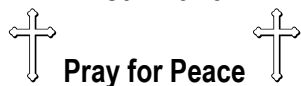


Year 2020



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**5th Sunday of the Year
9th of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

Isaiah 58:7-10. Psalm 112. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Matthew 5:13-16.

Next Week 15-16/2.

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

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. 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13. P.132. Mark 6:53-56.

Tue. 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30. P.84. Mark 7:1-13.

Wed. 1 Kings 10:1-10. P.37. Mark 7:14-23.

Thu. 1 Kings 11:4-13. P.106. Mark 7:24-30.

Fri. 1 Kings 11:29-32,12:19. P.81. Mark 7:31-37.

Sat. 1 K. 12:26-32,13:33-34. P.106. Mark 8:1-10.

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-5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year A
(Matthew 5:13-16)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In today's gospel, Jesus addresses two short parables to his disciples in the presence of the crowds. The crowds as well as the disciples hear what he has to say. Parables were intended to tease their hearers, inviting them to see things differently or from a new perspective, to see themselves in a new light. One of the difficulties for us is that Jesus told these parables in early first century Palestine with its particular symbol system, while we hear them through the multiple layers of our own twenty-first century contexts and symbol systems. "Salt" and "light" have slightly different resonances in different contexts, as do "earth" and "world". Exploring those resonances or nuances can bring us to a deeper appreciation of the text.

This short reflection allows for a focus only on "the salt of the earth" parable or metaphor. For Jesus' Palestinian audience, salt was used to preserve and to season food. It also functioned as a cleansing or purifying agent. It could only lose its savour if contaminated by additives. We can resonate with all of that. For some of the Jewish rabbis, salt signified wisdom: a "salted" disciple was a "wise" disciple. In some parts of the ancient world, as in Pakistan today, salt was used in dyeing processes as a way of intensifying as well as preserving the colour of fabrics. Many Westerners are not aware of this practice. These days we are rightly concerned about high levels of salinity in overworked soil. That was certainly not so for first-century Palestinians.

When we declare someone to be "the salt of the earth", we are generally referring to the sheer goodness of the person in question, her/his down to earth reliability, lack of pretentiousness and practical wisdom. To be salt of the earth is to season the earth community, to intensify its beauty, to be wise in one's judgments, to be just and compassionate in all of one's dealings. This parable, with its multi-layered symbolism, certainly teases the mind.

In the original Greek, the emphasis is on the first word in the sentence. Jesus is telling his hearers, disciples and crowds, that *they* are the salt of the earth. They do not have to *become* the salt of the earth; they *are* the salt of the earth. In short, he is affirming their worth. In its literary context, that assertion contrasts Jesus' followers with those who might persecute them. It affirms their capacity to stand strong in the face of opposition, "for the sake of justice".

If they allow themselves to be overwhelmed or allow their commitment to be shaken, then the "salt" will be contaminated and the "earth" cannot be seasoned. As we reflect on the diverse metaphorical applications of salt and earth, we might take a moment to give thanks to God for the gift of the material realities that underlie these powerful metaphors.



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.

This coming Weekday Services.

Mon. 10/2. Lay led Liturgy.
 Tue. 11/2. Lay led Liturgy.
 Fri. 14/2. Parish 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. More information later. Enq. Barbara Masterman

Children's Liturgy.

In recession until mid. 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.

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

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".

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

9-16/2. 5th & 6th Sundays of the Year. World Day of Prayer for the Sick (Holy See). Anniversary of the apology to members of the Stolen Generation. Our Lady of Fatima Devotion at Woodridge. Marriage Encounter. Archbishop's Curio Mass. Centacare CFRS. Our Lady of Lourdes. Saints Josephine Bakita. Maroun. Valentine. Scholastica. Cyril and Methodius.

Liturgy Roster.**Liturgy Preparation.**

For weekend 22-23/2. 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 15-16/2. 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.

16/2. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann.

23/2. Group 6. Bronwyn & Mike.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 15/2. Robyn

Vocation Views.

Jesus speaks on Vocations: "A child's handful of puled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise a lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?"

Nouwen Network.

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

St. Joseph's School.

Cross Country Training will commence in week 4 every Wednesday and Friday from 7.30 – 8.10am., on the School Oval. Please send a small snack and a water bottle. 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 Michell 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 32

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

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.

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.

St. Vince De Paul Fire Damage Appeal.

A big thank you to our generous parishioners who have so far donated \$3,688.40.

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

Community Forum.

Care for Our Common World: Living Laudato Si' ... Think Globally, Act Locally
Saturday, February 15
9am-1.45pm
Our Lady Queen of Apostles,
70 Appleby Rd, Stafford
"We are called to learn, to understand, to reflect and to act upon the wisdoms of Pope Francis as he challenges all people of good will to make an 'ecological conversion'."
Expressions of interest: Contact Stafford parish office by email
stafford@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3356 7155.

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.

Saint Therese Of Lisieux - Australian Visit

2020. The Catholic Leader reports a family of saints – the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin – will be touring Australia for the first time in 18 years. From February through May 2020, the relics will travel to Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania and Western Australia. The visit was organised by Catholic Mission, which

has partnered with InvoCare to bring the relics to 17 Australian dioceses. A draft itinerary (subject to change) shows the relics travelling to Brisbane. Springfield Parish 7-8/2. Cathedral Parish 9-10/2. Gympie Parish (Gunalda and Gympie Church 10-11/2. Caboolture Parish (Bongaree Church 11/2. Kedron Parish 11-12/2. Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre Ormiston (February 13); Burleigh Heads Parish (February 13–14) and Nerang Parish (Allambie Park and Marian Valley Retreat—February 14-15) before heading to northern NSW.

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

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.

Biblical Texts related to Catholic Liturgy.

The words spoken by priest and people during the Mass are not only based loosely on the Bible, many are direct quotations from particular biblical texts. Try website: catholic-resources.org/Bible/index.html.

The Lord is my shepherd – that's relationship!
I shall not want – that's supply.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures – that's rest!
He leadeth me beside still waters – that's refreshment.
He restoreth my soul – that's healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness – that's guidance.
For His name's sake – that's purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death – that's testing!
I will fear no evil – that's protection.
For Thou art with me – that's faithfulness.
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me – that's discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies – that's hope.
Thou anointest my head with oil – that's consecration.
My cup runneth over – that's abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life – that's blessing.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever – that's security AND eternity!

Community.

What an insurance company should be about. While you can trust Catholic Church Insurances to look after your home and family, it's the relationship with the community that makes them unique. For more information and an obligation free Building and Contents Insurance quote and affordable Personal Accident Insurance, phone 1300 655 003 or website: www.ccinsurances.com.au



Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan—Patroness St Josephine Bakhita

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

The SCVA people at the Archdiocese have now divided training into two levels: Level 1 is for nearly all volunteers and covers the basics of SCVA. It can be done online at:
www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguardingtraining
Level 2 Training.

Date to be published as they come to hand.
Enq. or assistance with booking contact Terry Tolhurst

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church. 7-8pm. All welcome.

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

Seniors' Group.

This Group meets in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month. Enq. and/or transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Youth Groups

BLITZ:-

Blitz is meeting this Sun. 9/2 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. We will be celebrating animals. All students in Grades 4 - 6 welcome.
Enq Emma Beach

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ROCK:

Rock is next meeting Sun. 16/2 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). All welcome. Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group)

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Last weekend we collected \$\$242.50 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish

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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 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	\$526.
Direct Debit	\$1793.
Loose	\$1106.
Total	\$3425.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3442.

Average – Week 5. \$3610.

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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