

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)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
10<sup>th</sup> of March

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Psalm 91. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13.

Next Week 18-19/3.

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18. Psalm 27. Philippians 3:17-4:1. Luke 9:28-36.

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. Levit. 19:1-2,11-18. P.19. Matthew 25:31-46.

Tue. Isaiah 55:10-11. P.34. Matthew 6:7-15.

Wed. Jonah 3:1-10. P.51. Luke 11:29-32.

Thu. Esther 14:1,3-5,12-14. P.138. Matthew 7:7-12.

Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28. P.130. Matthew 5:20-26.

Sat. Deut. 26:16-19. P.119. Matthew 5:43-48.

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-1st Sunday of Lent Year C (Luke 4:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the “wilderness” or “desert place” and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as uninhabited or desolate regions, anyone who has spent time in such places knows that the desert supports a rich diversity of other-than-human life. Human retreat to the wilderness can be an opportunity to encounter God in the unfamiliar and to understand oneself in relation to the other-than-human. It can reveal to us our capacities for right relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth. Right relationship resides in “power-with” rather than “power-over”.

In Israel's story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God's people: “Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness...testing you to know what was in your heart” (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus is “filled with the Holy Spirit” and, like so many human beings before and since, is “led by the Spirit” into the wilderness to be “tested” there. [“Tested” is a more accurate translation of the Greek *peirazein* than the usual “tempted”].

The three-fold drama of the testing of Jesus in the wilderness is about the proper exercise of power and about trust in a loving God. In refusing to turn the stones of the wilderness into bread in order to satisfy his own hunger, the Lukan Jesus demonstrates that he is not prepared to exercise power over the other-than-human Earth, even if he had the capacity to work such magic. By refusing to accept the “glory of all the kingdoms of the world”, he shows that power over the human communities of the Earth is not “of God” and that worship belongs to God alone. Finally, in refusing to cast himself from the parapet of Israel's holiest shrine, the Jerusalem Temple, he makes it clear that he is not prepared to test the power of God to rescue him from a self-inflicted death or to use God's holy place to such ends. The Lukan Jesus passes the tests that the people Israel failed in the wilderness of Sinai.

Adelaide priest, Michael Trainor, in a wonderfully sensitive reading of Luke's gospel, detects three ecological ethical principles in today's gospel reading: 1) Earth is to be cared for and treated respectfully, not ravaged through greed; 2) All ecological and environmental engagement is grounded in and enhanced by one's communion with God; and 3) Earth's resources are to be respected by all and not usurped as a means of power and control by one over another (*About Earth's Child* 2012, pages107-109). These principles derive from the story as a whole with its three-fold testing and from Jesus' three-fold response to these tests.



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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 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.

### **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.

### **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."

### **Cooling the Church.**

Are you interested in getting involved in finding a solution to cooling the church? Fr. Gerry is inviting interested parties to an idea sharing meeting Thursday 14th March at 7pm in the Church. On hand will be details of what has already been explored. Please come along with your ideas and/or willingness to explore options. Our beautiful church was never designed to have air conditioning and its striking design presents many challenges to the standard cooling options which are available. All welcome. Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

### **Freeeee Sausage Sizzzzzzle.**

To celebrate St. Joseph's Day. After all Masses on 23-24/3. All parishioners invited to help us celebrate St. Joseph's Day and enjoy our famous sausages. A big thank you to our wonderful Hospitality Team.

### **Children's Liturgy.**

Today, for our Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am.Mass. Rostered 17/3. . 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.

### **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.**

10-17/3. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS.

### **Liturgy Roster.**

#### **Liturgy Preparation.**

For weekend 23-24/3. 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, 16-17//3. 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.**

17/3. Group 5. Group 6.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 16/3.

### **Compassion Lenten Group Invitation.**

SALT Young Adults group invite our Parish Community to join us for our Lenten Group. Gathering every Sunday in Lent, commencing 10/3, 7pm in the Parish Centre. We will use the Brisbane Archdiocese Lenten Program, "Compassion". The title invites us to consider the meaning of compassion and how we respond with the heart. Gospel reflections written by Fr. John Chalmers and "Lives of Compassion" stories include our very own Michael Hutchinson and Sr. Dorothy Bayliss. All welcome to share this time with us. Enq Jess

### **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.

### **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.

### **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. 3/4 at 12.30pm. At Cafe Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

### **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

### **Vocation Views.**

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver. Your vocation is a gift to others.

