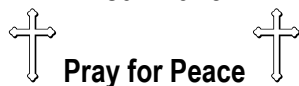


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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**4th Sunday of the Year
3rd of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19. Psalm 71. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13. Luke 4:21-30.

Next Week 9-10/2.

Isaiah 6:1-8. Psalm 138. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Luke 5:1-11.

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. Genesis 1:1-19. P.104. Mark 6:53-56.

Tue. Genesis 1:20-2:4. P.8. Mark 7:1-13.

Wed. Genesis 2:4-9,15-17. P.104. Mark 7:14-23.

Thu. Genesis 2: 18-25. P.128. Mark 7:24-30.

Fri. Genesis 3:1-8. P.32. Mark 7:31-37.

Sat. Genesis 3:9-24. P.90. 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/](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—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (Luke 4:21-30)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This week's gospel reading continues the story of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. At first he is universally accepted: the people of Nazareth marvel at the gracious words he utters. They identify him as Joseph's son. By the end of the story, however, these same people actually try to kill him. So, what happens in between to cause such a dramatic change of heart? These are religious people, not an unruly street mob. They are friends of the family. They are familiar with their sacred texts and traditions and presumably want to understand them more fully. In fact, they are like many of us who take time out on a weekly basis to come together for worship and prayer.

The people of Nazareth seem to be carrying a sense of exclusive entitlement to God's favour, as well as some deeply entrenched prejudices against the neighbouring Syrians and Phoenicians. Their history is largely one of conflict with neighbours, of struggle for survival, and some are unwilling to relinquish their unhealed local and ethnic grievances. This story is about power and control. When Jesus suggests that God's prophetic and healing power is accessible to and may even be more readily received among foreigners than within Israel, the anger of those who consider themselves "the chosen" knows no bounds: it spills over into violence. They have little patience with the implicit criticism of their attitudes to outsiders and the challenge of his prophetic words.

One of the problems with the narrative is that Jesus seems to be deliberately provoking a negative reaction. There are other problems as well: there is no cliff in Nazareth from which the enraged crowd could cast him to his death, and it is highly unlikely that people of this tiny town of two to four hundred Galilean Jews would resort to murdering one of their own for what they see as a verbal assault. So what is going on? It would seem that the gospel writer is putting elements of later stories about the violent treatment of Jesus and his followers into this episode in order to foreshadow what is to come.

The story thus becomes a microcosm of the gospel as a whole.

When the message is comforting, the messenger is well received. When it is less palatable, the messenger is in danger of being attacked or manipulated, more often than not at the hands of people who are basically good people like us. Unchecked assumptions, deep-seated biases, and uncontrolled emotions will function to bring the anointed prophet of the God of Israel to a violent death.

This story invites us to check our assumptions and our biases lest we turn to physical, verbal, or emotional violence in the face of a prophetic challenge.



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Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan . Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Lisa Harrison

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.

Senior's First Monthly Get-Together –

-for 2019. Tue. 5/2. Planning Meeting. Welcome back. We wish all parishioners, a "Happy & Healthy 2019. We extend an Invitation to all Seniors of the Parish, to join us after the 9am. Mass, for our Senior's Planning Meeting for 2019. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea PLUS some "Great Ideas" to make this year a very interesting year for yourselves and your fellow Seniors. We had a very successful year in 2018 & we hope to be able to provide a programme to cater for all tastes. We really want to know what you would like for this year. "Think outside the square. "Enquiries and Transport: Therese & Ron

Invitation for Sunday Gospel Reflection -

Gatherings (leading up to Easter and Pentecost). Please see the Notice board for a list of available times to meet with Fr. Gerry for Sunday Gospel Reflection. Fr. Gerry is inviting all parish groups to be involved, and for any interested parishioners to form a group. Most weeks there is a choice of 2 days ... please only choose one day for each week. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3261 3670.

Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence mid February for Prep to Year 3 students. Held 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 the 9am. Mass. Our 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word. Enq. Margaret

We Pray God's Healing touch and love-

for all those who are sick and for those who care for them.

To have family/friends included in our newsletter, 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.

Parish Planned Giving Receipts.

End of year Planned Giving Receipts are now available. In order to save paper, these receipts will only be printed as requested. Please note that monies donated to the Parish via the Planned Giving Programme are not eligible to be claimed as tax deductions. Should you wish to receive a

copy of your receipt, please telephone the office on 3261 3670 or send an email request to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au.

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."

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 16-17/2. 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, 9-10/2. 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.

