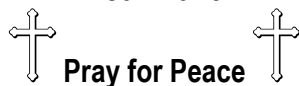


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**19th Sunday of the Year
11th of August**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Wisdom 18:6-9. Psalm 33. Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19. Luke 12:32-48.

Next Week 17-18/8.

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10. Psalm 40. Hebrews 12:1-4. Luke 12:49-53.

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. Deut. 10:12-22. P.147. Matthew 17:22-27.

Tue. Deut. 31:1-8. P. Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14.

Wed. Deut. 34:1-12. P.66. Matthew 18:15-20.

Thu. Rev. 11:19.12:1-6,10. P. 45. Luke 1:39-56.

Fri. Joshua 24:1-13. P.136. Matthew 19:3-12.

Sat. Joshua 24:14-29. P.16. Matthew 19:13-15.

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-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

(Luke 12:32-48; shorter form 12:35-40)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". He tells them that there is no need for fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kin-dom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (*eleēmosunē*). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at

table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest.

God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.



Pray for Peace

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.

Welcome to visiting Seminarrians.

Thomas, Will and Sean will be joining us for Sunday Eucharist at our 9am. Masses for the coming months. Please make them feel welcome.

Feast if the Assumption.

Thursday, 15/8. 9am. Mass with students from Years 3 – 6. 11am. Liturgy with students from Prep – Year 2. 7pm. Mass.

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@stoline.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. During business hours contact the relevant Regional Intake Service.

P: 1800 177 135 or 3235 9999 (After hours)

Website: www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety

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."

Children's Liturgy.

Today, our Prep to Year 3 students are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Rostered 18/8. Kathleen Anable. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of the 9am. Mass. Our 3, 4 & 5 year olds' are 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.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

11-18/8. 19th & 20th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. EKKA. Ashes Tour. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Anglican/Roman Catholic Clergy Day. Saints San Alberto Hurtado. Jane Frances de Chantal. Pontian. Hippolytus. Maximilian Kolbe. Stephen of Hungary.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 24-25/8. 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, 17-18/8. 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.

18/8. Group 3. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. 2/8. Group 4. Sunnil, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 17/8. Judy

Prayer Blog.

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

Rising Youth Ministry.

Ages 5 – 18 welcome. Enq. Lana

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria

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".

Vocation Views.

Where is your treasure? There is your heart! Have you considered that God's will is your treasure for you? Come, follow Him! Happy the people the Lord has chosen for His own. Mary of the Cross pray for us.

Direct Credit Option Available!

Our preferred method for parish giving is via direct debit to your credit card or bank account. If you wish to donate directly to the parish (via your online banking), please use the following account:- BSB 064786 Account 005931500 Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish. Receipts issued on request. unless requested through the Parish Office.

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

St. Joseph's School.

Our Fete was an enormous success on many levels. Fantastic attendance, perfect weather, great support from the school and parish community, and the financial result is looking better than ever! Congratulations to Robyn, Dale and Bec as Fete Convenors and many others who freely gave many hours to assist. If you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers and drop them into the St Joseph's box at the Bracken Ridge store, or drop them into the Office. Sticker sheets can be obtained from any Woolworths store, or the School Office. A quick look ahead: 30/8 Fathers' Day Breakfast and Stall. 5/9. Parent Talk for Term 3. 13/9. Father/Daughter Dance. 20/9 End of Third Term.

Blackall/Tambo News.

A group of ten parishioners and friends will be making their way to Blackall to attend the Better in Blackall Festival which runs from 14 to 18 August. The 5 day festival includes Art and Cultural displays, Street Parties, sunset wine tasting, Billy Cart Races, Bar-B-Que cook-offs, Markets and Country Music Legend Troy Cassar-Daly. Some of us will be returning to Blackall for the annual St Patrick's Fete which will be held on 23rd November. Sharyn and John Rogers.

Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Couples celebrating their Golden Anniversary together with their families and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at St. Stephen's Cathedral on Sat. 28/9 at 10am. Light refreshments in the Hanley Room after Mass. RSVP by 20/9 to 3324 3030 or cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic Mission.

'Do not fear for I am with you'. Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. Your generosity makes it possible for Programmes such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners throughout Ghana Mission Partners Programme. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission, or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly Team

at freecall 1800 257 296 or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact. Or catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

JAJA 2019.

JAJA presents acclaimed Broadway Musical Next to Normal in the Bernie Costigan Centre 27/09, 28/09, 04/10, 05/10 at 8pm and 06/10 at 7pm.

Tickets are \$20 per person and limited to 130 per performance. Tickets can be purchased from Trybooking using the following code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDJRN> There are two rows of seating upon the ground and four rows of tiered seating. If you require assistance with booking please contact Ron and Therese Kissane.

This musical contains mature themes and is recommended for mature audiences

The timing of these performances is to dovetail with Mental Health Week in Queensland and all profit will be donated to Headspace and Centrecare's Catholic Psychiatric Ministry.

RCIA.

Please continue to pray for Craig, Kelli, Jodi, Andrew and Selina as we explore our Catholic Faith with them. Enquiries: Margaret

Lawn Maintenance.

Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com

Discovering Global Mission.

How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to build local capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how teacher Guida Cabrita assisted both educators and students in Timor Leste, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required.

