide our parishes, hospitals and missions for years to come. Your gift is currently helping 22 seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo, one of the four vital agencies supported by the Catholic Campaign. Centacare’s team of staff and volunteers to provide outreach: Homelessness and housing support. Hospital chaplaincy. Domestic and family violence. Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. Your gift is the answer to someone’s prayer through Centacare, one of the four vital agencies supported by the Catholic Campaign. Please support the good works of the Church. Give today: 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

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.

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

St. Joseph's School.

The school will take possession of the new administration building next week. We still have a number of things to do before it is operational, however, it will be great to be rid of the many safety panels that have blocked pathways etc. Thank you to all for your patience. **Cultural Showcase:** This coming Monday evening. 27/8. In the Fr. Bernie Costigan Centre. This will feature many of our talented groups in the school.

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. Pope Francis has written to the 'People of God' dated 20 August 2018 <http://bit.ly/Francis20082018> Fr. Gerry, responded to Francis letter on 21 August 2018, <http://bit.ly/FrGerryresponse21082018> Archbishop Mark Coleridge, as President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), issued a statement dated 21 August 2018, in response to Francis letter <http://bit.ly/ACBC21082018> All are on the home page of our website www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com scroll down to 'Featured'. 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.

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

Plenary Council 2020.

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.

Catholic Prison Chaplaincy.

Volunteer lay Catholic chaplains needed. Training, support and reimbursement of out of pocket expenses provided. Blue Cards and consent for criminal history checks required. Enq. Centacare Pastoral Ministries 3324 3193, or email: adminpamin@bne.centacare.net.au subject: Prison Chaplaincy.

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. 5/9, 12.30pm., at Café Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

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.

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@gct.org.au
Half Day Training in Domestic Violence Prevention. 1/9. 8am. – 1pm. Cost \$30. At Churches of Christ Community Centre, 41 Brookfield St., Kenmore. Enq. admin@gct.org.au or ph: 3369 6792.

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., the Archdiocese of Brisbane 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.

St Rita's College –

-has limited current vacancies in years 7-12. Enq. and/or enrol@stritas.qld.edu.au or telephone the Registrar www.stritas.qld.edu.au 41 Enderley Road, Clayfield. Ph: 3862 1615.

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.

2018 Year of Youth.

In acknowledgement of the Church's Year of the Youth, Branch 1 of the Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting a talk by Teresa McGrath, Youth Project Consultant with the Archdiocese of Brisbane, on the subject of YOUTH in the church on Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church Hall, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington. Please advise Stuart Beavis 0408 321 582 or bsb_himself@optusnet.com.au on numbers attending.

Arts, Spirituality, Care for our Common Home.

Sat. 1/9. Workshop at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. 8.30am. - 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. 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.

Holy Spirit Bray Park Mission.

Rejoice And Be Glad - Holiness Is The Way To True Happiness. 1-9/9 includes weekend Masses. Morning Mass and Talk 6.30am. Evening Session includes Talk and Benediction. Confessions available. Concludes with 40 Hours of Adoration, from Friday night to Sunday morning. Enq. 0448 182 896. Or 0409 358 687.

26th of August. 21st 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:

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

Youth Groups

BLITZ:- Meeting Sun. 26/8, 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 this 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 this Sunday 12/8, opposite Fishmonger at Sandgate for Fish 'n' Chips. All welcome. Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last week we collected \$368.80 for our sister Parish of Blackall/Tambo.

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

As always, we thank you for your very generous support of our Parish projects.

Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

SVDP

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

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

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

Women's Prayer Group

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

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

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.

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

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

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

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	\$678.
Direct Debit	\$1836.
Loose	\$1380.
Total	\$3894.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 33 \$3371.

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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