

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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5th Sunday of Lent
2nd of April

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm 129. Romans 8:8-11.
John 11:1-45.

Next Week 8-9/4.

Matthew 21:1-11. Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 21.
Philippians 2:6-11. Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun.
7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 6pm. 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. Dan.13:1-9,15-17. Ps. 22. John 8:1-11.

Tue. Numbers 21:4-9. Ps. 101. John 8:21-30.

Wed. Dan.3:14-20,24-25.28. John 8:31-52.

Thu. Genesis 17:3-9. Ps. 104. John 8:51-59.

Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13. Ps.17. John 10:31-42.

Sat. Ezekiel 37:21-28. Ps. John 11:45-56.

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-5th Sunday of Lent
Year A, 2 April 2017 (John 11:1-45)*

*In the Lazarus story, Martha and Mary are the
characters who, with Jesus, occupy centre stage in
the narrative and into whose faith journey we are
invited to enter, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

Today's readings touch into the most profound of
human mysteries, the mysteries of life and death.
To hold a new born child or to see a sick person
restored to health is to experience the wonder of
life. On the other hand, the unexpected death of a
loved one can bring unimagined grief and pain.
Death brings tears, even anger. Little wonder that
"life" becomes a metaphor for transformation and
new beginnings or that "death" so often signifies
deprivation and loss.

The gospel reading is about the death and
restoration to life of Lazarus, "the one whom Jesus
loved". It is the last of the seven "signs" in John's
"book of signs" that reveal the "glory" of God. It
is also the greatest of Jesus' signs. It functions as a
catalyst for the events that lead to his death:
"...from that day on they planned to put him to
death" (11:53). It provides the occasion for Jesus to
assert 'I am the resurrection and the life' and to
invite assent to that revelation of his identity. It
reveals the compassion and tender heart of Jesus
who weeps at the grief of Mary his friend and the
death of her brother. It also reveals the goodness in
the hearts of those "Jews" who share her grief and
who come to faith in Jesus who raises the dead to
life.

Though the story revolves around the plight of
Lazarus, Martha and Mary are the characters who,
with Jesus, occupy centre stage in the narrative and
into whose faith journey we are invited to enter. The
women are introduced before Lazarus. Martha and
Mary are identified as "sisters" who live in Bethany.
Are they blood "sisters" or sisters in their love of
Jesus, their faith commitment to him, or both?
Lazarus is Mary's sick "brother". There is no
mention at the outset of his relationship to Martha,
though she later claims him as her "brother". Might
they all be part of a little faith community in Bethany
rather than biological siblings? A brief notice alerts
the reader to the imminent death of Jesus: "Mary is
the one who anointed Jesus with perfumed oil and
wiped his feet with her tears". The details of that
story are yet to be narrated. The reader will later
discover that Mary's anointing of Jesus is "for the
day of [his] burial". As so often in John's gospel,
misunderstanding and irony function to bring the
actors in the drama and us as actors in the theatre

of Christian life to new levels of understanding and
faith

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection
www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org

Prayer for Peace



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

Safeguarding Child & Vulnerable Adults
Representative: Clare Kennedy .

To reach out to someone who is hurting
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 or Earl Grady

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Blitz: Kelcey & Josh de Gee

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Brouge,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time:
noon Fridays).

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

Parish Newsletter online: Website.
<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-newsletter.html>

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free
for those among us who have some mobility
difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking
even if it appears the area is not being used.

Our prayers matter.

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

Chrism Mass.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St. Stephen, Thu. 6/4 commencing at 7pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome

Children's Liturgy.

In recess during the School holidays. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

In recess during the School holidays. 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.

There are two extra forms - our Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. There is no cost for the Blue Card. Volunteers, please collect the forms from Bronwyn, Margaret or Netta. Or Clare Kennedy, our Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available – download now Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, and more. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

St. Joseph's Seniors Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 4/4. *The Mass on this Tuesday, will be a "Healing Mass".* After this Special 9am. Mass, we will carpool from the church to the Boondall Entertainment Centre grounds for Morning Tea. The area is a scenic location by the lake, however, there are limited facilities, therefore **BYO EVERYTHING**: hats, umbrellas, chairs, at least 1 thermos of hot water each, a plate of "goodies" to share, insect repellent etc.... Maps will be handed out to the drivers on the day, but if anyone will be going straight to Boondall, please contact me for a map. At this morning tea, we will be taking names for our Bus Trip to Caloundra RSL Tuesday, 11th July. I know that it is months away, however, we require definite numbers to qualify for & book the FREE Bus. **DON'T MISS OUT: BOOK EARLY.** Enquiries & Transport.. Ron & Therese Kissane

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:- Elsie Maree. Isabel Alida. Serafine Elysee. James Glenn. Asher Michael. Mila June. Nethumi Sahasli.

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for Sara, age 11, unconscious, in hospital. We pray for 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.

Thank You.

My sincere thanks go to Fr. Gerry, Fr. Bernie, Ron and Therese Kissane and the Seniors' Group, and all the wonderful parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's

Parish for their love, support, prayers and friendship to Keith and our family. Your generosity is both heart-warming and healing. May God bless you all. Erica Wakefield.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

Enq. Office 3261 3670.

menALIVE in the City.