Discover Palms Australia: today, Sunday 11/8 at 1pm. Brisbane Square Library. Community Meeting Room, 266 George St. Brisbane. www.palms.org.au

Apply now for The Annual Grants Programme -

-at www.catholicfoundation.org.au/grants/ Grant funding is made possible through the Annual Catholic Campaign and supports programs planned for the year 2020. This year's funding is designated for parish renewal initiatives which may be parish-based or provided by an external group. Parish renewal programs would include areas of leadership development, youth involvement, music ministry, worship, outreach, faith education, ecumenism, Alpha (reaching out to those who may feel unwelcome in the Church) and other areas of renewal of local parish life in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Funding is also available in the area of theological education. Applications close Friday, 30 August. More information is available online at www.catholicfoundation.org.au/grants/ or call 3324 3200.

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

A History Group request.

As we put many photographs into some semblance of order for future generations, we have found some are missing. So we are asking if you will please check if you are willing to lend them to us or even scan and send them. We promise to look after them! Below find the details which range from 1993 to 1997.

Year 4 Blue 1983 **Year 2 White 1985**

Year 3 White 1986 **Year 6 Brown 1987**

Year 1 White 1988 **Year 2 Brown 1988**

Year 3 Blue 1988 **Year 7 Brown 1988**

Year 1 White 1991 **Year 1 White 1992**

Year 2 White 1992 **Year 1 White 1996**

Year 2 P or D 1997

Please contact the School or Barbara Masterman.

The Village-

- our Parish Mothers' Group is meeting this Friday 16/8 in the Parish Centre from 10am. Any mother with a baby under the age of one is most welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

One God, Many Voices.

Abrahamic Faiths Concert. Thu. 29/8. 7pm. for 7.30pm. start. At Griffith University, Nathan Campus (Building N35). Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue. Annual Evening of Jewish, Christian and Muslim Sacred Voices and Music. Followed by Kosher-Halal Supper. Free entry. All are welcome. RSVP by 20/8 to 3735 7052, or email icd@griffith.edu.au Free parking after 7pm.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

Join the National Pilgrimage, journeying to places in Australia made holy by St. Mary MacKillop. Melbourne 22/10, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concluding in Sydney 2/11. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure. Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. Enq. email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr. Therese on 0417 683 123, or Sr. Annie on 02 8912 4818.

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

Sovereign Order of Malta.

Annual Lourdes Healing Mass. St. Paschal's Church, 30 Warraba Ave., Wavell Heights. Sat. 17/8 at 10am. Followed by Morning Tea. Contributions of cakes, sandwiches etc. most appreciated. All welcome.

Queensland Churches Together.

Launch of Season of Creation: A special Evensong Service and Launch of Season of Creation will be

held on 1st of September, 6pm., at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane. Guest Speaker: Archbishop Peter Loy Chong, the Catholic Archbishop of Suva and President of the Oceania Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences. Meet Archbishop Peter and hear about the impacts of Climate Change on Fiji and other Island nations of the Oceania region. All very welcome. **From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate Season of Creation.** Queensland Churches Environment Network (QCEN) invite you to share photographs and artworks. All photographs will be displayed on the QCEN facebook page. a selection will be exhibited at St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane. The themes this year is "**Protecting the Web of Life**, in all its variety, because each species reveals the glory of the Creator". Contact Craig Batty if you have any questions 0414 744 558. Upload photographs to www.fb.com/QCENet or email to admin@gct.org.au or post to Queensland Churches Together, Post Office Box 2096, Toowong, Queensland 4066. Photographs and artworks should be submitted by 22nd August.

Mother Teresa Shrine.

At Marian Valley - for St. Teresa of Calcutta. Walk around to see other Shrines, visit to the Adoration Chapel, walk the Way of the Cross. Enq. David Leahy 0478 63 88 75.

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.

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

Delamore Retirement Community Kedron.

Enq. 3357 7028 to arrange a tour of the facilities.

Can you help?

Does anyone drive past Symes Grove on weekday afternoons at approximately 6.45Pm., towards Bracken Ridge? If so, would you be willing to pick up a volunteer at Symes Grove and take them to a spot near St. Joseph's? If you can help, please call Pat

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

WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE,
OVERPOWERS THE LOVE OF POWER,
THERE WILL BE PEACE!"



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.

Holy Spirit Church, 16 Villers St., New Farm. 22/8. 6.30-8.15pm. <https://www.trybooking.com/520679>

All Saints Parish Centre, 4 Faye's Rd., East. Albany Creek. 3/9. 7 - 8.45pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDQGB>

Star of the Sea Parish Hall. 53 Passage St., Cleveland. 19/9. 6.30 - 8.15pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/531017>

Caboulture Parish. To be confirmed.

Holy Cross Church, 85 Nottingham St., Kippa-Ring. 29/10. 6 - 7.4pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/531017>

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:-

Meeting today, Sun. 11/8 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. All students Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation.

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:

Next meeting Sun. 18/8 from 5 – 7pm., in the Parish Centre.

All students from

Grades 7 - 12 are welcome.

Enq Emma Beach



SALT:-

'Rejoice and Be Glad" Retreat Sat. 17/8 from 9am – 3pm., at Santa Teresa,

Ormiston. Explore the Beatitudes in everyday life and enjoy reflection time and companionship by the bay. Day facilitated by Emma Beach. Morning tea & lunch provided, no cost. RSVP to Jess by 4/8.

Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). All welcome. Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group)



Last week we collected \$195.40 in support for Water Wells in South Sudan.



This week we are collecting for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.



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.

Enq Jan or Jan

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

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	\$735.
Direct Debit	\$1929.
Loose	\$938.
Total	\$3601.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average – Week 31. \$3387.

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.



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