### **Rising Youth Ministry.**

Launch Party! Come and celebrate the Launch with fun, food and games as we dance the evening away. Sat. 27/4. 6 – 9pm. t St. Francis Hall, 47 Dornich Tc., West End. Ages 5 – 18 welcome. RSVP by 20/4. Enq. Lana 0412 421 247 or email [rising@awaken.org.au](mailto:rising@awaken.org.au)

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

### **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 – Chermshire 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

### **St. Joseph's School.**

Our first Fete meeting for the year is on 19th March so mark it in your diary. Come along at 7:30pm in the library and give us some of your ideas! We'd love to have your help, enthusiasm and ideas!

Prep applications for 2020 are due by Friday, 22/3. It is necessary for all siblings to be enrolled by this date also. Parents will be contacted shortly thereafter regarding interview dates. If you know of a family outside of our school community considering St Joseph's for their child's education, please pass this information on. Application forms can be obtained from our website or the school office, or you can enrol online. School Photos: All class and individual photos will be taken on Monday, 25/3. Family and Year 6 Captain photos will happen on Tuesday, 26/3.

### **PALMS Australia.**

PALMS Australia began work in Catholic parishes in Sydney as the Paulian Association in 1956. 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)

### **St. John Fisher College.**

Bracken Ridge. Limited vacancies for Year 7 girls starting 2020 and 2021. Apply online now. Go Far. See More. Reach Further. [www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au)

### **Care for Creation.**

The video "Global Healing can be viewed at [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk) or go to the Care for Creation groups' <https://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com/past-events.html> 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)

### **Volunteer Immersion Programme.**

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July. This will be

a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr. Mel on 0484 007 508.

### **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.

### **Pilgrimage.**

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage. Follow St Paul's journey through land and sea. Encounter Greece's beauty on the 3 night cruise across the Greek islands. Tour the ancient city of Corinth that inspired many of St Paul's letters. Marvel at the Byzantine monastery Hosios Loukas. See the House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus. Reflect the Book of Revelation at the Grotto of the Apocalypse & St John's Monastery ENTRANCES INCLUDED. Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Ephesus Archaeological Site, Delphi, Hosios Loukas Monastery, Meteora Monastery, Ancient Philippi, Baptistery of Lydia, Thessaloniki Roman Forum, Rotunda of Galerius, Museum of Byzantine culture Inclusions. DEPARTURE: 1/10/19. Enq. 03 8839 6615 or [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com)

### **Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC).**

We are called to be disciples of Christ. Now in its thirty-third year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries. Applications close Thursday 18 April, Written applications can be sent to: Fr.

Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: [cppc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cppc@bne.catholic.net.au) Website: [www.cppc.net.au](http://www.cppc.net.au)

### **Become a Prison Chaplain.**

Catholic men and women provide Pastoral Care to prisoners in the eleven Correctional Centres in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Centacare currently seeks expressions of interests from men and women who would be interested to know more about the work of chaplains in the Correctional Centre at Woodford. Chaplains visit Woodford as part of the Catholic team every Friday. There is a brochure available in your church with more details. Training is provided and travel expenses reimbursed. It's a great way to make a real difference to someone's life through the Christian ministry of pastoral care, making known the love God has all for people. If you would like to discuss this role and its suitability for you, please call: Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries on 33243193. A reference from your Parish Priest is required along with all Archdiocesan safeguarding compliance requirements including Blue Card and police check.

### **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.

### **Canali House –**

-offers young men an opportunity to explore a vocational call to ordained ministry. Formation for 6 – 12 months. Enq. [vocations@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocations@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 1300 133 544.

### **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.



10<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. First Sunday of Lent.

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.

Next gathering Monday 18/3.  
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:-**

Gathering today, Sun. 10/3 in the Parish Centre. 4.30 – 6pm. Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

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**ROCK:**

Next meeting 17/3 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. We will be exploring the gaining of wisdom. All students between Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach

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**SALT:-**

Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Meeting every Sunday in Lent commencing 10/3. 7pm., in the Parish Centre. Reflecting on "Compassion" Lenten Programme. All welcome. Enq. Jess

**WAG (World Action Group)**

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Last weekend we collected \$325.25 for the support of Water Wells for South Sudan.

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During Lent our focus will turn to collecting money for Project Compassion. Please pick up a set of envelopes or donate directly each week into the big Project Compassion Box.

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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

**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: 58. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94.

Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$586.
Direct Debit	\$1715.
Loose	\$1172.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3473.</b>

*Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.*

*Average – Week 8. \$3410.*

**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.*