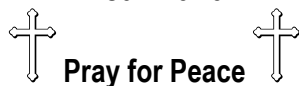


Year 2020



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
1st of March**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Genesis 2:7-9. Psalm 90. Romans 5:12-19.
Matthew 4:1-11.

Next Week 7-8/3.

Genesis 12:1-4. Psalm 33. 2 Timothy 1:8-10.
Matthew 17:1-9.

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

Tue. Isaiah 55:10-11. P.34. Matthew 6:7-15.

Wed. Jonah 3:1-10. P.51. Luke 11:29-32.

Thu. Esther C.12,14-16,23-25. P.138. Mat. 7:7-12.

Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28. P.130. Matthew 5:20-26.

Sat. Deuteronomy 26:16-19. P.119. Mat. 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.

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-1st Sunday of Lent Year A (Matthew 4:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is also a time to enter into the "wilderness" and grapple with the mysteries of life in Christ. It presents us with a 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. 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 suggesting a long period of time; a time of testing or trial; totality or fullness.

In Israel's story, the wilderness 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". This testing in the wilderness foreshadows later events in the gospel such as Peter's attempt at Caesarea Philippi to deflect Jesus from his mission and the bystanders' challenge in 27:40 to prove he is "son of God" by coming down from the cross.

It 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 truly be "of God".



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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: 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, Ph: 3261 2858.

St. John Fisher College: John Fisher Drive, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Ms. Catherine Galvin, 3269 8188.

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.

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."

Ecumenical Word Day of Prayer 2020.

Friday, 6/3 at 7.30pm. We are the Host Church this Year, and the Order of Service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Please do come and join us and show our solidarity and support with 150 countries in the world in eighty eight different languages! In Australia alone, there will be at least nine hundred and sixty Services held. This global Ecumenical Movement is led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Our Guest Speaker is Mr. Tony Whiley, retired Federal Policeman who was born in South Africa and lived in Zimbabwe for ten years. Enq. Barbara Masterman

Senior's Monthly Get-Together.

Tuesday, 3rd March. We extend an Invitation to all Seniors of the Parish, to join us after the 9am. Mass, for our Senior's Monthly Meeting. Our Guest Speaker will be Councillor Sandy Landers, Brisbane City Councillor for Bracken Ridge Ward. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Enquiries and Transport: Therese & Ron

"Another Famous Sausage Sizzle".

This will be held after all three Masses on the weekend 21-22/3. See you there! Mass times are: Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7.30am. and 9am.

Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence again next weekend, 8/3. Our Years Prep – Three are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am., Mass. Children aged 3, 4 & 5 will be invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word. Enq. Margaret

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, first please check that the person for whom you are requesting prayers is happy to have their name printed in our newsletter. Enq. 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.

Thank you to Father Gerry and the parish for all your prayers for my sister Bernie, (called home to God 13/2/2020, and for your kindness to me.

Peter

Parish Pastoral Council.

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".

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 14-15/3. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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 7-8/3. Group 2.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

8/3. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. 15/3. Group 3. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 7/3. Anna

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

1-7/3. 1st & 2nd Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. Auslan-Supported Mass, Dorrington. Cursillo monthly Ultreya. Archbishop's Dinner for Men. International Women's Day (UN). Centacare FRS Focus. Ember Day. Saints Casimir. Perpetua. Felicity.

Craft Group.

We would like to boost our numbers this year. We invite anyone who enjoys craft in any form to come along and join us on the third Monday of each month from 9.30am – 11.30am. Enq. Jan or Shirley

St. Joseph's School.

Thu. 5/3. Michelle Mitchell will speak about "Parenting in the new normal". Wed. 25/3.

First P. & F. Meeting for 2020. Thu. 28/5. A continuation of "Everyday Resilience" led by Michelle Mitchell. Our Library hosts a range of special promotions throughout the year. These events are designed to support and enhance the students' love of reading and all things literature. In Terms 1 and 2 we will be giving access to all our families to Parent TV where you will have the opportunity to access quality information. If you would like to hire Tennis Courts on weekends, email STBRtennis@gmail.com.

Sacramental Programme 2020-21.

Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For children in Year 3 and above. An Enrolment and Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9/6 at 7.15pm., for a 7.30pm., start in the Church. Enq. Helen Hickey at the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings on 3261 3670

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Concerns/Complaints?

Archdiocese of Brisbane - Office for Safeguarding Services

P: 3324 3752

E: safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au

STOPline Service

STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously.

P: 1300 304 550

E: AOB@stopline.com.au

Queensland Police Service

All incidents and concerns that may be criminal should be reported directly to the police for investigation.

P: Policelink 131 444 Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

E: policelink@police.qld.gov.au

Child Safety Services

If you suspect a child in need of protection from abuse or neglect is being harmed or neglected, contact Child Safety Services. P: 1800 177 135 or 3235 9999 (After hours)

Website:

www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety

Project Compassion.

