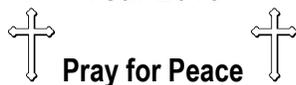


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

**Parish Website:**

[www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com)

**Parish Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge)

**Parish Email:**

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**Easter Sunday  
21<sup>st</sup> of April**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 1.

**Readings:**

Acts 10:34,37-43. Psalm 118. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9.

**Next Week 27-28/4.**

Acts 5:12-16. Psalm 118. Revelations 1:9-13,17-19. John 20:19-31.

**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 2:14,22-33. P.16. Matthew 28:8-15.

Tue. Acts 2:36-41. P.33. John 20:18.

Wed. Acts 3:1-10. P.105. Luke 24:13-35.

Thu. Acts 3:11-26. P.8. Luke 24:35-48.

Fri. Acts 4:1-12. P.118. John 21:1-14.

Sat. Acts 4:13-21. P.118. Mark 16:9-15.

**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-Easter Year C  
(Easter Vigil Luke 24:1-12; Easter Sunday John 20:1-9)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

It does not always pay to discount someone's story just because it sounds a bit fantastic. In Luke's resurrection account, that's what the "eleven and all the rest" do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body, and heavenly interpreters. The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter decides to go and confirm their testimony, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement (no apology, just amazement).

This gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are then entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.

We turn briefly to the reading from John's gospel for Easter Sunday morning. Mention of "the first day of the week while it was still dark" evokes the first day of creation and God's word bringing light. The two angels guarding the tomb call to mind the heavenly creatures who barred the way to the tree of life in the Genesis garden story. The biblical story has come full circle, from creation to resurrection and new creation.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell these originating stories of our tradition, to dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our liturgical re-telling, all the power of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is present to us and to our world.

Resurrection faith is a commitment to life. In these times of planetary uncertainty, a commitment to life includes taking seriously the findings of reputable climate change scientists who no doubt sometimes feel a bit like the women of the gospel whose message was discounted. Resurrection faith invites us to live simply so that all may simply live.



### 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.**

### **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."

### **Anzac Day.**

Wednesday, 24/4. Mass at 9am.

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

No Children's Liturgy during the School holidays. Recommencing 28/4 for Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered Angela Keats. Enq. Barbara

### **Kindy Liturgy.**

No Kindy Liturgy during the School holidays. Sessions will be announced at the commencement of the 9am. Mass. Our 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word. Enq. Margaret

### **We Pray God's Healing touch and love-**

For all those who are sick and for those who care for them.

To have family/friends included in our newsletter, please contact Barbara

### **Condolence.**

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

### **Recently Deceased:**

### **Memorial:**

All our deceased family members and friends.

### **Volunteers and Blue Cards.**

Parish Volunteer Forms 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.

### **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.

### **Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.**

21-28/4. Easter Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday. Anzac Day. Centacare CFRS. Theology in the City Series No. 6. Saint Mark.

### **Liturgy Roster.**

#### **Liturgy Preparation.**

For weekend 4-5/5. Group 6. Enq. Margaret Halpin. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

#### **Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.**

For next weekend, 27-28/4. Group 5.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers.**

For next weekend. Group 5.

#### **Music Ministry.**

For next weekend. Group 5.

#### **Servers.**

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

#### **Counters Roster.**

28/4. Group 5. 5/5. Group 6.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 27/4. Robyn

### **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.

### **Easter Praise Night.**

The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Easter Praise Night on Easter Sunday, 21/4 at Our Lady and St. Dymphna's Parish, Robinson Rd., Aspley from 7pm., onwards. Please join us as we continue our celebration of Easter Sunday with praise and worship for the Risen Lord.

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

Bracken Ridge. Limited vacancies for Year 7 girls 2020 and 2021. Apply online now. Enq. [www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au)

### **Plenary Council 2020.**

You are welcome to reflect on and submit your response online at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) Let us pray for the success of this Council.

### **Parish Pastoral Council.**

If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively by sending an email to [bridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

### **Nouwen Network.**

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Next gathering

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

### **RCIA.**

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

### **Vocation Views.**

Christ is risen. He has promised to take us to heaven too. Our Ultimate Vocation: Union with God!

### **Rising Youth Ministry.**

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

### **Direct Credit Option Now Available!**

The cashless society is fast approaching. This is a genuine challenge for Parishes everywhere. 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.