10/2. Group 6. . 17/2. Group 1.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 9/2.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Parish Volunteer Forms as well as Archdiocesan 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' forms are available for volunteers to sign. Please collect these forms from Bronwyn at the Office, Terry or Margaret.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is always kept up to date.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

3-10/2. 4th & 5th Sundays of the Year. International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Centacare CFRS. Saints Josephine Bakita. Blaise. Maroun. Agatha. Paul Miki and Companions. Jerome Emiliani.

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".

Prayer Blog.

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

Plenary Council 2020.

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

You are welcome to reflect on and submit your response online at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Let us pray for the success of this Council.

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St. Mary MacKillop, pray for us. Amen.

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 – Chermshire 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

The Lord says: "Before I knew formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you". Be the men and women God created you to be.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Next gathering Wed. 6/2 at 12.30pm. At Cafe Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

St. Joseph's School.

Welcome back to the start of the new school year and a fond welcome to all our new families. Whilst I have been witness to more first school days than I care to remember,

each one is special because of the wide eyed excitement of those having their first ever school day and the smiles of familiar friends coming back together after weeks apart. There are often quite a few parent smiles too, but I think that may be to do with the prospect of a little peace at home. I hope you were able to have a holiday and the chance to spend some fun time with family. I am a little proud of myself as I actually completed some of the jobs at home that I bought the materials for last Christmas holidays and let sit there for a year untouched. I did come to the Working Bee we held here and was joined by over twenty mums and dads who did a great job helping to prepare the grounds for the start of our school year. This was despite it being a hot morning. Thank you so much to everyone who attended. Gary Creevey.

Care for Creation News.

The Parish's Care for Creation group is presenting a video called 'Global Healing' to help guide and inspire us following Pope Francis' appeal in Laudato Si' to 'Care For Our Common Home'. The video, especially designed for parishes, will be shown at 7.30pm. on Thursday 28/2 in the Parish Centre. Fr. Gerry is inviting each Parish Ministry Group to choose 2 representatives from their group to attend this formation evening. Please RSVP to pbugden4@bigpond.com. <http://stjosephsbracklenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation website and Facebook page. It has lots of useful resources that may be of interest. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. With Pope Francis we pray: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". 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.

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it simple for you. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com

Ignite Youth: Friday Night Live.

Raising up the next generation in worship. Dinner/Festival/Rally. 6.30 – 9.30pm., 22/2 at Somerville House, 17 Graham St., South Brisbane. Connect with teenagers across the Archdiocese for massive worship and extraordinary encounters. More details at www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive facebook.com/igyouth 3217 5199.

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

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.

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 2361 9651. 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.

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

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.

Position Vacant.

Applications are open for the position of Administration/Finance Officer at the Sandgate Brighton Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position for three days per week (24 hours). Position closes 15/2. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

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The Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) –

-and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to a Mass to celebrate the life of St Bakhita and to pray for victims of human trafficking. **This will be on 8th February at 7:30pm., at the Cathedral of St. Stephen.** Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The celebration will be enhanced by the involvement of a choir from the South Sudanese Catholic community as St. Bakhita is also the patron saint of South Sudan. Light refreshments will be provided after Mass. RSVP: cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au | 3324 3451. St. Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of those trafficked into modern day slavery. She herself was sold into slavery and treated cruelly by her slave masters until, with the help of the Canossian Sisters, she was liberated and then became a Canossian Sister. The tragedy of it all is that there are more people in slavery today around the world than there were when slavery was legal. Slavery exists today, right here among us and is happening under our noses. Australia is a destination for trafficked people who are used for a variety of purposes. Please visit the ACRATH website (acrath.org.au) for more information and links regarding human trafficking issues. Let us work together to make a difference.

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.

Date Claimer.

Ecumenical Universal World Day of Prayer. 1/3. This year the Service was prepared by Christian women of Slovenia. More details to come. Enq. Barbara Masterman

3rd of February 2019. Fourth Sunday of the Year.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting the 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 Training.

Watch this spot for forthcoming dates.

Enq. Terry Tolhurst

SVDP

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

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 18/2.
Enq Jan or Jan

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night
All welcome

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

Youth Groups

BLITZ:-

Next gathering Sun. 10/2 in the Parish Centre. 4.30 – 6pm. Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:

ROCK is meeting TODAY 3/2 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach

SALT:-

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

WAG (World Action Group)

Last weekend we collected \$474 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

This week we are collecting for the support of Water Wells for South Sudan.

As always, we want to say a very big THANK YOU to all our very generous parishioners for continuing to support our Parish projects. Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

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

We have finished for the year now and will resume on Wednesday 6th February. Each Wednesday until then, we will meet for coffee at the Bracken Ridge Tavern at 9.30am. All most welcome to join us. Enq. Margaret

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.

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

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: 67. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94.

Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$521.
Direct Debit	\$1761.
Loose	\$1134.
Total	\$3526.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 4. \$3437.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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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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