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

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 15-16/4. 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.

Group 1. For next weekend, 8-9/4. 6pm. P. Phillips. N. D'Souza. D. Griffiths. 7.30am. S. Donatini. L. McDonough. L. Olley. 9am. D. Riggall. S. Turner. N. Rao.

Eucharistic Ministers.

Group 1. For next weekend. 6pm. R. Kissane. M. Caruso. A. Fulton. A. Isaak. P. Ryan. 7.30am. D. Johns. J. & S. Rogers. K. Ryan. 9am. G. Cameron. V. Smith. N. Sheridan. E. Schneider-Loos. S. Turner.

Music Ministry.

Groups 1. For next weekend. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. S. & S. Fernandes.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

9/4. Group 1. Phillip, Peter & Sunnil. 16/4. Please check roster, 16/4 seems to be missing.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 8/4. Barbara Masterman. (Anna).

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

5th Sunday of Lent. Palm Sunday. Centacare CFRS. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. Theology in the City Series 4. Saints Isadore. Vincent Ferrer. John Baptist de la Salle.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year unfolds we look at where God is leading us through our prayer life. Parishioners interested in sharing write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog We will print a hard copy and put on the noticeboard in the Church.

Volunteers needed to Assist Elderly Couple.

Volunteers, with Blue Cards, are needed to assist with transport of an elderly and newly arrived couple to come to our weekend Mass. Transport to the 9am. Mass would be preferred, but any volunteers able to assist in transporting the couple to the Mass they attend. The couple live in Bracken Ridge and Mass is their only outing for the week. If you do not have a Blue Card, the Parish can provide part completed forms to assist you. If you are interested in helping or would like further information, then please speak with Netta Sheridan after 9am. Mass

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our next Craft Group morning will be on 17/4 in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass. Enquiries: Therese Kissane or Jan .

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Next Meeting on the 9/4 in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, Sun. 2/4 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7.30pm. We are running little later this night because we are having a movie night. Bring a pillow and sweets/popcorn to share. All students between Years 7 - 12 welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sunday, 9/4. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee . Gold coin donation.

Fire & Spirit this Sunday 2/4.

Held on the first Sunday of each month. Come and join us for our monthly evening of praise, worship and sharing of the Word in our Parish Church from 5 - 6:30pm. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle .

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is being offered by our new migrants. You do not need to own your own mower. If you are interested, please call Michael on 0417 635 269 for further details.

Women's Prayer Group.

Wednesdays, in the Church from 9.30 -11.30am. All are very welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Men's Prayer Group.

Held every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the parish invited and welcome. Enq. Phillip .

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.tjhc.org.au> Specialist Support Director. Professional Standards Office (Qld) - 1800 337 928 or 07 3229 3711. Adults Surviving Child Abuse - 1300 657 380. Victims Counselling Support Services - 1300 139 703. Knowmore – 1800 605 762 www.knowmore.com.au Netta Sheridan, Parish Pastoral Council.

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Please pray for Murray, Jeeah, Melanie, Troy, Emma, Amy and Owen as they prepare to receive their Sacraments at Easter. Please also remember Tutana, who was welcomed into the church on 1st January. Enq. Margaret (Halpin) for more information.

St. Vincent De Paul.

Poor Box: Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVDP Society to help those in our community who are in need. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month 10am. – 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Enq. Jeff Walsh on rom May 28 to Jun

Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us. Please do approach any of the members who will be very happy to hear your ideas and hopes for our parish family. Their photos are on the wall outside the Workroom. Members meet monthly.

Easter Choir Practice.

Practices for Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies will be held in the church on Tuesdays. 4 and 11 April at 7:30pm. All most welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Vocation Views.

Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

WAG Update.

The people of Blackall are pleased with the recent rainfall they've received. It won't break the drought but it will reinvigorate the spirit of the people. St. Joseph's School Blackall will be having its 100 year Anniversary with

celebrations over Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd July. The Programme for the celebrations will be available soon. St. Patrick's Church Blackall annual Christmas Fete will be held on Saturday 25/11. Photos of the Fete last November have now been added to the Album. Please take a look. We would be pleased to receive any craft donations for this event at any time. Enquiries Sharyn Enquiries Sharyn Rogers, Sharyn McLagan, or Glenda Murdoch
Water wells for South Sudan is an ongoing project and we are currently collecting for Well No. 11. We know when we are collecting for this fund because we use **BUCKETS** to collect. The other project we have is raising much needed funds to assist our sister parish of Blackall / Tambo in central Queensland. The collection for this project is the familiar **WATERING CAN** being used to collect donations. The WAG group is most appreciative of your continuing support of these two worthy projects. Enq. Terry Tolhurst
The Buckets and the Watering Can will return after Lent.

Our Library.

