

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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Christ the King
25th of November

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

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

Next Week 1-2/12.

Jeremiah 33:14-16. Psalm 24. 1
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2. Luke 21:25-28,34-36.

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. 14:1-5. P.23. Luke 21:1-4.

Tue. Apoc. 14:14-29. P.95. Luke 21:5-11.

Wed. Apoc. 15:1-4. P.97. Luke 21:12-19.

Thu. Apoc. 18:12,21-23.19:1-3,9. P.99. Lk.21:20-28.

Fri. Romans 10:9-18. P.18. Matthew 4:18-22.

Sat. Apoc. 22:1-7. P.94. Luke 21:34-36.

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- Feast of Christ the King, Year B

(John 18:33-37)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kin-dom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel, both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence and domination. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.



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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

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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).

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.

Saviour.

These little books of Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas are available on the paper table. A donation of \$3 is welcome.

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.

Plenary Council 2020.

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

Don't forget to put your name on the list if you'd like to join us for a small group discussion on this question. One group will be held on Sunday 2/12 after the 9am. Mass. 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."

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 "bicies", 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.

Today. In the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 2/12. Barbara Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3,4 & 5 year olds 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.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 8-9/12. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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, 1-2/12. Group 2.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

2/12. Group 2. 9/12. Group 3.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 1/12.

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.

25/11-2/12. Christ the King. 1st Sunday of Advent. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Centacare CFRS. 3 Day Retreat. Quiet Saturday. Cathedral Advent Fair. Saints Blessed Anuarite Nengapata Clementina. Cecilia. Columban. Clement 1. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions.

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".

Joey's Joyful Carols.

Tue. 27/12. In the Father Bernie Costigan Centre. The School Community will gather for our Annual Joyful Carols. From 6.30pm. – 8pm. Food will be on sale from 5.30pm. All parishioners welcome.

St. Joseph's School.

Asbestos Removal.

As with the September holidays, areas of our school and parish will be impacted upon by the removal of asbestos. Asbestos is being removed from the Parish Centre and the school. The work in the Parish Centre will be completed in the first week of the school holidays. The school buildings affected include B Block (this is the two-storey classroom block) and C Block (this is the Year 6 classroom block, which also houses the tuckshop). Asbestos removal will begin on Mon.10/12 and continue until Fri. 21/12. The reinstallation of new walls etc. will occur in the January period. During the asbestos removal period exclusion zones will be in place. For the safety of all, the following will occur. The School and Parish offices will close on the last school day prior to holidays i.e. Fri. 7/12. The School office will reopen on Mon. 21/1/19. The uniform shop will open in January (times to be advised shortly). The school centre area will be completely closed off and as such, there is no access through the school during this period. Those attending Mass can park in the top carpark. The lower carpark will be open but access to the church will need to be via the netball courts and not through the central walkway. Vacation Care will be available as per usual however we will only be using our Senior OSHC facility which opens onto the school oval. All access to this area must only be via the Phillips Street car park. Children must not be dropped off or picked up from the top carpark. Children who access Vacation Care will only be allowed access to areas well outside the exclusion zone. This includes using the Prep toilets.

Nouwen Network.

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

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

As I keep the Lord ever in my sight ... my heart rejoices, my soul is glad ... You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence. Let our Vocation be, to be one with God – forever.

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.

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 – Chermiside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish-

Pastoral Council presents; "Following the Star: Preparing our hearts this Advent". Sun. 2/12. 2-30-4.30pm. At Sandgate Parish Hall, Brighton Rd., Light refreshments on arrival. All welcome. Entry by gold coin donation towards Parish Ministries.

Blackall Fete Update.

Enroute to Blackall we spent a night near Roma and a night in Mitchel where we enjoyed a long swim in the Artesian Spa. Tuesday afternoon we travelled on to Augathella which was the childhood home of Mark Creevy, former St Joseph's Principal and Gary, current Principal, Grandsons of "Smiley". At last between 15 and 42 millimeters of rain has fallen in and around Blackall. It won't break the drought but it has already brightened the spirits of the people. Our Fete preparations are going well and we are looking forward to putting smiles on the faces of the people attending. John & Sharyn, Greg & Sharyn, Maurie & Glenda.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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Advent Ideas.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us try to think of others we know who are not quite as excited as we are, perhaps they are facing a serious illness, the loss of a loved one, an estrangement from a beloved family member. There are as many reasons as there are people for the absence of joy. Is there something we can do? Sometimes even such a simply thing as a smile can work a small miracle. Or invite someone who looks lonely for a cup of coffee or tea? Go out of your way to say a friendly hello. Give up a parking spot (always hard). Just be aware of every opportunity to share your own joy in the coming celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Persons are Gifts.

Persons are gifts which the Creator God sends to us ... wrapped.

I am a person. Therefore I am a gift. A gift to myself first of all. God my Creator gave myself to me. Maybe I've never seen the wonderful gift that I am. Could God's gift be anything but beautiful?

I love the gifts which those who love me give to me. Why not the gift of me?

Every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts. Love is a relationship between persons who see themselves as they really are:

Gifts given by God to be given to others.

25th of November. Christ the King.

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.

Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City.
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.
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:-

All students in Grades 4-6 are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. 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).
Enq. Jess 0411 421 316

WAG (World Action Group)

Last weekend we collected \$243.70 for the support of Blackall/Tambo Parish.

This week we are collecting for Water Wells in South Sudan.

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	\$558.
Direct Debit	\$1680.
Loose	\$1132.
Total	\$3370.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 46. \$3329.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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Many thanks for your support.



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