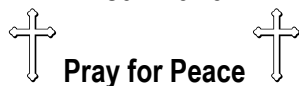


Year 2020



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**2nd Sunday of Lent
8th of March**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 14-15/3.

Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 95. Romans 5:1-2,5-8.
John 4:5-42.

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. Daniel 9:4-10. P.79. Luke 6:36-38.

Tue. Isaiah 1:10,16-20. P.50. Matthew 23:1-12.

Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20. P.31. Matthew 20:17-28.

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

Fri. Gen.37:3-4,12-13,17-28. P.105. Mt. 21:33-43,45-46.

Sat. Mic. 7:14-15,18-20. P.103. 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-2nd Sunday of
Lent Year A
(Matthew 17:1-9)**

-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 high mountain, 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 has struggled 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.



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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:

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Broughe

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

Prayer To Jesus During Covid-19.

We pray to you, Jesus
for an increased awareness of, and commitment to,
health and communal safety measures for
coronavirus COVID-19
in Australia and in our world,
in our parish community and in our Archdiocese,
in our families, social groups and with our friends,
in our rural and urban communities,
in our workplaces, businesses, means of transport
and social activities,
in our schools, daycare centres and playgrounds,
in our shopping, travel and leisure,
in our love of neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus
that we work together as a community
to heed the health alerts and not ignore them,
to be calm and not panic,
to uplift each other's spirits and not be pessimistic,
to be open to further change as needed,
to love our neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus
for the many ways in which we care
in our respect of others,
in our conversations and activities,
in our willingness to adapt our lifestyles,
in our gifts of patience and tolerance,
in our use of social media,
in our personal and communal prayer for others and
ourselves,
in our love of neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus
for people affected in any way by coronavirus,
for people who have died and their families,
for people who have coronavirus and those who
have recovered,
for people who are in isolation at home,
for people working in hospitals, clinics and medical
centres,
for people in nursing homes and other community
centres,
for doctors, nurses, medical staff and medical
scientists,
for ambulance, emergency service and information
technology personnel,
for carers, counsellors and pastoral care ministers.
for our love of neighbour.

We pray to you, Jesus as family.
Give us the courage to work together as family.
We ask your blessing upon us.
Amen

(Fr Gerry Hefferan)

Parish Coronavirus Reference Group.

We decided that our parish should be proactive, even though there are no reported cases of coronavirus in our parish at this moment. Last weekend at our parish Masses we cancelled the reception of the Chalice at Mass. Only the celebrant will receive from the chalice. This will be reviewed periodically. A parish coronavirus reference group is being formed. On Monday this week, we cancelled the shaking of hands at Mass during the Sign of Peace. We say the words of the peace and offer a smile. This will be reviewed periodically. Since Tuesday we temporarily discontinued Holy Water in the font inside the front door of the church. Beginning early this week at the bottom of the home

page of our parish website is a link to the Australian Health Department daily coronavirus alerts.

<https://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com>

The direct link to the department is

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Our reference group will review developments and how they would be applied to parish life. Updates will be in our parish newsletter and social media. We are exploring other ways of communication as well. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Gerry

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."

"Another on of our Famous Sausage Sizzles".

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.

St. Joseph's Seniors St. Patrick's Day Lunch.

Tuesday 17/3. After Mass on Tuesday, 17/3, please join us, as we carpool from St. Joseph's Church to "Club Pine Rivers". Cnr. Francis & Sparkes Road, Bray Park.. (UBD. Ref. Page 98 L-10). We'll have Morning Tea there.... Lunch will be served from 11: 30am. until 2pm. If you'd prefer to meet us at the Club for lunch, just contact Therese or myself, so we'll include you in our table booking. Music from 11.30 – 4.30.. May or may NOT be Irish Music. If you won't be driving your car....PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE PARKED IN THE CHURCH CARPARK. Park in Waruda Street & use the walkway to the Church Carpark. Enquiries: Ron & Therese Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

This recommences this weekend. Our Years Prep – Three are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered 15/3. Kathleen Anable. 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. Joy Drescher. Darren de Warren.

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.

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 21-22/3. 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.

For next weekend 14-15/3. Group 3.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

15/3. Group 3. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. 22/3.

Group 4. Sunil. Nitin. Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 14/3. Judy

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

8-15/3. 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. International Women's Day (UN). Centacare FRS Focus. Assembly of Catholic Professionals. Our Lady of Fatima Devotion at Sunnybank. Courage monthly Gathering. Saint Francis of Rome.

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 3 or Shirley

St. Joseph's School.

St. Joseph's Prayer Day will be held on Thu. 19/3. This is always a special day in the life of our School. The day will commence with a short Assembly and there will be numerous activities in the lead up to lunch. After lunch the students will participate in a Colour Run. School photos will be taken on Mon. 16/3 and Family photos will be taken on Tue. 17/3. Students are required to wear full uniform. Wed. 25/3. First P. & F. Meeting for 20202. Thu. 28/5. A continuation of "Everyday Resilience" led by Michell Mitchell. 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: AQB@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 2, Cambodia. You can read twenty seven year old Phany's story as she struggles to earn a living as a farmer on your Week 2 Lenten Envelope. With your help mothers like Phany can continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families. A brighter future for women, men and their families can start today! "The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship". Pope John Paul 11.

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.

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.

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.

SDDP Request.

Does anyone have newborn car-seats that they no longer require? Two are needed for local Refugee families. A pram is also needed as well as winter clothes for a newborn baby girl due in May, and

also for a six month old baby girl. If you can help with these items please contact Carol.

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.

Lenten Retreat.

Sat. 21/3. From 9.30am. till 2.30pm. At Holy Spirit Church, Sparkes Rd., Bray Park. Morning tea provided. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Led by Fr. Joby George VC from Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby-Sydney. Enq. Patrick Fernando 0470 377 415 or Thomas Matthews 0473 117 209.

Salubong –

You are Invited to a traditional Filipino Easter Sunday Dawn "Salubong" Celebration on 12 April 2020 at Sacred Heart Church 118 Brighton Rd. Sandgate. It starts with a procession around the church at 4:30am followed by the re-enactment of the meeting of the Risen Lord and His Mother, Mary believed to have happened at dawn of Easter Sunday and culminates with a Holy Mass (in English) at 5:00am to be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Saldie Resolado. There will be a choir of angels, apostles and other bible personages. Fellowship follows after the mass at the church hall. There will be Easter Egg Hunt, games for the young and the young at heart. Light breakfast will be provided but you are most welcome to bring a plate to share. For further info contact Jima

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

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

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 – Chermiside 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.

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

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@jpp.org.au

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.

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 is meeting this Sun. 8/3 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. All students in Grades 4 - 6 welcome. We are focusing on the forgiving love of God.
Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:

Rock next meets Sun. 15/3 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students in Grades 7 - 12 welcome. Come and find out about our Camp running from 3-5/4.
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	\$617.
Direct Debit	\$1370.
Loose	\$843.
Total	\$2830.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3442.

Average – Week 9. \$3523.

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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