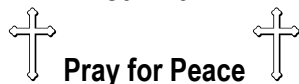


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

1st Sunday of Lent
5th of March

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Genesis 2:7-9.3:1-7. Psalm 50. Romans 5:12-19. Matthew 4:1-11.

Next Week 11-12/3.

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

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. Lev. 19:1-2,11-18. Ps.18. Matthew 25:31-46.

Tue. Isaiah 55:10-11. Ps.33. Matthew 6:7-15.

Wed. Jon 3:1-10. Ps.50. Luke 11:29-32.

Thu. Esther 4:17. Ps. 137. Matthew 7:7-12.

Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28. Ps.129. Matthew 5:20-26.

Sat. Deut. 26:16-19. Ps.118. Matthew 5:43-48.

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.

Parish News

St. Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills

Reflection.

*Reflection on the Gospel-First Sunday of Lent
Year A, 5 March 2017 (Matthew 4:1-11)*

Lent calls us to reject the path of domination or greed or status so that, like Jesus, we may be truly "of God", writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the "wilderness" and grappling with the mysteries of life, as well as a time of preparation for Easter. Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in the wilderness. Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many humans before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek than is "tempted"].

Forty is a significant number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God. Explanations of its significance vary: a round number for long time; a time of testing or trial; totality or fullness.

The wilderness is ever so real and at the same time symbolic. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:2). In Matthew's account, the "devil" is the "tester" or "tempter", the instrument of God's testing. In each instance, the test is expressed in terms of Jesus' relationship to God: "If you are the son of God..." The Matthean Jesus passes the tests that the people of Israel have failed in the wilderness of Sinai. He refuses the way of special favour from God, the way of status or self-aggrandisement. He is prepared to suffer whatever it takes to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. In other words, he chooses the way of God's empire or the empire "of the heavens" rather than the brutality of the Roman Empire. Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed "of God".

Most people of faith would agree that being "of God" right now has more than a little to do with the way we relate to all of Earth's human and other-than-human inhabitants, the value we ascribe to

Earth's precious resources, and the respect we show for life through our responsible use of those resources. Lent calls us to reject the path of domination or greed or status so that, like Jesus, we may be truly "of God"

From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection
www.catholicreligionsaustralia.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.

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'.

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 on the weekend of 18th & 19th March, as usual 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. 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.

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.

Seniors' Monthly Get-together.

Tue. 7/3. After 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Guest Speaker: Chris Jeffery. "Phone & Internet Security for Seniors". Chris will educate us all on the many aspects of security issues when using the phone & internet. Enquiries & Transport.. Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at te 9am. Mass only. Rostered 12/3. Marianne Grant. 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.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

Enq. Office 3261 3670.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 18-19/3. Group 4. 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.

Group 3. For next weekend, 11-12/3. 6pm. M. Kennedy. P. Connors. M. Denkes. 7.30am. L. McDonough. P. Bugden. M. Braithwaite. 9am. B. & R. Masterman. M. Healy.

Eucharistic Ministers.

Group 3. For next weekend. 6pm. G. McLagan. G. Cameron. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolly. J. Khaghooany. 7.30am. D. Phillpott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. C. Van der Maat. 9am. T. Clarke. M. Halpin. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

Groups 3. 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.

12/3. Group 3. Terry, Rita & Michael. 19/3. Group 4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 11/5. Anna Andrulic.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

5-12/3. 1st & 2nd Sundays of Lent. Centacare CFRS. Vigil Days 1/3 -13/4. International Women's Day (UN). Archbishop's Curia Mass. Silent Sunday. Saints Perpetua. Felicity. John of God. Frances of Rome.

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).

Meeting Sun. 12/3 at Stanley Day Park, Bald Hills at 5pm., for a social game of soccer. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, Sunday, 5/3 at the Chermerside Aquatics Centre at 10am. All students between Years 7 - 12 are welcome to join us. Please contact Emma Beach for details

Blitz.

Next gathering 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 this Sunday 5/3.

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

Would you like to volunteer to -

-assist members of our new Iraqi and Syrian families in obtaining their driver's licence? Some are already drivers, having previously held licences in their own countries. Others have never driven before and would like to obtain their driver's licence. You will not be required to provide your own car, as the prospective driving students will have access to a registered and insured car. You will require a current Blue Card and a full driver's license with no restrictions. Enq: Carol

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.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

Enq. Office 3261 3670.

Women's Prayer Group.

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

menALIVE in the City.

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

The Royal Commission concluded its final hearing into Case 50 the Catholic Church on 24/2/17. Catholic Church Authorities are expected to consider seeking clarification from the Vatican on a number of issues raised. A number of hearings regarding other institutions and broader issues are yet to be heard, but all hearings could be concluded by the middle of the year. The Royal Commission will hand its final report to federal and state governments in December 2017. Francis Sullivan (CEO TJHC) media blog - this week 'Watch this space' reform in the Church must continue' at <http://tinyurl.com/TJHCblog> 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

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.

Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

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. Last week we received \$372.80. As always, the WAG group is most appreciative of your continuing support of these two worthy projects. Enq. Terry

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. The theme for the day is 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. Save our earth: Please bring a mug/cup for own use. Enq. Johanna johanna1@optusnet.com.au Ph. 3314 1404 or 0432 327 666. A Quiet Day gives you a space in which your spirit can breathe. The day will include meditation, teaching, quiet times, and more. The grounds at the Fort offer spaces for walking, for sitting in prayer and reflection, and enjoying God's creation.

Giving for weekend 25-26/2.

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 \$730. Direct Debit \$1762. Loose \$1165. Total \$3657. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3580. Average: Week 9. \$3313..

An Invitation.

If you 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

Vocations Event of Prayer & Reflection. Sat. 11/3. 11am. – 3pm. Come for a chance to learn more about the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Beginning with Adoration at 11am in St Ita's Church, Pope Street, Dutton Park, followed by 12pm Mass, BBQ lunch, and concluding with a talk/reflection (finished around 3pm). It's hosted by the Capuchin Friars and is for young men (18-35). Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfrs.org.au or 0432 362 052. Website: capuchinfrs.org.au

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support those suffering from mental illness and their families across all faith communities. 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 in 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: cpcc@bne.catholic.net.au

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

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.

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.prolifprocession.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 Pilgrimage.

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. Early bird offer \$4,990. Enq. Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 56.1

'The Gospel Imperative to Welcome –

-the Stranger'. Evangelisation Brisbane and the Sister of St. Joseph welcome parishioners to a morning with Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Wed. 22/3, 10.30am – 12 noon. Banyo Nudgee Parish, Nolan Hall, 16 Leslie St., Nundah. RSVP required: ebamin@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3440 by 17/3.

Position Vacant.

For the Episcopal Office. Full-time Administration Assistant/Receptionist. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in administrative positions. To obtain a copy of the position description and salary information please email hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Written applications including a curriculum vitae and a short one page statement setting out the applicants suitability for the position, and response to selection criteria, should be addressed to: HR Office, Cathedral Place. Attention: Cindy Hayer, GPO Box 282. Bne. 4001 or emailed to: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Applications close 10/3.

Veni Sancte Spiritus –

'Come Holy Spirit' We invite everyone to join our community for Veni Sancte Spiritus, our weekly Tuesday praise and worship evenings. 7pm. At St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce., West End.

Our Church, Our Mission, Our Responsibility.

Pope Francis and Archbishop Mark speak about the importance of Evangelization. Visit: www.catholiccampaign.com.au or phone 3324 3200.