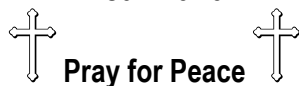


Year 2020



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

6th Sunday of the Year
16th of February

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Sirach 15:15-20. Psalm 119. 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Matthew 5:17-37.

Next Week 22-23/2.

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18. Psalm 103. 1 Corinthians 3:16-23. Matthew 5:38-48.

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. James 1:1-11. P.119. Mark 8:11-13.

Tue. James 1:12-18. P.94. Mark 8:14-21.

Wed. James 1:19-27. P.15. Mark 8:22-26.

Thu. James 2:1-9. P.34. Mark 8:27-33.

Fri. James 2:14-24,26. P.112. Mark 8:34-9:1.

Sat. 1 Peter 5:1-4. P. 23. Matthew 16:13-19.

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-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 5:17-37)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

We sometimes forget that Jesus was a faithful Jew who observed the Law handed down within Israel from generation to generation. Today's gospel is from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus, the faithful Jewish teacher, addresses his Jewish disciples and the Jewish crowds who gather to hear his words.

The mission of Jesus is to fulfill the law ("I have come to..."), not to do away with it, and fulfilling the law is a question of "righteousness". The Greek term for righteousness, *dikaionē*, translates both the Hebrew *sedeqah* meaning "right relationship" and *mishpat* meaning "justice". The righteousness of the official teachers of the Law, the scribes and Pharisees, their manner of relating to others and their notions of justice, are judged to be quite inadequate for those who are part of God's reign, the kingdom "of heaven" in Matthew's terminology. The righteousness of Jesus' followers is to "exceed" such minimalist interpretations and expressions of the Law.

Jesus, authentic teacher and interpreter of the Law, offers six examples of the righteousness that "fulfills" the Law. Four of these examples are included in today's reading. What was heard "of old" is contrasted with what Jesus wants to say to his hearers. In the first instance, they all know that the Law forbids murder. They may not have considered the connection between unrestrained anger or murderous thoughts and murder itself. In a series of cascading sentences, Jesus presents a charter for reconciliation and forgiveness. He reminds his audience that true worship demands a forgiving heart expressed in action. He includes a fairly pragmatic reason for settling out of court: you may actually find yourself in prison. There may be an implicit criticism here of the increasingly punitive legal system of the time, a reminder to us of the futility of incarceration for minor crimes.

The second example puts "lustful looking" on a par with adultery. In an age of easy access to internet pornography, this example has a particular resonance: any form of sexual depravity is destructive of right relationship. The third example on divorce is complicated by the exceptive clause, "except in the case of *porneia*". *Porneia* referred to any illicit sexual activity. Here it probably means marriages within degrees of kinship prohibited by Jews but not prohibited by Gentiles. The question seems to have arisen as to whether couples in such unions could stay together on becoming Christian.

While Jesus presents the ideal (no divorce), we have to put this teaching into a broader context. Writing to the people of Corinth on this subject, Paul allows for exceptions, since "God has called us to peace". The fourth example is about swearing on oath. Righteousness calls for honesty and transparency in every day dealings. If the words we use are congruent with the intentions of our heart, we should not have to invoke God as a witness to the veracity of our claims.



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 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.

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.

Date Claimer: 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. If you would like to participate in the Service, please contact Barbara Masterman

Children's Liturgy.

In recession until the end of February when once again our Years Prep – Three will be 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. 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

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

16-23/2. 6th & 7th Sundays of the Year. Brisbane Student Plenary Assembly at Lourdes Hill College. National Day of Prayer Rally. Emmanuel Community's Birthday. Gathering Day with Equips Notre-Dame at

Zillmere Parish. Chair of Saint Peter. The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. Saint Peter Damian.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 29/2-1/3. Group 1. 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 22-23/2. Group 6.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 6.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 6.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

23/2. Group 6. Bronwyn & Mike.

1/3. Group 1. Philip & Peter.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 22/2. Vicki

Vocation Views.

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious - might you be one of them? Listen to the call!

Our Craft Group would very much –

-like to boost its numbers this year! We invite anyone who enjoys Craft, in any form, to come and join us on the third Monday of each month after the 9am. Mass. (9.30 – 11.30am.) May you could introduce our Group to a new Craft. Please come and join us this coming Monday, 17/2. For more information contact Jan or Shirley

St. Joseph's School.

Date Claimers: Fri. 28/2. Wine and Cheese night for all Prep and new parents. 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. 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

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

Nouwen Network.

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

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.

EMAIL SCAM WATCH WARNING FROM FATHER GERRY

A scammer pretending to be me, Father Gerry, has sent out emails from a fake email address in an attempt to obtain gift cards, iTunes cards, money etc.

I am very concerned that someone may be scammed.

PLEASE BE AWARE & TAKE CARE

Further information on scams is

available at the Australian Government - Australian Competition & Consumer Commission (ACCC), Scamwatch at: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

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.

Can You Spare 4 Hours Per Week To Help -

People In Need? Aspleycare is an Emergency Relief Organisation staffed by volunteers five days per week between 10am and 2pm, on a roster basis. The centre is in urgent need of more volunteers. Duties may include reception and/or interviewing clients, as well as providing available assistance. Training is provided and no previous experience is needed. Aspleycare is in the grounds of Our Lady and St. Dymphna's Church at 479 Robinson Rd. Enq. 3862 7145.

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 – Cherside 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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

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

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

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

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

News from Blackall.

Recently St. Patrick's Blackall was gifted a very generous monetary donation from an anonymous person in the Bracken Ridge Parish. We wish to acknowledge this incredible act of generosity. It has been received with much humility and gratitude.

May God bless your kindness.

✠ Give thanks to the
Lord for
He is good.
His love endures
Forever. ✠

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

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.

My name is Christian.

My name is Christian,

I'm not shouting "I am saved",

I'm admitting I am lost and need Jesus to be my guide.

My name is Christian,

I don't pretend to have all the answers, I'm still humbly learning to ask the right questions.

My name is Christian

this does not mean that I am exempt from all feelings of pain, hurt, anger, jealousy or even hate. But it does mean that I am given the grace to deal with these feelings according to His will.

My name is Christian

and no matter what life throws at me, I know my hand is in the hand of Jesus and that at all times He will hold it and walk beside me forever. All I need to do is believe!

My name is Christian

and I am glad He has chosen me to help His kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven!

Yes, my name is Christian!

Together.

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the tools being used
Were books and music and art,
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured just as hard
And polished and smoothed it over.
When at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And both agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone;
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

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 next meeting Sun. 23/2 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. All students in Grades 4 - 6 welcome.
Enq Emma Beach

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ROCK:

Rock is meeting this Sun. 16/2 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. We will be discussing "Thin Places". All students in Grades 7 - 12 welcome.
Enq. Emma Beach

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SALT:-

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

WAG (World Action Group)



Last weekend we collected \$193.45 for Water Wells in South Sudan.



This weekend 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.
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 .

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	\$830.
Direct Debit	\$1793.
Loose	\$1031.
Total	\$3654.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3442.

Average – Week 6. \$3617.

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

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Address:.....

Ph:.....

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*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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