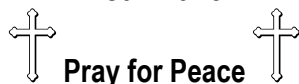


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

**Parish Website:**

[www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com)

**Parish Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge)

**Parish Email:**

[bridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
10th of February**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 6.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 16-17/2.**

Jeremiah 17:5-8. Psalm 1. 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20. Luke 6:17,20-26.

**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-5th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time Year C  
(Luke 5:1-11)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The gospel reading opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear "the word of God". For the gospel writer, the word of Jesus is the word of God. The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the episode in the Nazareth synagogue, to receive this momentous truth. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God's word to the destitute. The gospel narrative assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God's word.

Jesus sees two empty boats and gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter. The implication is that Jesus knows Peter since he feels free to get into Peter's boat and ask him to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God's word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus' teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch.

Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God's spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though there is little likelihood of a catch. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus' instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus' word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his "sinfulness" in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise in order to "catch people". This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of God movement. As the gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and the "hospitality" of God.

While Peter and his companions are said to "leave everything" and "follow" Jesus, the subsequent narrative makes it clear that they do not abandon their fishing activities. They simply re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. In other words, they undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus' life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life.

The previous chapter has provided glimpses of that pattern: bringing good news to the destitute, release to the shattered, healing to the sick and the broken. In our times, we are beginning to realise that the "shattered" includes the despoiled Earth and its often polluted waters.



### 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](mailto: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.**

### **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](mailto: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 23-24/2. Group 2. 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, 16-17/2. 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.**

17/2. Group 1. 24/2. Group 2.

### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 16/2.

### **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.**

10-17/2. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. World Day of Prayer for the Sick (The Holy See). Anniversary of the Apology to members of the stolen Generations. Centacare CFRS. Our Lady of Lourdes. Saints Valentine. Cyril. Methodius.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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 – Chermside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

### **RCIA.**

We're about to begin a new journey with friends enquiring about our faith. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to join us. Enquiries: Margaret

### **Parish Reflection Day –**

-Santa Teresa, Ormiston. Sat. 23/3. 9am.-3pm. \$30 per person. Morning tea and Lunch provided. This Reflection Day is organised by Evangelisation Brisbane and open to parishes across the Brisbane Archdiocese. The theme of the day is 'Call to Holiness' and reflections will be on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation: 'Rejoice and be glad'. Our parish would like to make this a part of our Lenten journey this year and invite you to consider travelling with us to Ormiston overlooking beautiful Moreton Bay. We plan to car pool from our church car park. If interested please add your name to the list on the paper table.

### **Vocation Views.**

God does not ask you to be successful. God does ask you to be faithful. Come and follow him.

### **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.**

We have had a great first week of school. The children are very settled and the teachers are delighted with their cohorts so all is positive for the year ahead. One of the roles of the School Board is to write a number of the policy documents that guide our school's progress. In recent times, one essential document has

been reworded to sit in line with where we believe our school is at, at present. This is our School Mission Statement. Those familiar with the original Mission Statement will see only minor changes in the revised wording below. This is because, in many ways, our mission is unchanged from when our school began forty years ago. However, it was felt that there were elements that needed to be changed to better fit with our school now. Our School has two key documents. One is our School Vision Statement and this is one I refer to often because it provides direction and an indication of where we are heading. It helps to identify how we see our future. Our Mission Statement on the other hand names what is important to us and what is at the core of what we believe we are about and are trying to achieve. This is our St Joseph's Mission Statement- Our Mission as the community of St. Joseph's Catholic School is to live our faith, recognising Jesus in each other. As such, we reach out in compassion, embracing the dignity and diversity of all. Within a supportive and caring environment, we aim to foster a love of learning as we strive for excellence in all that we do. This is a very short and simple statement yet its meaning is long and involved. If we are to act in accordance with our mission, then it must be reflected in all we do. As such, it forms part of each of the overarching policies referred to earlier when working with the School Board. Mark Creevey.

#### **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](http://www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive) [facebook.com/igyouth](https://facebook.com/igyouth) 3217 5199.

#### **News from Blackall Parish.**

NO DROUGHT RELIEF FOR BLACKALL! Unfortunately the rain which has been falling in the far north has not reached Blackall. The town itself has received 15ml but surrounding properties only 3-4ml. John & Sharyn Rogers

#### **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](mailto:pbugden4@bigpond.com). <http://stjosephsbrac>

[kenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com](http://kenridgecareforcreation.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](mailto:da.mowingservices@gmail.com)

#### **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 of Administration/Finance Officer for 3 days per week (24 hours). Position closes 18/2. 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.

*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](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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. 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](http://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.

#### **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

#### **PALMS Australia.**

PALMS Australia began work in Catholic parishes in Sydney as the Paulian Association in 1956. In 1961 the PALMS programme started preparing Catholics for a global mission. In 2001 the organizational name became Palms Australia to reflect the mission that had spread far beyond Sydney. Encounter Timor Leste April 7-19. Book your immersive, cultural experience with Palms Australia today. Call Robert on 02 9560 5333 or visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)

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#### **Ten Commandments to reduce Stress.**

(Found in 'The Majellan' – and too good not to share or repeat! Ed.)

1. Thou shalt not try to be all things to all people.
2. Thou shalt leave some things undone.
3. Thou shalt not spread thyself too thin.
4. Thou shalt learn to say "No".
5. Thou shalt schedule time for thyself and thy supportive network.
6. Thou shalt regularly switch off and do nothing.

10<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Fifth Sunday of the Year.

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 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.

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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

**@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.**

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. [brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://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

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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

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SALT:-

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

**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](http://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 \$541.

Direct Debit \$1715.

Loose \$1039.

**Total \$3295.**

*Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.*

*Average – Week 5. \$3408.*

**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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Many thanks for your support.*

**WAG (World Action Group)**

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Last weekend we collected \$232.45 for the support of Water Wells for South Sudan.

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This week we are collecting for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

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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**

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