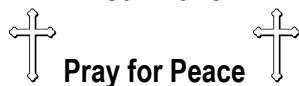


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**15th Sunday of the Year
14th of July**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14. Psalm 69. Colossians 1:15-20. Luke 10:25-37.

Next Week 20-21/7.

Genesis 18:1-10. Psalm 15. Colossians 1:24-28. Luke 10:38-42.

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. Exodus 1:8-14,22. P.124. Matt. 10:34-11:1.

Tue. Exodus 2:1-15. P.69. Matthew 11:20-24.

Wed. Exodus 3:1-6,9-12. P.103. Matthew 11:25-27.

Thu. Exodus 3:13-20. P.105. Matthew 11:28-30.

Fri. Exodus 11:10-12,14. P.116. Matthew 12:1-8.

Sat. Exodus 12:37-42. P.136. Matthew 12:14-21.

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-15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time C
(Luke 10:25-37)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that the neighbour for a Jew was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.



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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 Brouge,

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.

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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. 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.

In recess during the school holidays. Next Term Prep to Year 3 students are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

In recess during the school holidays. 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

St. Joseph's Seniors' Outing.

City Hall Concert. Tuesday, 23/7. After the 9am. Liturgy, we will catch the CityExpress Bus from St. Joseph's Bus Stop in Phillips Street, departing at 9:34am. Morning Tea (Venue TBA). The concert is entitled "The Elton John Experience". 12 Midday till 1pm. We will then have lunch at a venue TBA, before returning home on the bus. Please bring along your GoCard. It will be a "fun day", so feel free to join us for this outing. Enquiries: Therese & Ron Kissane

Seniors' Bus Trip To Caloundra RSL.

Friday 19/7. HURRY HURRY HURRY. STILL SOME SEATS LEFT. Would you like to join St. Joseph's Seniors Fun Day at the Caloundra RSL? Price \$30. "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" PACKAGE. Morning Tea - Christmas Cake served with freshly brewed tea and coffee; Lunch-Baked Ham & Roast Turkey; Dessert- Plum Pudding plus Bon Bons and lollies. Entertainment: Laura Doolan Trio. The bus will depart from Waruda Street at the end of the walkway from the top Church car park at 9am. Return at 4pm. approx. Enq. Therese & Ron Kissane

We Pray God's Healing touch and love-

-for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. Michelle & John Charters.

To have family/friends included in our newsletter, please contact 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.

14-21/7. 15th & 16th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Saints Bonaventure. Apollinaris.

Rising Youth Ministry.

Ages 5 – 18 welcome. Enq. Lana

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 27-28/7. Group 6. 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, 20-21/7. Group 5.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 5.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 5.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

21/7. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann. 28/7. Group 6. Bronwyn & Mike.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 20/7. Robyn

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.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. The next gathering will be at Café Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum at 12.30pm., on Wednesday, 7th August. Enq. Gloria

Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish has traditionally supported the School fete by volunteering to attend to car parking duties on the School oval between the hours of 8am and 12:30pm. Can anyone with a couple of hours to spare on the 3rd of August and wanting to volunteer please contact Tom Gordon on 3269 0383 (and leave a message).

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.

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

Vocation Views.

Treating others with compassion is a mark of a follower of Jesus, whether know as The Good Samaritan, Mother, Priest, Sister, Deacon or Brother. Turn to the Lord in your need.

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 – Chermside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

St. Joseph's School.

School commences for Semester Two, Term Three this Monday 15th July.

Woolworths Earn & Learn. 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 school office. Sticker sheets can be obtained from any Woolworths store, or the office.

Fete 3/8.

St. Rita's College.

Clayfield. A Catholic Girls school for years 7 – 12. OPEN DAY 28/7. 10AM. – 12.30PM. Register at www.stritas.qld.edu.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

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www.catholicfoundation.org.au/grants or call 3324 3200.

Request From the School History Group.

Our School History Group has been meeting regularly throughout the first half of this year. Our current focus is two-fold: transfer the School's precious photographic memories into special archival albums as well as set up an electronic storage facility to ensure the photos can be easily accessed in future years. Some of these memories are still in 'negative' format, so to conduct the scanning of the Negatives we would like to borrow (if possible) a 'Photo Negative Scanner' - something like the 'Digitnow! 22 - Film and slide Scanner all in one. If anyone has something like this and would be happy for us to borrow it please contact us through the School Office.

Care for Creation.

