

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**The Ascension of the Lord
13th of May**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 46. Ephesians 1:17-23.
Mark 16:5-20.

Next Week 19-20/5.

Acts 2:1-11. Psalm 103. 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,
12-13. John 20:19-23.

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. Acts 1:15-17,20-26.P.112. John 15:9-17.

Tue. Acts 20:17-27. P.67. John 17:1-11.

Wed. Acts 20:28-38. P.67. John17:11-19.

Thu. Acts 22:30.23:6-11. P.15. John 17:20-26.

Fri. Acts 25:13-21. P.102. John 21:15-19.

Sat. Acts 28:16-20,30-31. P10. John 21:20-25.

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-Feast of the

Ascension Year B

(Mark 16:15-20)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of the loss of a loved one, and to face it in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (*ktisis*)."¹ It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The "Ascension" event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm.

The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables the believer to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus "to all creation".



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Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

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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.

The school is undergoing a building programme. This means 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. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter. Please do not park other vehicles in when parking in the Church carpark, as people need to be able to leave in case of emergency. Please only park in the allocated spaces. There are many side streets available for parking: Waruda St., (with direct path access to the church grounds). Walu St., Elsergundo St., etc. Providing the ground is not too wet, parking will also be available on the school oval (off Phillips St.) Thank you for your patience and understanding. Fr. Gerry Hefferan

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Let us all 'Pray@8'. Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. *"Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."*

Next Week at St Joseph's.

Monday 14/5. 9am. Communion Liturgy (Fr.Gerry will be away). Tuesday 15/5. 9am. Parish Mass. Friday 18/5. 9am. Communion Liturgy (Fr. Gerry will be away)

St. Joseph's Seniors Bus/Train/Tram -

Excursion to the Gold Coast on Tuesday 15/5. Come & join us on our excursion to the Gold Coast. It will be a long day, however, it will be very enjoyable as we will travel along the Gold Coast Highway on the "G", (Tram) to Pacific Fair. Unfortunately, we won't be able to attend the Liturgy at St. Joseph's Church on this day, due to transport timings. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH OR SCHOOL CAR PARKS, PHILLIPS STREET WOULD BE SUITABLE. Timetable for the day: 1. Depart St. Joseph's Bus Stop in Phillips Street on the 9:02 CityExpress Bus Route 330. 2. Arrive Broadbeach South on the Tram (The "G") @ 1158 3. Spare Time & Lunch @ Pacific Fair. 4. Depart Broadbeach South on the Tram @ 2:26 pm. 5. Arrive St. Joseph's Bus Stop. Phillips Street @ 5:22 pm. N.B. The times quoted, provide no more than 13 minutes connection time @ Roma Street & Helensvale Stations. PLEASE BRING YOUR GO CARD. If you would like to join us, please contact Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Sessions will recommence shortly. At the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of Mass. These sessions are held at the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Margaret

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.

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:-

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>

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

13-20//5. The Ascension of the Lord. Mothers' Day. Pentecost Sunday. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Catholic Professionals Luncheon. Centacare CFRS. Pentecost Retreat. Saints Mattias Apostle. John 1.

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 26-27/5. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. 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, 19-20/5. Group 4. 6pm. D/E. Grugeon. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. V. Stephensen. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. P. Ryan. L. & L. Esparcia. M. Halpin. ? 7.30am. W. Hassum. J. Garcia. J. & C. Van der Maat. G. Endicott. 9am. B. Masterman. L. Venus. N. Rao. M. Creevey. R. McKenzie.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. P. Halpin. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. S. & S. Twidale.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 4. 20/5. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. Group 5. 27/5. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 19/5. Sunil Charles Edward.

Parish Pastoral Council.

Regular meetings occur between Centacare, Parish, and School in relation to providing up to 20 additional After School Care places. Irrespective of the option chosen, the expected building works would still be in the vicinity of \$1.4m. A new building would mean that the Parish would get back full use of the Parish Centre and this is desperately needed. Undertaking such building works would mean the Parish taking out a new ADF loan for about \$1.4m over 10 years. If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively by sending an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

St. Joseph's School.

P & F Committee News. We still have the position of Grounds and Maintenance open and our wonderful Secretary, Karen is vacating her role. She is here to help a new person to transition into our team for this year, so if you're that new person we'd love to hear from you! If you would be interested in joining the current committee in this role, please contact us on the emails below, or notify the office. We'd love to have you on board. The next P & F Meeting will be held on Wed. 23/5, 7.30pm. In the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Queensland Churches Together.

