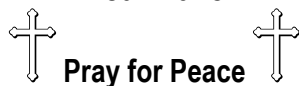


Year 2018



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

32nd Sunday of the Year
11th of November

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 145. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.

Next Week 17-18/11.

Daniel 12:1-13. Psalm 15. Hebrews 10:11-14, 18. Mark 13:24-32.

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. Titus 1:1-9. P.23. Luke 17:1-6.

Tue. Titus 2:1-8,11-14. P.36. Luke 17:7-10.

Wed. Titus 3:1-7. P.22. Luke 17:11-19.

Thu. Philemon 7:20. P.145. Luke 17:20-25.

Fri. 2 John 4-9. P.118. Luke 17:26-37.

Sat. 3 John 5-8. P.111. Luke 18:1-8.

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-32nd
Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 12:38-44)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Whether the longer or shorter gospel reading is selected for today's liturgy, the literary context deserves attention. Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the "greater condemnation". They "devour the houses of widows" and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as well as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus' words of condemnation are strong words that will understandably provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1).

It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the goodness of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular "destitute" widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy out of their excess. Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Or is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a free agent, a model of discipleship, who offers everything she has to live on? It may not be necessary to choose between these two interpretations.

It is clear that this woman's action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.



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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 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.

St. Vincent De Paul –

Columban Calendars for sale at \$10 each. Christmas Cards are \$4 for a pack of 8. 'Keep Christ in Christmas' stickers \$1 per sheet now available at the Paper Table. Please make your selection and use the Honour Box supplied.

This is a gathering of the whole church –

in Australia in which all are invited to have a say about the future of the Catholic Church in our country. **An opportunity is available to gather with a small group to share thoughts on the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'** It is anticipated that gatherings will be held after each of the weekend Masses 6pm, 7:30 am and 9am on a date to be advised. The session will take about 45 minutes. If you are interested in joining one of these discussions, would you please add your name to the list on the paper table. You are also welcome to reflect on this question and submit your response online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Please join us in praying 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.

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."

Children's Liturgy.

Today, In the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. No Child. Lit. 18/11 (Family Mass). Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3,4 & 5

year olds invited to join us in the Parish Centre. 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.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 24-25/11. 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, 17-18/11. 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.

18/11. Group 6. 25/11. Group 1.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 17/11.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

11-18/11. 32nd & 33rd Sundays of the Year. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Centacare CFRS. Our Lady of Fatima Devotion at Woodridge. Saints Josaphat. Albert the Great. Margaret of Scotland. Gertrude. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Parish Volunteer Form and an Archdiocesan 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. Please collect the 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 kept up to date at all times.

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".

Vocation Views.

We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage.

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.

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin .

Vocation Discernment Weekend -

hosted by The Capuchin Friars: 16-18/11. Retreat for men aged 18-35. Starts 7:30pm. Friday at the Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and concludes at 3pm. on Sunday. Cost \$30. Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. More info at: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/brisbane-vocation-discernment-weekend/>

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.

As each child grows and learns with us here at Joeys, we are there with them supporting each step in their journey. We capture our children's learning and development through the use of scrapbooks as a form of documenting each child's educational experiences. We observe, plan, reflect and evaluate through journals, photos, children's work and learning stories. Each child has a scrapbook that is accessible to them at all times, in this book there are learning stories from the week, artworks and photos of the children. We encourage all families to come in and have a look at their child's scrapbook!

St. John Fisher College.

Limited vacancies 2019 & 2020. Enrol now at www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au

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

Blackall Fete Update.

We have only one week to go before setting off on the almost 1,000k road trip to Blackall. Our Team is really appreciative of the positive response received thus far for St Patrick's Church Fete. It is our intention to fill a "Christmas Hamper" to raffle at the Fete and are still in need of items including Christmas food e.g. Cake, Pudding, Nuts, Pretzels, Lollies (not Chocolate) and Presents. We also hope to support the Business People in Blackall by purchasing Vouchers from them to offer as Prizes on our Stall, but to do this we will need Cash. Any amount, large or small, will put a smile on the faces of the people of our Sister Parish. Please contact any of our Team – John & Sharyn Rogers 0418980344, Greg & Sharyn McLagan 3261 7071, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch 3261 2854 for collection or place Donations in the box at the rear of the Church. **Sunday 18th. 9am., will be the last date donations can be accepted.**

Queensland Churches Together.

