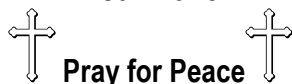


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Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**5th Sunday of Easter
19th of May**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

Acts 14:21-27. Psalm 145. Revelation 21:1-5.
John 13:31-35.

Next Week 25-26/5.

Acts 15:1-2,22-29. Psalm 67. Revelation
21:10-14,22-23. John 14:23-29.

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. Acts 14:5-18. P.115. John 14:21-26.

Tue. Acts 14:19-28. P.145. John 14:27-31.

Wed. Acts 15:1-6. P.122. John 15:1-8.

Thu. Acts 15:7-21. P.96. John 15:9-11.

Fri. Acts 15:22-31. P.57. John 15:12-17.

Sat. Acts 16:1-10. P.100. John 15:18-21.

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 -Easter 5C
(John 13:31-35)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past six years.

Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless;

attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.



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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 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.

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."

This Sunday 19th May, our Mass will be celebrated in remembrance of those lost or injured in the Easter Sunday tragedy in Sri Lanka just one month ago. After Mass, all are invited to share a cuppa at the Parish Morning Tea in the Fr. Bernie Costigan Centre.

DATE SAVER.

PARISH TWILIGHT RETREAT.

Sunday 26th May 4-7pm., led by

Sr. Maeve Heaney

Please add your name to the list on the paper table. (Dinner will be provided for those who wish to stay after 7.)

PARISH DINNER

Sunday 30th June 5pm.

Father Bernie Costigan Centre

(Please add your name and number of attendees to the list for catering purposes.)
No cost - free to all who wish to attend.

Children's Liturgy.

Today for Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered 26/5. Kathleen Anable. BEnq. 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

St. Joseph's Seniors' Outing.

Brisbane Airport Bus Tour – This Tuesday, 21/5. After the 9am., Liturgy, we will join the bus in Waruda Street, at the end of the walkway from the Parish Centre. Please DON'T park in the Church Carpark. ALL Parking in Waruda Street. A guide from Brisbane Airport Corporation will join the bus & explain the various aspects of the operation of the airport & the new Runway system, as we drive around the airport for around 90 minutes. We will then have spare time for lunch at the DFO area near the Airport, returning around 2:15pm. Cost \$20. Lunch at own expense. Enq. Therese & Ron Kissane

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 3

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 and 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.

Next opportunity to enrol for the Sacraments –

-of Confirmation, Eucharist & Reconciliation in 2019. Each year our Parish provides a preparation program to support parents in accompanying their child on their faith journey towards celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist & Reconciliation. These are indeed sacred life moments. If your child is in Year 3 or older they are eligible to enrol in the Parish Sacramental Program. Their journey of faith began at Baptism. 2019 Sacramental Programme enrolment and information meeting for parents on Tue. 4/6t at St. Joseph's Church. 7.15 for 7.30pm., start. Guest speaker: Bishop Bill Morris. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Bill to share his wisdom ever so humbly on Sacraments and everyday life. Any enquiries please contact Parish Office on Mon, Tues or Wed mornings on 3261 3670. Blessings – Helen Hickey (Parish Sacramental Coordinator.)

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 1-2/6. Group 4. 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, 25-26/5. Group 3.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

26/5 Group 3. 2/6. Group 4.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 25/5. Judy

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

19-26/5. 5th & 6th Sundays of Easter. Centacare CFRS. Theology in the City Series No. 6. Our Lady Help of Christians. National Sorry Day. Parish Reflection Days at Ormiston. Saints Bernadine of Siena. Christopher of Magallanes. Rita of Cascia. Bede the Venerable. Gregory V11. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.

St. John Fisher College.

Bracken Ridge. Limited vacancies for Year 7 girls 2020 and 2021. Apply online now. Enq. www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu/au

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners are invited to write and share a short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

Plenary Council 2020.

