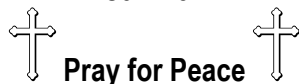


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

2nd Sunday of Lent
12th of March

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4. Psalm 32. 2 Timothy 1:8-10.
Matthew 17:1-9.

Next Week 18-19/3.

Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 94. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
John 4:5-42.

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. Daniel 9:4-10. Ps. 78. Luke 6:36-38.

Tue. Isaiah 1:10,16-20. Ps.49. Matthew 23:1-12.

Wed. Jer. 18:18-20. Ps.30. Matthew 20:17-28.

Thu. Jeremiah 17:5-10. Ps.1. Luke 16:19-31.

Fri. Jeremiah 1:4-9. Ps.116. Luke 10:1-12,17-20.

Sat. Mic.7:14-15,18-20. Ps.102. Luke 15:1-3,11-32.

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-Second Sunday of
Lent Year A, 12 March 2017 (Matthew 17:1-9)*

*In the transfiguration we get a glimpse of God's
glory shining on his face and penetrating even his
clothing, a hint that God's grace is more life-giving
than the forces of violence that oppose God's reign,
writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.*

Last week's gospel invited us into a confronting
habitat, namely the wilderness. This week, we
follow Jesus and three of his companions to a
mountain and eventually a cloud-covered mountain.
Both wilderness and mountain link Matthew's story
of Jesus with the story of the Israelites of old.
Wilderness and mountain also remind us that God's
creation is the locus of wonder and mystery. The
world we inhabit has an integrity of its own that has
not always been acknowledged in our tradition. It is,
in a very real sense, God's dwelling place. It is, in
addition, the place of human-divine encounter and
the place of human encounter with the other-than-
human material world. Attention to habitat can lead
us to a clearer understanding of our own place in
the scheme of things and to ever deeper
understandings of our relationship with God.

The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in
Jesus' ministry when he comes to terms with the
fate he is likely to meet: if he confronts the forces of
oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter
opposition, even death. Jesus struggles with that
realisation in the wilderness at the outset of his
ministry. On the mountain top, he comes to terms
with what that involves. The disciples see Moses
and Elijah, the key prophetic figures of Israel,
speaking with Jesus, God's new and definitive
prophet. Peter wants to hold on to the experience of
glory, to "make tents" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah.
He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in
fidelity to a mission that elicits hostility. That is not,
however, the way of discipleship. Rather, Peter and
his companions are called to "listen" to Jesus, the
beloved of God, as are all who follow in the way of
discipleship.

Matthew's account of the "transfiguration" is
followed by a reminder that Jesus is soon to meet a
violent death (17:23). Jesus' companions get a
glimpse of God's glory shining on his face and
penetrating even his clothing, a hint that God's
grace is more life-giving than the forces of violence
that oppose God's reign. Like Jesus and his
companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of
final victory. We need the good sense to listen and
to follow through on the path that brings life, despite

the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity
of the challenges facing us and by the opposition
we experience from the most unexpected quarters.
If we are to sustain the struggle for a healthy, safe,
and peace-filled world, we have to resist the
temptation to hold on to the moments of glory, and
come to terms with the personal cost of being
faithful to the gospel mission of justice and
compassion with all its painful demands.

*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 Broughe,

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

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custodians on whose land we worship'.

Website.

[http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-
newsletter.html](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.

Free Sausage Sizzzzzzle.

At all three Masses next weekend. As always, tea, coffee and cordial will be available after all three masses during that weekend and best of all IT'S FREE and TASTES GREAT TOO .

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy.



and Protection Policy. In 2014, Archbishop Mark launched the new Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevision and Protection Policy.

The central message of the Policy is grounded in the policy statement: The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety, embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. To meet this commitment, our parish will be required to fulfil a number of compliance matters. Some of these have already been put in place; however your support is needed to ensure that our Parish meets all requirements of the policy implementation.

The World Day of Prayer.

A wonderful evening of Prayer and Fellowship was held in the Anglican Church last Friday evening, 3/3. Our wonderful Filipino parishioners were the stars of the evening as they treated us to four colourful, smiling and graceful dances with explanations for each. One dance in particular was astounding as they danced with a candle in each hand and one on their heads! The gentle Filipino speaker had us in the palm of her hand as she spoke of the many Islands and told us about the flag. Our Filipino Australian Cultural Entertainment Inc. really did our parish proud. Thank you to each one of you and to Bing.

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

St. Joseph's Seniors' Outing.

St. Patrick's Day at Geeing RSL Club. Thur. 16/3. For those attending our St. Patrick's Day Concert & Luncheon, there will be entertainment provided by Terry Scott, from 10am. till 12 Non. Please arrive early, as we cannot reserve tables for the concert. However, tables *have been* reserved for lunch. A LIMITED number of seats are still available if you would like to join us. *We MUST know FINAL numbers on MONDAY at the LATEST.* Please wear something *GREEN.* Enq. Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass only. Rostered 19/3. Melissa Ferris. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. All, 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited 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.