### **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.

### **Discernment Retreat.**

Discere, the Latin term meaning "to learn" or "to find out" is a one day retreat for young adults who are discerning a possible call to the Priesthood or to Religious and offers an opportunity to reflect and discover more about their Vocation. 9am. – 4:30pm. Sat. 27/4. At the Carmelite Monastery, Ormiston. Find out more or register through: [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) or call 1300 133 544.

### **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! Come for Global Mission Info: Sunday 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](http://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 – Cherside 07 3624 2400**

**Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648**

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

**St. Joseph's School.**

**Prep Interviews** – and offers of placement will take place next term. **Term 2** – will commence 23/4. **Anzac Day March** -from Sandgate. 25/4.

**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

**Lawn Maintenance.**

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it simple for you. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: [da.mowingservices@gmail.com](mailto:da.mowingservices@gmail.com)

**Volunteer Immersion Programme.**

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 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.

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.**

25th. Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St. Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22/10, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2/11. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr. Therese on 0417 683 123, or Sr. Annie on 02 8912 4818.

**Pilgrimage.**

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage. Follow St Paul's journey through land and sea. Encounter Greece's beauty on the 3 night cruise across the Greek islands. Tour the ancient city of Corinth that inspired many of St Paul's letters. Marvel at the Byzantine monastery Hosios Loukas. See the House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus, and much more.... DEPARTURE: 1/10. Enq. 03 8839 6615 or [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com)

**Become a Prison Chaplain.**

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

**St. Therese & St. Anthony Parish –**

CCR Brisbane supports 35 prayer groups and ministries throughout the Archdiocese and offers a range of ministries and programs within the Archdiocese. Opportunities include: RETREATS/WORKSHOPS: The Grace of Baptism. Parish Healing Ministry. Spiritual Gifts Workshops. Call to discipleship. Praise and Worship. Catholics Come Alive. Catholics Stay Alive. Tailored programmes: HEALING and PRAYER: CCR Brisbane operates three healing prayer centres in Brisbane – Northgate, Jindalee & Petrie and offers short sessions of healing prayer to parishioners after weekend Masses as requested. Enq. Len Airey Ministry Co-ordinator CCRB 0421 977 849 [lenairey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lenairey@optusnet.com.au) Audrey Chan-Seow President CCR Brisbane 3715 6053 [audreychanseow@ozemail.com.au](mailto:audreychanseow@ozemail.com.au)

**The Village.**

(A Parish Mothers' Group). Commencing Friday, 3/5 at 10am. in the Parish Centre.

The aim is to share wisdom, pray and support each other while having a coffee.

Anyone with a baby under one is welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

**Position Vacant.**

An event Coordinator for a full-time position at St. Stephen's Cathedral. 37.5 hours per week. Thursday to Monday. Applications close Fri. 26/4. For further details visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane Website: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to careers.

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**Mary MacKillop College.**

Kedron. Open Day. Sun. 19/5. 10am. – 1pm. For further details visit [www.mmc.qld.edu.au](http://www.mmc.qld.edu.au)

**Queensland Churches Together.**

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

**Ecumenical Seminar.** At the James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba. 2/5. All welcome.

**Delamore Retirement Community.**

Kedron. Call 3357 7028 to arrange a tour of the facilities.

21<sup>st</sup> of April 2019. Easter 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.**

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 15/4.  
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. For the Fridays of Lent we will focus on the Stations of the Cross. All welcome

**@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.**

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

**Youth Groups**

BLITZ:-

Next gathering on Sunday 5/5 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 - 6pm. All students Years 4 - 6 welcome. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:

Next meeting 28/5 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). All welcome. Enq. Jess

**WAG (World Action Group)**

During Lent our focus will turn to collecting money for Project Compassion. Please pick up a set of envelopes or donate directly each week into the Parish Collection Jug at the front of the Church.

**Great News:** We have forwarded the funds for Well no. 12 to Sr. Rita and she was absolutely thrilled. This means that we have now given twelve communities around Maropudit the opportunity to have fresh, clean drinking water near at hand. It has also given some of these communities the opportunity to be self sufficient with fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables.

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

**Parish Seniors' Group.**

This Group meets in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month. Enq. and/or transport: Peter and Margaret Guy

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

Envelopes	\$606.
Direct Debit	\$1702.
Loose	\$1394.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3702.</b>

*Budgeted Weekly Target:* \$3404.

*Average - Week 15.* \$3276.

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**

Name:.....

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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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