You are welcome to reflect on and submit your response online at 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 with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

Invitation for Sunday Gospel Reflection -

Gatherings leading up to 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.

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. 5/6, 12.30pm., at Café Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

RCIA.

Please continue to pray for Craig, Kelli, Jodi, Andrew and Selina as we explore our Catholic Faith with them. Enquiries: Margaret

Vocation Views.

Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

Direct Credit Option Now Available!

The cashless society is almost here. Our preferred method for parish giving is via direct debit to your credit card or bank account. However should you wish to donate directly to the parish (via your online banking), please use the following account:- BSB 064786 Account 005931500 Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish. Receipts will not be issued unless requested through the Parish Office.

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.

PALMS Australia.

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! **Global Mission Info: Today, Sun. 19/5 at 3:30pm.** Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George St, Brisbane. Enq. Robert 02 9560 533 or visit palms.org.au/encounters

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

St. Joseph's School.

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back! If you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers and drop them into the St Joseph's box at the Bracken Ridge store, or drop them into the school office. The more we collect, the more resources we can get for the school. Sticker sheets can be obtained from any Woolworths store, or the office. Thank you for your support. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. We will be hosting a morning tea again this year, as part as the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer fundraiser, on Thursday, 23/5 after Assembly in the Bernie Costigan Centre. Year 4 Camp. 23-24/5. Book Fair 27-31/5. Fete 3/8. Athletics Carnival 13th and 14/6.

National Reconciliation Week 2019.

Theme: "Grounded in Truth". Come and help us celebrate this special event on 6/6, 7pm., in our St. Joseph's Church. This is a truly joyous opportunity to foster positive race relations, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community must be grounded in truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires us all to walk together with courage. Please bring a plate to share.

Care for Creation.

<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

Beanie and warm socks Appeal.

We are running our usual Parish 'beanie and warm socks appeal' throughout this month. We will then be able to share some warmth and comfort with those doing it tough this winter. We ask that all items be new. Our thoughtfulness and generosity will certainly give a much needed lift to those suffering at this time. Dark colours for socks are most serviceable. Please note that any other warm items can be delivered to SVDP shop at Sandgate or Brighton. SVDP welcomes any warm clothing. Donations of beanies and warm socks can be placed in the large storage box under the back table in the church. The Appeal will run until 2nd June. Donations will be shared with Rosies, Paddy's Van at Shorncliffe and the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade at Spring Hill. With gratitude Helen Hickey.

Lawn Maintenance.

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

St John Fisher College -

- Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 21 May 3:30-6:30pm. We welcome families to attend to enjoy the various performances whilst enjoying a complimentary BBQ. Registrations are essential. Please visit the website to confirm your attendance. www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au

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 23/6 – 3/7. 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. Enq. Sr. Mel on 0484 007 508.

Rising Youth Ministry.

Ages 5 – 18 welcome. Enq. Lana

Pentecost Vigil.

Sat. 6/6 at St. Vincent's Care Services, 736 Beams Rd., Carseldine. Theme: "Come Holy Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth". Main Speaker: Fr. Richard Leonard. All welcome.

Offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka.

Online donations can be made:

www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka or deposited into CAN's bank account: Account name: Aid to the Church in Need. Account number : 008601759 BSB: 012321.

Become a Prison Chaplain.

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. If you would like to discuss this role, call: Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries on 3324 3193. A reference from your Parish Priest is required along with all Archdiocesan safeguarding compliance requirements including Blue Card and police check.

St Benedict's Catholic Parish.

Mango Hill. Masquerade Fund Raiser Ball. Saturday 8 June, from 6pm. Tickets can be purchase online, via the Sticky tickets link below. <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/85147> All proceeds will go towards the building fund of our new church at Mango Hill. Enq. Tyrel D'Souza 0424 861 115 or email eventsministriesbp@hotmail.com

The Village.

(A Parish Mothers' Group). The aim is to share wisdom, pray and support each other while having a coffee. We are meeting Fri. 24/5. Anyone with a baby under one is welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

The menALIVE MAX 19 weekend.