Liturgy Roster.

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

'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.

Pentecost Vigil.

Sat. 19/5. 2.30 – 5.30pm. At Holy Spirit Home. Functions Room. Carseldine. All welcome.

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. Catholic Professional Standards Ltd. <http://www.cpsltd.org.au/> : The Australian Catholic Church's new safeguarding body – has released the draft National Catholic Safeguarding Standards which will be used to gauge the capacity of the Catholic Church to provide safe places for children and vulnerable adults. CPSL is calling on anyone interested in the development of the Standards to provide feedback. Written submissions can be made through the CPSL website:

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.

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UnitingCare Chermiside.

3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

Netta Sheridan.

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

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

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

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

Vocation Views.

Jesus said to his disciples "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation" There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to "Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time".

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

The Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 1/6.

This year the keynote speaker will be Mr Bob Atkinson, one of the six Royal Commissioners on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The 2018 Charity recipient will be ARMCare (Australian Refugee and Migrant Care Services Ltd). More information and booking can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/2018PrayerBreakfast

Nouwen Network.

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

Need help at School?

Experienced teacher providing support in your home. Prep – Grade 10. English and Maths. BA. PGCE. MA. Educational Leadership. \$60 per hour. Enq. Caroline 0435 643 978.

Alice In Wonderland Tea Party.

For Australia's Biggest Morning Tea! Wed. 23/5. 9-11.30am. In the Fr. Bernie Costigan Centre, St. Joseph's. Phillips St., Bracken Ridge. All welcome. \$5 Raffles.

Youth Groups.

BLITZ:- next gathering Sun. 20/5. All children in years 4-6 are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre 4.30-6pm. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:- next gathering Sun. 13/5. 5-7pm., in the Parish Centre. All high school students between years 7-12 welcome. Enq Emma Beach

SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Details to come for next gathering - Enq Jess

PALMS.

Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin. or trade skills? Have you ever thought about sharing them with our Global family to reduce poverty and make a fairer world? Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainability. Try a short Encounter to Timor, Leste or Samoa. Enq. Christine at PALMS on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

2018 Parish Sacramental Programme.

The next opportunity for enrolment for the Sacraments of Initiation of children will be Tue. 29/5 at 7.30pm., in the Church. Enq. Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings on 3261 3670 or email Helen 9

menALIVE in the City.

Enq. 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

New Socks and Warm Beanie Appeal -

-to support those in our local area and our City who are struggling at this time. Socks (dark colours are best) and beanies will be distributed to those in need through Paddy's Van at Shorncliffe, Rosies at Caboolture & the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade at Spring Hill. Socks and beanies must be new. A large plastic storage box will be available at the back of the church until the end of May. Your support will be greatly appreciated by those who find themselves without a place to call home this winter. Our warm donations will help lift hearts and spirits. Please do not leave any other items of clothing in the box. SVDP shops at Sandgate & Brighton welcome all other donations of clothing. With gratitude Helen Hickey Enq. Parish office: 3261 3670.

Feel The Beat -

-with Julie McCoy's Community Zumba Fitness Class on the First Sunday of each month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Julie is a certified Zumba Fitness Instructor. All ages & fitness levels welcome. Please wear comfortable work out gear and joggers. Next session 6/5.

Queensland Churches Together.

Taizé, is a world-famous centre of ecumenical prayer and pilgrimage, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, especially young people. This year Christian Churches of Brisbane will host Brother Ghislain as part of a Taizé pilgrimage across Australia. We invite you to join Brother Ghislain as he shares with us "Inexhaustible Joy." This event is for everyone who enjoys music, prayer and silence. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND VENUES ON SAT. 2/6. At Hanly Room - Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. 4.30pm Young Adults (16-35) Workshop. Topic - "Inexhaustible Joy." Speaker - Br Ghislain. 6pm. Light meal and hospitality. 6.45pm. Short procession to St. John's Cathedral (800m walk.) At St. John's Cathedral, 405 Ann Street, Brisbane. 7pm. Evening prayer service. Please register by Wed. 27/5 as spaces are limited and attendee numbers are required for catering purposes. Please register through Eventbrite at <https://goo.gl/a8xNJy> For more details visit www.facebook.com/taizebrisbane

The Brisbane team of Catholic Mission –

- is expanding. We are looking for someone with passion, energy and a sense of humour to join us as a donor relations officer. Please see the link below. <http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/work-with-us>

Two Minute Homilies.

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