Week 1, Philippines. You can read Shirley's story on your Week 1 Lenten Envelope. Indigenous minorities in the Philippines are amongst the most vulnerable people globally. Today you can help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love". Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Envelopes for Project Compassion are available at the back of the Church. These can be placed on the collection plate or in the bucket marked Project Compassion.

Vocation Views.

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

Care for Creation.

All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents". (Pope Francis, Laudato Si' On Care for our Common Home. 14).

<https://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com/past-events.html>

Parish Care for Creation group. The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners are invited to share how they pray and to share reflections.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Departing 28th September for fourteen nights/ eighteen days. What a wonderful opportunity to walk in the land where 2000 years ago, Jesus preached and taught us to pray the Our Father. Or, just imagine sitting and meditating out on the sea of Galilee! Your Spiritual Chaplain will be Father Rafal Rucinski. Each day of the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a special way that you will be sure to remember forever. For more information contact Marguerite McMahon: 0408 765 954 or email her on margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com

Our Library –

-is situated in the Workroom to the left as you enter the Church. Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the borrowed book in the booklet provided.

St. Patrick's College.

Shorncliffe. A Catholic School in the Edmund Rice tradition for boys from Year 5 to Year 12. Applications for Year 7 for 2022 now being accepted. Interviews will be held in Marcy. Register on line now at stpatricks.qld.edu.au

Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVDP Society to help those in our community who are in need.

WHS Incident Report.

Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our

Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

Following on from the Royal Commission.

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 – Chermside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

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

Footsteps Of St. Paul.

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the famous letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Kavala for an all-inclusive Land Package price of \$4490 + Tips. Departures Available: 12th May 2020 and 20th Oct 2020. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us info@magiholidays.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

The Iona Passion Play is looking for -

potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm., in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Come and join us! Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further information or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

Memorandum.

Members of our community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the

Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved ones 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 through Barbara Masterman 2361 9651. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the suggestion of one of our community and has been made possible by the generosity and giftedness of David Griffiths. Thank you, David.

Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Applications are open for a position at the Kedron Brook Catholic Community, Enoggera/Wilston parishes. A person with experience in youth ministry is required for a part time position of Youth Ministry Coordinator for a 12 month contract position for 10 hours per week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/102262/youth-ministry-coordinator>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

Community.

What an insurance company should be about. While you can trust Catholic Church Insurances to look after your home and family, it's the relationship with the community that makes them unique. For more information and an obligation free Building and Contents Insurance quote and affordable Personal Accident Insurance, phone 1300 655 003 or website: www.ccinsurances.com.au

To help us make Mass more meaningful.

Today we LISTEN to God

Today we TRUST in God

Today we MARVEL at God.

LISTEN in our hearts and minds.

TRUST in God's love for us,

In Jesus, God's Son's Mission to humankind, by His miracles, parables and suffering stories.

MARVEL at Jesus' message of love, kindness, and care for us in times of trial.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan—Patroness St Josephine Bakhita

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

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

The SCVA people at the Archdiocese have now divided training into two levels: Level 1 is for nearly all volunteers and covers the basics of SCVA. It can be done online at:
www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguardingtraining
Level 2 Training.

Date to be published as they come to hand.
Enq. or assistance with booking contact Terry Tolhurst

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church. 7-8pm. All welcome.

SVDP

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

Seniors' Group.

This Group meets in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month. Enq. and/or transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Youth Groups

BLITZ:-

Blitz will next meet Sun. 8/3 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. All students in Grades 4 - 6 welcome.
Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:

Rock is Meeting this Sun. 1/3 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students in Grades 7 - 12 welcome.
Enq. Emma Beach



SALT:-

Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Gathering on Sunday evenings during Lent reflecting on the theme: "be open ... " Starting 1/3. 7pm., in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Enq. Jess

Ladies Prayer Group

Held each Wednesday morning in the Church, from 9.30 – 10.30am. This is followed by tea or coffee in the Parish Centre. All most welcome to join us. Enq. Margaret

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

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

Our Parish Newsletter online

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

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: 59. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 104.

Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$716.
Direct Debit	\$1793.
Loose	\$1132.
Total	\$3641.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3442.

Average – Week 8. \$3609.

Should you wish to donate directly to the parish (via your online banking), please use the following account:- **BSB064786 Account 005931500** Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish .

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

Name:.....

Address:.....

Ph:.....

Email:.....

Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks for your support.

WAG (World Action Group)



Last weekend we collected \$172.90 for Water Wells in South Sudan.



During Lent we will take a break from our WAG collections for Water Wells in South Sudan and our friends in Blackall/Tambo and focus on Project Compassion.



As always, we thank our very generous parishioners for continuing to support our Parish projects.



Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am.
Jan or Shirley

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



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