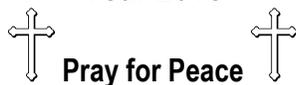


Year 2018



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**33rd Sunday of the Year
18th of November**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

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

Next Week 24-25/11.

Daniel 7:13-14. Psalm 92. Apocalypse 1:5-8. John 18:33-37.

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. Apoc. 1:1-4.2:1-5. P.1. Luke 18:35-43.

Tue. Apoc. 3:1-6,14-22. P.14. Luke 19:1-10.

Wed. Apoc. 4:1-11. P.150. Luke 19:11-28.

Thu. Apoc. 5:1-10. P.149. Luke 19:41-44.

Fri. Apoc. 10:8-11. P.118. Luke 19:45-48.

Sat. Apoc. 11:4-12. P.143. Luke 20:27-40.

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

more than a poetic image in our times. The freak storms, the cyclones, and other signs of global warming we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the "other-than-human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's ways.

Tim Winton's memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever realised.

"Come, Lord Jesus! Amen."



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 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).

Reflection.

**Reflection on the Gospel-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 13:24-32)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In the opening lines of today's gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first passage reads, "For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light" (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah read like an unravelling of God's work in creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: "All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God's judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship.

The parallel images in Mark 13 are referenced to the aftermath of the "time of distress" associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God's people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give comfort and hope to Mark's persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ's coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the "time of distress". The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment.

The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the modern and scientifically sophisticated reader from hearing the call to trust in God no matter what happens. This reading may remind some of us that the unravelling of God's work is

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?' Gatherings will be held after each of the weekend Masses 6pm. 7:30am., and 9am., on a date to be advised and will last approx. 45 minutes. If you are interested in joining one of these discussions, please add your name to the list on the paper table. You are also 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.

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."

Year of Youth –

Thank You. As the Year of Youth draws to a close, we the young people of St Joseph and St Anthony's, would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our special community. All of you support our youth, whether it is in bringing them here, enabling our youth groups, coming to events, baking for catering, through prayer, or being a friendly and welcoming face. The youth in our community have felt the love you hold for us and are very grateful for our community. We are greatly blessed. With joy and hope we look to the future.

Seniors' Christmas Party.

Tue. 4/12. After the 9am. HEALING Mass, come along in your 'Christmas Gear' and enjoy a day of celebrations and fun at our Annual Christmas Party. We will provide "bickies", Christmas cake and a

"cuppa" for Morning Tea. Entertainment by St. Joseph's School Choirs AND Christmas Lunch (incl. drinks). A "Very Special Visitor" will also be dropping in to reward the "good boys and girls". Please bring a present MAXIMUM value \$10. Ladies bring a lady's present. Men bring a man's present. We will be running our usual Christmas Raffle. It will be a "Cracker" as usual. Bring along a few extra \$\$\$\$ to increase your chances of taking home some great prizes. For catering purposes, would anyone wishing to attend, please add your name to the list at the rear of the Church, or contact us to indicate that you want to be included in the celebrations. Our Christmas Party is always well attended, but we really need to know how many will be coming, as we certainly don't want to run out of 'goodies' on the day. Peter Guy will be selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings. Great idea for Christmas gifts. Cakes \$13 (1kg). \$17 (1.5kg). Plum Puddings \$13. Come along and join the celebrations. Our Final Event for 2018. Enq. and/or transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

None today. (Family Mass). Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 25/11. Robyn Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

None today. (Family Mass). 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.

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.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

18-25/11. 33rd Sunday of the Year. Christ the King. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Centacare CFRS. Two Hours of Quiet. Southside Healing Mass. 3 Day Retreat. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Martyrs of Vietnam. Saints Cecilia. Columban. Clement 1. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 1-2/12. 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, 24-25/11. 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.

25/11. Group 1. 2/12. Group 2.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 24/11.

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.

Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before us". According to Saint Ambrose, God does not consider what one gives, but what one keeps. Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

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. Enq. Gloria

St. Joseph's School.

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 and look at their child's scrapbook!

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin

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 – Chermide 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Blackall Fete Update.

Many, Many Thanks" to those of you who have so generously donated Items and Cash for our Stall at the Blackall Fete to be held on Saturday 24th November. This year has been the best response in the 3 years of running the Stall. Although we still have to finalise the prizes for our "Treasure Hunt" Stall, we intend to "Pay it Forward" by giving some of our donated gifts to the "Cent Auction" Stall which is run by Principal of St Joseph's School at Blackall. They usually have to ask for donations from the Community and/or buy the Prizes they need. So, as you can imagine the Principal is overwhelmed by the generosity of our Parish. We are looking forward to getting to Blackall, sorting, wrapping and setting up the Prizes to be ready for the 6pm start on Saturday Evening. Please pray for our safe return and for RAIN in drought affected areas. Sincere "Thanks" from John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch.

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.

Its hamper time.

The families of people in prison love the hampers we make for them each year! This year we've had loads of lovely beach bags donated, so we will pack hampers into those. Each bag will be taken home by bus or train, so, PLEASE nothing over 1 litre or 1 kg. Also no chocolate because of the heat. Suggest non-perishable foods – eg cans of fish, tomatoes, fruit; biscuits sweet and savoury; soft drink in cans; snack foods; lollies; Christmas cakes and puddings; cartons of custard; also small family games, Christmas decorations, serviettes, plates and bonbons. Please bring them over the next two weekends and put them at the back of the church under the tables. On Sunday 2 Dec, we will pack in air-conditioned comfort from 12 midday in the hall. Helpers needed please! This is a great family activity – bringing happiness to people in need. Phone Sue. Thank you, thank you.

Awaken Together In Christ -

Healing Night. Tue. 20/11 at 7pm., At St. Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Tce. West End. A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him. The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit, people have been receiving many miracles and lives have been changed. We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today. Everyone welcome! Hosted by St Mary's & Dutton Park Parishes. Visit Website <http://awaken.org.au/> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/awakencommunityAUS>

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

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.

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. 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 A0B@stopline.com.au. Anonymous reports can be made to the STOPLine service.

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18th of November. 33rd 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.
This Sunday is "World Day of the Poor"

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:- Meeting today, 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: The next ROCK gathering will be an Excursion at Aspley Hypermarket. If you'd like to come along please contact Emma. 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. Today, 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)



Last weekend we collected \$279 for Water Wells in South Sudan.



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



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	\$598.
Direct Debit	\$1680.
Loose	\$1189.
Total	\$3467.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 45. \$3328.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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*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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