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture.

Celebrating 70 years of the World Council of Churches. Sun. 18/11 at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann St., Brisbane at 6pm. Enq. to 3369 6792 or admin@qct.org.au

Women's Discernment Retreat.

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40 years old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! 24– 25/11. 9am. Sat. - 5pm. Sun. At Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. Enq., or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

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.

Care for Creation Group.

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.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

To the People of God of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The painting of the patron of the Archdiocese, St. Mary MacKillop, copies of which are in our parish churches, will soon have a permanent home in one of the turrets at the front of the cathedral. Beneath it will stand a marble image of the Sacred Heart from the cathedral before the 1989 renovation, keeping in mind that the full name of the Congregation founded by St Mary MacKillop is the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. I have also decided that in this space we will entrust all victims and survivors of sexual abuse to the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who knew the pain of the victim and the strength of the survivor. The turret will contain a candle and inscription remembering those who have been abused and their loved ones, and entrusting them to the loving intercession of Mother Mary of the Cross. The candle will stand on stone from Jerusalem, linking the memorial to the whole story of salvation. In the turret we will also place another marble from old St Stephen's – an image of the crucifixion with Mary and John beneath the Cross. The one on the Cross represents all who have been abused and the two figures beneath the Cross represent their family and friends who have shared their suffering. May this be a powerful and enduring response inspired by the Gospel which so inspired St Mary MacKillop to respond to the needs of her own time. Archbishop of Brisbane.

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

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

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.

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

Queensland Irish Choir INC. -

-invite you to attend their Christmas Concert called "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas". The Choir will sing a range of Christmas and Celtic songs which you are sure to enjoy. As this year commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the ending of World War 1 we will also be singing some wartime favourites. Our guest artist is a wonderful Soprano: Annika Hinrichs. Venue: The Brisbane German Club, Vulture St. East Brisbane. Sunday 25/11 from 2 – 4pm. Cost \$15. Bookings through Jennifer Dunbar 0447 744 788. Email: jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Pope's message lays foundation for new safeguarding strategy 2018 - 2020

Pope Francis's call for "zero tolerance" towards sexual abuse has underpinned a new safeguarding strategy across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Archbishop Mark Coleridge said Pope Francis's words were an important factor in the Archdiocese's design of a strategy that will apply to all ministries and services for the next three years. The Archdiocese's new strategy applies to all church personnel including bishops, clergy, religious, employees, contractors and volunteers across all parishes, ministries, agencies and services. The Archdiocese encourages Church workers and the community to raise concerns about abuse or other safeguarding issues within the Church. Concerns can be raised with the Office for Safeguarding Services or via the independent and confidential STOPLine service. The Safeguarding Service can be contacted on 07 3324 3752 or safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au. The STOPLine service can be contacted on 1300 304 550 or AOB@stoline.com.au. Anonymous reports can be made to the STOPLine service.

11th of November. 32nd 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.

Aspley Parish.

Sunday, November 18. 10.30am. – 12.30pm.

Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City.

Wednesday, November 7. 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, December 6. 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to attend.

First though you must Register and Terry Tolhurst can do this for you. Please contact him

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 19 November.

Unless otherwise notified: No Gatherings in December 18 and January 19.

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

Youth Groups

BLITZ:- Next Meeting Sun. 18/11 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. We will be welcoming Grade 3 students that week, so all students in Grades 3-5 are welcome to join us. Gold coin donation.

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK: Meeting today, Sun. 11/11 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. We are having our Christmas Party so please bring either a nibbly or sweet plate to share. All students between years 6-12 are welcome Enq Emma Beach



SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Twilight Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue gathering. Sun. 18/11 from 5pm., in the Parish Centre. Please bring money for pizza. All welcome as we reflect on "what God is asking us of Australia at this time". Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group)

WAG: The current financial status:

SOUTH SUDAN we have already paid for eleven wells and we are only \$2,500 (Aus) away from Well No. 12!

BLACKALL we are sending another \$2000 to Blackall next week that makes \$6,000 that we have sent in 2018.



Last weekend we collected \$263.15 for the support of the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

This week we are collecting for Water Wells in 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

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.

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

Women's Prayer Group

Gathering each Wednesday in the Church from 9.30 – 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

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	\$526.
Direct Debit	\$1680.
Loose	\$1044.
Total	\$3250.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 44. \$3325.

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