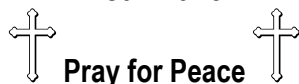


Year 2019



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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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year  
24<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 2.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 2-3/3.**

Sirach 27:4-7. Psalm 92. 1 Corinthians 15:54-58. Luke 6:42.

**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. Sirach 1:1-10. P.93. Mark 9:14-29.

Tue. Sirach 2:1-11. P. 37. Mark 9:30-37.

Wed. Sirach 4:11-19. P. 119. Mark 9:38-40.

Thu. Sirach 5:1-8. P.1. Mark 9:41-50.

Fri. Sirach 6:5-17. P. 119. Mark 10:1-12.

Sat. Sirach 17:1-15. P.103. Mark 10:13-16.

**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-7th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time C  
(Luke 6:27-38)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This classic gospel message is addressed to those who listen. To hear and respond to the heart of the message that follows, namely to love your enemies and to do good to those who hate you, calls for an extraordinary expansiveness of spirit only possible for those who are totally open to the power of God's Spirit working in their lives. It is not easy to love one's enemy particularly when the enemy, the one subtly undermining or manipulating you, comes in the guise of friend. Yet, even in the face of subtle enmity, the message is clear: do not respond in kind, respond instead with love, compassion and unreserved forgiveness. It is also important to rise above the pettiness of the other and refuse to be a victim. To the one who takes away your coat, you offer your shirt as well. In this way, the real power remains with the one who is too expansive to retaliate.

The recipients of this gospel, the members of Luke's late first century communities, were well acquainted with the Jewish traditions that informed their faith, even if many were not themselves Jewish. The Jewish Christians in the community as well as the "God-fearers" who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as Saviour and Christos or Messiah had been introduced to the God of steadfast love (*hesed*) and womb-compassion (*rahamim*). They believed that God was concerned about justice in the legal system (*mishpat*) and right relationship (*sedeqah*) between people and nations, ever ready to forgive those who turn away from injustice and wrongdoing. The songs and prayers of the Jewish heritage reminded them constantly of the compassionate ways of God in their history and in their personal lives. When the Lukan Jesus tells these people to be merciful or compassionate as God is compassionate, they know what he means. They also know the cost of compassion in situations where retaliation is the more spontaneous instinct. God-like compassion remains the stance required of Christian disciples in the face of opposition and hatred, even the opposition that comes in the guise of friendship.

Compassion, forgiveness and love of enemies are rare commodities in international politics and in the resolution of global conflicts as well as in personal relationships. Sadly, the major trouble spots on our globe witness to constant retaliation and face-saving measures that harden positions and exacerbate division.

There is ample evidence that hatred, fuelled by injustice, is begetting violence in many parts of the world. And yet the only way to break the cycles of violence that perpetuate death and destruction is the way of compassion and love. God-like compassion requires that we, as nations and as individuals, let go of past hurts, examine our tenaciously held opinions, try to see the world from the perspective of those we mistrust and work for peace that is grounded in love.



### 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.

### Freeeee Sausage Sizzzzzzle.

To celebrate St. Joseph's Day. After all Masses on 23-24/3. All parishioners invited to help us celebrate St. Joseph's Day and enjoy our famous sausages. A big Thank you to our wonderful Hospitality Team.

### Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Our FIRST Meeting of the year, will be after the 9am. Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. A Presentation entitled, "Care for Creation", which includes a video, will be conducted. St. Joseph's Senior's Programme for 2019, will also be distributed. Enquiries & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

### Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence shortly 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.

### 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 9-10/3. 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, 2-3//3. 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.

3/3. Group 3. . 10/3. Group 4.

#### Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 2/3.

#### 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.

24/2-3/3. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Ember Day.

### 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.

### 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.

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

### 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

### **Vocation Views.**

If you love your enemies, do well to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you, realize that God has already called you.

### **St. Joseph's School.**

**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. **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. **Wednesday 27th February is the first P&F Meeting for the year.** Meet us in the library at 7:30pm and come and join the party! These meetings are focussed, fun and we achieve a lot for our school. An example that you will start to see and hear about in classes are the Sensory Boxes that the P&F has funded. These provide a selection of tools for teachers and students to use when they need some sensory assistance to help them learn. Some of the projects that we have completed over the holidays and that are in the works are: Paying for someone to maintain the grounds over the Christmas break. A beautiful Nativity scene was purchased and used in the office in the lead up to Christmas Badges for our Year 6 leaders which were presented at last week's assembly. Some active walkways are coming! A new, moveable storage for lost property has been made. Reading books have been given to all prep students as they prepare to come to Joey's.

### **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)

### **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://stjosephsbrackencareforcreation.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)

*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.

### **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. Reflect the Book of Revelation at the Grotto of the Apocalypse & St John's Monastery ENTRANCES INCLUDED. Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Ephesus Archaeological Site, Delphi, Hosios Loukas Monastery, Meteora Monastery, Ancient Philippi, Baptistery of Lydia, Thessaloniki Roman Forum, Rotunda of Galerius, Museum of Byzantine culture Inclusions. DEPARTURE: 1/10/19. Enq. 03 8839 6615 or [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com)

### **Journey Catholic Radio Programme.**

[www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### **Canali House –**

-offers young men an opportunity to explore a vocational call to ordained ministry. Formation for 6 – 12 months. Enq. [vocations@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocations@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 1300 133 544.

### **A Prayer for Reconciliation and Christian Unity.**

Creator God, may the power of your grace transform us; Christ, give us courage and hope to manifest the unity we have in you, and to share our life with each other and the world; Holy Spirit, empower us to work for justice for people and the earth. God, in your grace, transform the world. Amen.

24<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Seventh Sunday of the Year.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & 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:-

Gathering THIS 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 next gathering Sunday, 3/3 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    | \$582.         |
| Direct Debit | \$1715.        |
| Loose        | \$1079.        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$3376.</b> |

*Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.*

*Average – Week 7. \$3401.*

**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.*