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

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'

As the year unfolds we will look at where God is leading us through our prayer life. I asked if parishioners would be keen to write a short piece on how they pray and if they would be happy to share their ways of prayer and their reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog I am also very mindful of members of our parish community who do not have internet access - we will also print in hard copy and put on the noticeboard in the church, near the front door. Fr. Gerry.

Baptism.

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

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for Sara, age 11, unconscious, in hospital in Brisbane. 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 all those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Thank You.

On behalf of the Sheil family, we sincerely thank Father Gerry, Margaret Halpin, Bronwyn, and the Catering Team for their help with Marie's funeral. Thanks also to everyone for your prayers and messages of support for which we are very grateful. Therese & Jan Wolters.

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 25-26/3. 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.

Group 4. For next weekend, 18-19/3. 6pm. M. Caruso. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. G. Endicott. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

Group 4. For next weekend. 6pm. T. Ringer. M. Halpin. P. Ryan. P. & M. Needer. 7.30am. W. Hassum. J. Garcia.

J & C. Van der Maat. 9am. B. Masterman. L. Venus. V. Smith. M. Creevey. R. McKenzie.

Music Ministry.

Groups 4. For next weekend. 6pm. P. Halpin. G. O'Connor. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. Hickey & Co.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

19/3. Group 4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. 26/3. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 18/5. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

2nd & 3rd Sundays of Lent. Centacare CFRS. Vigil Days 1/3 -13/4. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality Retreat. Knights of the Southern Cross Founders' Day Mass and Grand Admission Ceremony. Saints Patrick. Cyril of Jerusalem.

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our next Craft Group morning will be on 20/3 in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass. Enquiries: Therese Kissane or Jan.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Gathering this Sunday, 12/3, 5pm., at Stanley Day Park, Bald Hills to enjoy a game of soccer, either by playing or chatting. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next meeting Sun. 19/3 from 5 - 7pm., in the Parish Centre. All students between Years 7 - 12 are welcome to join us. Please contact Emma Beach for details

Blitz.

Today, Sunday, 12/3. 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 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.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month 10am. – 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Easter Choir Practice.

Practices for Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies will be held in the church on Tuesdays 21 and 28 March, and 4 and 11 April at 7:30pm. All most welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

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. Pictures of the members are on the back wall of the Church.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians.

'We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship' The Parish Pastoral Council resolved to adopt this wording in all our parish communication, including parish booklets, newsletters, letters of correspondence and electronic media - emails, parish website, parish Facebook etc.

Vocation Views.

The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

WAG Update.

Water wells for South Sudan is an ongoing project and we are pleased to report that 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. This region has suffered much drought and we are pleased to be able to offer some assistance to the people up there. 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.

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.

A Quiet Day.

Presented by The Australian Christian Meditation community Queensland. All welcome. Theme: **LIVING FULLY.** Sat. 25/3. 9.30am. – 2.30pm. The day will start with morning tea at 9.30am. BYO Lunch. At The Fort, 199 – 219 Fort Road, Oxley. Suggested donation \$10 -15. Please bring a mug/cup for own use. Enq. Johanna johanna1@optusnet.com.au Ph. 3314 1404 or 0432 327 666. The day will include meditation, teaching, quiet times, and more.

Giving for weekend 4-5/3.

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 \$585. Direct Debit \$1757. Loose \$1117. Total \$3459. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 10. \$3327..

An Invitation.

If you I wish to join the Giving Programme and support our Parish with a regular financial Gift please place a note with your name, address, and phone number 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.

A Gathering of Eco Groups – Sun. 26/3 at the Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore Hills. Come along and participate in an inclusive reflection, discussion and solidarity. RSVPs to The Revd Miriam Nyrene deaconmiriam@gmail.com or 0434 385 503.

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

Nouwen Network.

the 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.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team -

requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3/5 – 22/11. 9am. – 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications Fri. 21/4. Apply is writing to:- Fr. Jim Smith, Catholic 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

Memorial Service –

-for those affected by suicide will be held on Thur. 16/3 from 12noon at King George Square, Ann St. Brisbane. All are warmly invited to attend this Wesley LifeForce Memorial Day Service.

Social Parish Tennis Group –

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

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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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

Catholic Leader. \$2 a copy.

Recourse for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In Australia 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. Similarly, the poster is in Word format so that communities may fill in the details of their local service or activities for the Week or Prayer. Prayer cards are available for purchase (\$12.50 for 25) from the QCT office at the contact details below. Also included is a sheet to assist communities in organising observances. 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.

Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Jesuits. The publication is informed by the Values of Jesuit spirituality and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

Position Vacant.

Liturgy Brisbane invites applications for a full time position of Education Officer. To apply, email a covering letter with your resume to attention: Rev Dr Tom Elich elicht@liturgybrisbane.net.au. A copy of the position description can be obtained by calling 3324 3323. Applications close on Fri. 17/3. 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.

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.