

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)

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

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
17<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 1.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 23-24/2.**

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23. Psalm 103. 1 Corinthians 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38.

**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 4:1-15,25. P50. Mark 8:11-13.

Tue. Genesis 6:5-8,7:1-5,10. P.29. Mark 8:14-21.

Wed. Genesis 8:6-13,20-22. P.116. Mark 8:22-26.

Thu. Genesis 9:1-13. P.102. Mark 8:27-33.

Fri. 1 Peter 5:1-4. P.23. Matthew 16:13-19.

Sat. Hebrews 11:1-7. P.145. Mark 9:2-13.

**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 –6th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
(Luke 6:17, 20-26)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

We are unlikely to consider ourselves blessed or happy when we cannot pay our bills or put food on the table. We are likewise slow to count our blessings, much less dance for joy, when we find ourselves in tears or when we are excluded, rejected, and treated with contempt. We are more likely to consider ourselves blessed when we do not have to be constantly worried about money or food and when others treat us with respect. So why does Luke's Jesus declare the poor and suffering happy or blessed? And why does he seem to be so hard on those who enjoy economic security and the respect of others? What does the gospel say to those of us who are somewhere between the destitute who are declared blessed and the wealthy who are told to watch out? What does this gospel offer to those who attract neither praise nor blame? There are no easy answers to any of this, beyond the clear evidence that Luke's Sermon on the Plain engages the theme of reversal that permeates this gospel.

The poor are told that the reign of God is theirs. In others words, it is a present rather than a future reality. The poor can at least know that they are acceptable to God in ways that may be incomprehensible to the wealthy who, in their turn, are challenged to share their wealth. It is not much consolation for the hungry or those who weep to know that their "reward will be great in heaven" if heaven is a place enjoyed only in the afterlife. "Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God's empire of justice and compassion. Reversal is expected in this life rather than the next. Weeping is usually connected in the prophetic literature with the disasters that flow from "ungodly" decisions. In our times, there are many weeping over "ungodly" decisions in relation to asylum seekers and carbon emissions. Laughter seems a remote possibility for many displaced people of our world. We are reminded today of the gospel imperative to work and pray that war-torn and climate affected countries will once again resonate with the sound of happy laughter.

Finally, our experience makes us wary of those who flatter us or put us on pedestals. It is generally only a matter of time before we fall from favour and find ourselves on the receiving end of criticism or even attack. It is ultimately better to be misunderstood and to be at peace with one's conscience in the pursuit of compassion and justice than to be the object of adulation and praise.

I suspect it is only in handling life's challenges with dignity, grace, and single-minded focus on the gospel that we find blessing or happiness.



### 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 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.

### **World Day of Prayer 2019.**

Together with the Baptist, Anglican, and Uniting Churches in Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills/Sandgate/Brighton, we have been part of this Ecumenical Worldwide Movement since our Inaugural Worship Gathering in 1989. We take turns in being the Host Church, this year it is the Baptist Church's turn. They are on Norris Road. (Our turn next year). So on Friday, March 1 at 7..30pm., you are invited to join us for a Service organized by the women of Slovenia. Theme: "Come – Everything is Ready". This Service is shared all over the world by Christian women. It is a wondrous thought that the words we hear and speak are spoken in so many different languages. Please, do come and join us for an awesome hour of shared Worship and Prayer. You are also invited to stay for supper and fellowship. Enq. Barbara. For those unable to attend in the evening, the same Service will be held Friday, 1 March at 10am., at Sacred Heart Church, Sandgate.

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

This will recommence at the end of 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 2-3/3. 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, 23-24/2. Group 2

#### **Eucharistic Ministers.**

For next weekend. Group 2.

#### **Music Ministry.**

For next weekend. Group 2

#### **Servers.**

If you would like to serve, please see Fr. Gerry before Mass.

#### **Counters Roster.**

24/2. Group 2. 3/3. Group 3.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 23/2. Robyn

### **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.**

17-24/2. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. The Chair of St. Peter Apostle. Saints Peter Damien. Polycarp.

### **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 – Chermshire 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.**

Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love. Follow the Master.

#### **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.**

**Library:** Every year all around Australia we celebrate and honour our libraries and the people who use them. This year the theme was 'Libraries love stories'. And we are 'chokkas' with the best stories in this library! Our aim is to always try to match students to the right book/story. Stories can help us to find that 'happy place'.

**The Swimming Carnival:** For Year 4 - 6 students (and eligible Year 3 students born in 2010) will be held on Friday, 1/3 at the Zillmere State School pool. Details of the carnival can be found on the [Parent Portal](#). The carnival is a very busy day and we can only run it successfully with the help of parents to time-keep. We need two timekeepers per swimming lane. Please volunteer some of your time - the more people willing to help share the load enables everyone to watch their child/ren swim. If you are available please email or see the PE staff.

**Cross Country Training:** This has commenced and will continue every Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:10am., in the lead up to our Cross Country Carnival at the end of the Term. All students and parents are welcome to come along. Please send along a water bottle plus a small snack ( banana) for the children to eat after the training session.

#### **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 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://stjosephsbrackridgecareforcreation.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.*

#### **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.

#### **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](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.

#### **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)

#### **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)

17<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Sixth 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.

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. 24/2 in the Parish Centre. 4.30 – 6pm. Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

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ROCK:

ROCK is Gathering this Sunday, 17/2 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

**WAG (World Action Group)**

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Last weekend we collected \$377.65 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

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

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

Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes \$633.

Direct Debit \$1715.

Loose \$1038.

**Total \$3386.**

*Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.*

*Average – Week 6. \$3405.*

**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.*



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