This is in the Workroom at the Church. Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis. View or listen: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team-

-requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3/5 - 22/11. 9am. - 3.30pm. Final date of applications Fri. 21/4. Apply is writing to:- Fr. Jim Smith, Catholic pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Psychiatric Pastoral Care. 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or ph. 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. Fax 3257 1885. email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Nouwen Network.

Nouwen's purpose is to support those suffering from mental illness and their families across all faith communities. The next gathering is on Wed. 5/4. 12.30pm. At Espresso Cafe 351 Beams Rd. Taigum. Enq. Gloria Ph.

Social Parish Tennis Group –

-plays Wednesday nights at Deagon Tennis Courts, 83 Board Street, Deagon at 7pm. Court No. 10. Enq. Maureen

Catholic Leader. \$2 a copy.

Giving for weekend 25-26/3.

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish, and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up at offertory. Current Envelope Givers: 72. Direct Debit Givers 94. Envelopes \$843. Direct Debit \$1757. Loose \$1217. Total \$3817. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 13. \$3402.

An Invitation.

If you wish to join the Giving Programme and support our/my Parish with a regular financial Gift please put your name, address, and contact details on a piece of paper and place it on either Collection plate or email our Parish Office at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Queensland Churches Together.

2017 Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast – 4/5. Keynote speaker Andy Gourley, Founder & Director of Red Frogs Australia. Tickets go on sale Wed. 1/3. To register your interest, please phone 3178 7268 or email LMRSVP@brisbane.qld.gov.au

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our St. Joseph's Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass. From 9:30 - 11:30am. (approx). in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. Enq. Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor

"Prepare The Way Of The Lord"

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane's NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Sat 8/4 from 10am. – 6pm. A day of Praise and Worship including reflection and talks: ALL welcome. BYO lunch. Tea breaks provided. Enq. Miriam 3202 6856 or email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

Walking with Jesus –

... a morning of prayer and reflection in the Ignatian tradition in this time before Easter. This is an opportunity to focus our prayers and actions towards a deeper connection to Jesus who really wants to be our friend. During this day of prayer and reflection, we will walk a short 'Camino' from the Faber Centre up Mt Coot-tha. BYO Lunch - Tea and Coffee provided
Bring Comfy walking shoes, walking stick, rain gear if necessary, hat, sun-screen, insect repellent. Journal if you have one for when we return to the Faber Centre. Suggested Donation \$40. Book online or ph. 3368 2450. Meet at the Faber Centre, 7am. 1/4.

Queensland Churches Together.

Position Vacant for an Administrative Officer. Thirty hours a week. Applications close 3/4. Apply: Rev. Canon Richard Tutin 3369 6792 or gensec@qct.org.au

Social bike riding group.

The first Saturday of the month and leaving from Bracken Ridge Tavern promptly at 7am. Enq. Maureen

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Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.

Formerly The Irish Bridge Club are now playing at Penola Place in St Stephens Cathedral grounds. Supervised play is on Monday Wednesday and Thursday from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners are being held in May. For information please contact Beris 3300 1332 or Cathy on 0428 985 804.

Recourse for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This will be celebrated from May 28 to June 4. The Order of Service is a Word document so that local communities may make changes to suit their situation. If communities are unable to hold a service during the week itself, they are encouraged to hold a service or activity as a sign of unity at another time in the year. The Eight Days Reflections and the Sermon Notes are provided in both Word and PDF formats. Along with the Order of Service, they can be printed in booklet form without any format changes.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane –

-gives thanks to God for the appointment of Fr. Ken Howell as Auxiliary Bishop, and grateful that Pope Francis has chosen this gifted man. Fr. Ken will be ordained Bishop in St. Stephen's Cathedral 14/6 at 11am. He will then be appointed Parish Priest of Kangaroo Point. The Holy Father has accepted the resignation of Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap and we thank Bishop Joseph for his years of Episcopal service in the Archdiocese.

Near and Far Positions Vacant.

For the Episcopal Office. Part-time position of Junior Office Assistant. Written applications including a curriculum vitae and a short one page statement setting out the applicants suitability for the position should be addressed to: HR Office, Cathedral Place. Attention: Cindy Hayer. GPO Box 282. Bne. 4001 or Emailed to: hroffice@bne.catholic.nvoationet.au Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Closing date: 7/4.

A part-time Parish Secretary for **Kingaroy** Parish. 20 hours a week. To apply for this position, email current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for to hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Enq. hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Forward applications marked "Confidential" to: HR Office Cathedral House. Attention: Cindy Hayer, GPO Box 282. Brisbane Qld. 4001. Or email them attention to: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications close Fri. 7/4.

Memorandum.

Members of our parish community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved one who pass away. The Chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request. Enq. Barbara Masterman

St. Gerard Majella's huge Annual Jumble Sale.

Sat. 1/4 from 6am. to 1pm., at 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermide West. Massive array of crockery, kitchenware, clothing, toys, electrical, garden and sporting equipment bric-a-brac, books, paintings and jewellery etc. Sausage sizzle, coffee shop and cake stall. Parking available.

Holy Land Pilirimage.

Fr. George Joseph MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21st May - 3rd June. Organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Nebo & Jerusalem. Enq. Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 561.

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