<https://stjosephsbrackenridgcareforcreation.weebly.com/past-events.html> Our aim was a zero-waste parish dinner so how did we go? We ended up having around 360 people come to the parish dinner - anticipated 320. All BioPak cups, plates, cutlery, bowls etc. together with food waste went into the BioPak 'commercial composting' bins. Some glass bottles had gone in by mistake and they were extracted and put in the correct **Brisbane City Council** yellow top recycling bin. Damien, our Master of Ceremonies, for the Parish Dinner, did a wonderful job of clearly explaining in a very upbeat and positive way. Waste management and collection was 'carefully managed' by members of the hospitality team coming around each table and collecting the various types of waste." LAUDATO SI' (PRAISE BE!!!!) ZERO WASTE – 100% DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL. Thank you Parish, for Caring for God's Creation. 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

Lawn Maintenance.

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

The Village-

- the Parish Mothers' Group will next meet on August 9. All mothers with babies under the age of one is very welcome. Please contact Emma Beach on 0419 354 900.

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.

Retreats in Brisbane.

"Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty. Led by Father Roni George VC.
Friday. 19/7. 6.30-9pm.
At St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, 26-28 Macarthy Rd., Marsden. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a plate to share.

Saturday, 20/7. 9.30am.-3pm.
At Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd., Bray Park.
Morning tea will be provided. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.
Enq. Thomas Matthew 0413 946 253.

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.

Queensland Irish Choir.

Invite you to attend their 2019 Celtic Winter Concert
The Choir will sing a range of Celtic songs. Guest Artist: Gregory Moore of Ten Tenor fame. At the Brisbane German Club, 614 Vulture St. East Brisbane on Saturday 21/7 from 2- 4.00pm. Cost \$15. Afternoon tea is included.
Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/522986>
Enq. Ellie Dillmann 0406 751 883 irishchoir@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The next weekend will be held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. 2-4/8. Enq. Maria and David 3342 1456 or dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Try the Website on www.wwme.org.au

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.

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

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.

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.

St. Veronica Welfare Committee.

We are looking for volunteers in both our West End Office and Thrift Shop. St. Veronica's is a registered charity and we are so blessed to be run entirely by unpaid volunteers, which ensures that 100% of donations reach its beneficiaries. Do you have skills in administration, banking or retail? St Veronica's Welfare Committee could be the ministry for you! For more information and to find out how you can help, please contact us on 3844 7423, email stveronica@gil.com.au or visit www.stveronica.org.au.

(When you foster a child through St. Veronica's, you know that a hundred percent goes to the child. Ed.)

Delamore Retirement Community Kedron.

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

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

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. 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.

An Australian Creed.

I believe in God the Father of us all, who has given the earth to all people, and I believe in people as the image of God.

I believe in Australians; in their courage and spirit of adventure; in their perseverance and hard work; in their ordinariness and at home-ness; in their black aboriginal beauty; in their migrant struggles; in their search for identity.

I believe in the Australian place with its Asian and its northern culture. With all its nearness and all its distances; With all its possibilities for growth in dream-time, southern time, our time.

I believe in our responsibility for creation, the trust of every mountain range, of every forest, of every harbour, of every plan to build a future.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to encourage us and heal us, and to proclaim the peace of God to humankind.

I believe in the Spirit of God who works in every man and woman.

I believe in the Church, moved by the Spirit to serve all people.

I do not believe in the right of the strongest, nor the force of arms, nor the power of oppressors: I do not believe that I can fight oppression far away if I tolerate injustice here.

I do not believe that conflict and hunger are inevitable and peace unattainable. I do not believe that all suffering is in vain, nor that our dreams will remain dreams, nor that death is the end.

But I dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in a new humanity; in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new earth where justice will flourish, and peace will reign in our lives, our work and our land.

Amen.

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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.

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Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

Children 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 from harm by all.

A copy of the full policy document can be found on the table at the entrance of the Church and on the wall of the Parish Centre.

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 is the traditional face to face training session as in the past. However, before one can do Level 2 they have to have completed Level 1. If you did the training at the Parish in July 2017, then you are Ok until July this year.

Enq. Terry Tolhurst Ph:0412 844 642 or admin.bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

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:-

Next meeting Sunday 28/7 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. All students Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation.

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:

Meeting today, Sunday 23/6 from 5 – 7.30pm., in the Parish Centre. We will be cooking, so please bring a bowl, wooden spoon and a medium container to take home goodies, and please wear closed shoes.

All students from Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach



SALT:-

Meeting this Sunday 14/7. In the Parish Centre from 7pm. Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). All welcome. Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group)



This week the buckets are out and we are collecting for Water Wells in South Sudan.



Last week the Parish has a Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence.



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.

Next gathering Monday 20/5.

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	\$551.
Direct Debit	\$1467.
Loose	\$1137.
Total	\$3155.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average – Week 26. \$3368.

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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