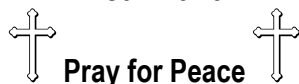


Year 2020



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**7th Sunday of the Year
23rd of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

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

Next Week 29/ -1/3.

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

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 3:13-18. P.19. Mark 9:14-29.

Tue. James 4:1-10. P.55. Mark 9:30-37.

Wed. Joel 2:12-18. P. Matthew 6:1-6,16-18.

Thu. Deuteronomy 30:15-20. P. Luke 9:22-25.

Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9. P. Matthew 9:14-15.

Sat. Isaiah 58:9-14. P. 23. Luke 5:27-32.

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-7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 5:38-48)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel is a continuation of the Matthean Jesus' teaching on the sort of righteousness, the right relationship and justice, to which his followers are called in their living of the Law. The Law of Moses included a law of retaliation designed to make punishment for wrongdoing to persons or property proportionate to the offence (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21). This was quite enlightened legislation at that time. In a series of striking images, Jesus invites his followers to go far beyond the strict application of the law and to embrace a new way of thinking about and acting towards those who injured them or us.

Relinquishing your right to compensation is one thing. Giving more of your property to one who has stolen from you is quite another. Do we take this teaching literally or do we simply embrace the spirit of non-retaliation that seems to be at the heart of this teaching? A too-easy amnesty does not always bring justice. Last week's gospel reminded us that there is to be no place for uncontrolled anger or murderous thoughts in our hearts. Both that teaching and this seem to be about taking responsibility for how we live. Harboring anger can have disastrous consequences for oneself as well as for others. It tends to become a state of being and skew our capacity for right judgement. What happens to us may be beyond our control. What we do with what comes our way is for us to decide. Jesus makes it clear that we have choices in the face of life's struggles. The disciple is called to assume personal responsibility and to refuse the way of retaliation.

The final example or antithesis in the list of six that Jesus offers in the Sermon on the Mount is the most confronting of all: there are to be no limitations on love. Loving one's enemies is quite a challenge, on a personal as well as a global level. We learn the hard way that we cannot change others. We can only change our attitudes and our approaches to those who harm us in any way. Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy, wrote that her sisters "never let the sun go down on their anger". I used to wonder how they managed that. Over recent years I have found that praying quite deliberately for those who give us a hard time or cause us grief is by far the most effective way of retaining my own peace of mind and of expelling retaliatory thoughts. For me, it is a matter of gently bringing these people to mind, of breathing in the loving kindness or *chesed* of God that suffuses the universe and of breathing it out to them.

Such prayer enables me to think of them in kindly ways and act towards them without rancour, even when these sentiments are not reciprocated.



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.**

Ash Wednesday 26/2.

9am., Mass (with School, years 3 – 6).
11am., Liturgy (with years Prep – 2).
7pm. Mass.

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

Senior's Monthly Get-Together.

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

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.

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.

23/2-1/3. 7th Sunday of the Year. 1st Sunday of Lent. Project Compassion Launch. Ash Wednesday. CCR Healing Mass. Centacare FRS Focus. CCR Prayer Training.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 7-8/3. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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 29/2-1/3. Group 1 .

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 1.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 1.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

1/3. Group 1. Philip & Peter. 8/3. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 29/2. Kathleen .

Vocation Views.

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.

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.) Maybe you could introduce our Group to a new Craft. For more information contact Jan 3261 9065 or Shirley 2369 6507.

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 2020/2. Thu. 28/5. A continuation of "Everyday Resilience" led by Michelle Mitchell. Our Library hosts a range of special promotions throughout the year. These events are designed to support and enhance the students' love of reading and all things literature. We have also seen the value our parent community also places on literature

and literacy, and it shows in the student's involvement. 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: 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

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.

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

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.

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>

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.

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

WHS Incident Report.

Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory

notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

Following on from the Royal Commission.

Specialist Support – Updated

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld)

Helpline - 1800 337 928

Centacare Family and Relationship Services -

Brisbane 07 3251 5000

Lifeline - 13 11 14

UnitingCare – Chermside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au

where you can listen anytime and or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Footsteps Of St. Paul.

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

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill.

6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland.

Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

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

The Iona Passion Play is looking for -

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

Memorandum.

Members of our community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved ones who pass away. The chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request through Barbara Masterman. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the suggestion of one of our community and has been made possible by the generosity and giftedness of David Griffiths. Thank you, David.

Youth Ministry Coordinator.

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

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

A Prayer for Biodiversity.

God of Love, may your divine presence speak to us through the whole of your creation in all her

biodiversity:

May we hear her individual songs and her "silent voices".

May we taste her sweetness and contemplate her beauty. We pray in a special way for those whose very existence is threatened:

Species Peoples Cultures

We pray for all Humanity for a change of Heart.

To recognise "all creatures have a value of their own in God's eyes and by their very existence give glory to God".

May we dare to place our own hands in the wounds of Christ. To feel in Him the suffering of our world. To feel it as our own suffering.

To hear, respond and walk forward together in the hope of our risen Lord.

Amen

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

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ROCK:

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

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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

WAG (World Action Group)

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Last weekend we collected \$271.15 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish Water Wells in South Sudan.

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This weekend we are collecting for Water Wells in South Sudan.

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

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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 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:-

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|--------------|----------------|
| Envelopes | \$706. |
| Direct Debit | \$1793. |
| Loose | \$1029. |
| Total | \$3528. |

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3442.

Average – Week 7. \$3605.

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:.....

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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