An Annual National Catholic Men's Conference Event. The theme this year is "INTO THE BREACH". The material and experience on the weekend is all NEW to previous years and comprehensively different to the parish weekends

run nationally. Brisbane. 7.30pm. Friday 12 - 2pm. Sun 14/7. At Women's College, University of Queensland. From \$275 per person includes 2 nights' accommodation 6 meals and a great event. Register now at <https://cvent.me/Koql2> Enq. mail@menalive.org.au Peter Carrigan 0404 496 405 or Robert Falzon 0412 745 734

Who Celebrates The Liturgy?

Tom O'Loughlin's work in Brisbane will focus on this simple question. It will help explore the meaning of the Vatican II liturgical principle of full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy by the whole assembled people of God. What is the role of the priest in the liturgy? How should we celebrate Sunday Mass? His presentations will help us rethink ministry and Christian life for the present age. Public Lecture. Wednesday 26/6. 7 to 8.30pm., in the Hanly Room at St Stephen's Cathedral (free parking available). Full details available online at <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/tom-oloughlin.html> Purchase tickets online: \$10 individual. [Click here to register and purchase individual tickets.](#) \$40 parish or school group (as many as you like). [Click here to register and purchase a group ticket.](#) Day with priests. Thursday 27/6. 9.30am. to 3.3 pm. (lunch provided) at Xavier Room at the seminary. RSVP: clergy-support@bne.catholic.net.au

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary (Job Share).

Applications are open for a position at St. Benedict's Parish, Northlake's. Candidates with excellent administration and secretarial skills are required for a job share position of parish secretary for 18.2 hours a week. One candidate will be required to work Monday to Wednesday and the other candidate will be required to work Wednesday to Friday. Enq. 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.

Queensland Churches Together.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From the second till the ninth of June.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2 – 6/6.

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January. Those dates were proposed in 1908 to cover the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. In the southern hemisphere where January is a vacation time churches often find other days to celebrate the Week of Prayer, for example around Pentecost (suggested by the Faith and Order movement in 1926), which is also a symbolic date for the unity of the Church.

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.

19th of May 2019. Divine Mercy Sunday.

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.

Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

The SCVA people at the Archdiocese have now divided training into two levels: Level 1 is for nearly all volunteers and covers the basics of SCVA. It can be done online at:

www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguardingtraining

Level 2 is the traditional face to face training session as in the past. However, before one can do Level 2 they have to have completed Level 1. If you did the training at the Parish in July 2017, then you are Ok until July this year.

Then you'll need to do it again. Anyone who has not yet done any training, you are asked to do this training ASAP. **For anyone who is unable to do this Course at home, there will be two sessions at the Parish Centre.**

Sun. 19/5. 2 – 2.30pm. and Sat. 25/5. 2 – 2.30pm.

Enq. Terry Tolhurst

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church. 7-8pm. All welcome.

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

Seniors' Group.

This Group meets in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month. Enq. and/or transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Youth Groups

BLITZ:-

Gathering this Sunday 19/5 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 - 6pm.

All students Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation.

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:

Next meeting Sun. 26/5 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach



SALT:-

Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Next gathering Sun. 26/5, 4-7pm., joining the Parish Twilight Retreat led by Sr. Maeve Heaney. There will be a catered dinner after. For catering purposes please let my know if you are coming. All welcome. Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group)



Last weekend we collected \$231 for Water Wells in South Sudan.



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



As always, we thank our very generous parishioners for continuing to support our Parish projects.

Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

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 20/5. Enq Jan or Jan

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

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

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: 60. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 96. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$572.
Direct Debit	\$1758.
Loose	\$1113.
Total	\$3443.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average – Week 19. \$3394.

Should you wish to donate directly to the parish (via your online banking), please use the following account:- **BSB064786 Account 005931500** Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish .

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.3



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