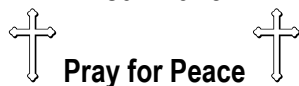


Year 2019



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Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**6th Sunday of Easter
26th of May**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

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

Next Week 1-2/6.

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47. Ephesians 1:17-23. Luke 24:46-53.

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 16:11-15. P.149. John 15:26-16:4.

Tue. Acts 16:22-33. P.138. John 16:5-11.

Wed. Acts 17:15,22-18:1. P.138. John 16:5-11.

Thu. Acts 18:1-8. P.98. John 16:16-20.

Fri. Zephaniah 3:14-18. P. Luke 1:39-56.

Sat. Acts 28:16-20,30-31. P.11. John 21:20-25.

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 6C (John 14:23-29)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety.” This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid “for perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Today’s gospel makes it clear that “love” finds expression in the keeping of God’s word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the *Logos* who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God’s communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God’s word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God’s name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and “kept” the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and “our common home” with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God’s Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as “advocate” carries a range of meanings. It literally means “one called alongside to help” whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John’s gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to “keep the word” of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace “that the world cannot give.” In John’s gospel, the “world” is first and foremost the tenting place of God’s Word: it is God’s creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God’s Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear.

It carries all the weight of the Hebrew *shalom*: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God’s creation. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also “coming to them” since the “Father” will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.



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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."

PARISH TWILIGHT RETREAT.

This Sunday 26/5 from 4-7pm., led by Sr. Maeve Heaney.

(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 2/6. Angela Keats. 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

St. Joseph's Seniors' Get-Together.

Tuesday, 4/6. After 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. This will be followed by a Queensland Police Service Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Diana Kratochvil, Stafford Crime Prevention. Diana will talk to us about all current scams, and ID theft, along with some relevant Seniors Safety topics about home security, plus other issues affecting Senior Citizens. If you have any donations OLD or NEW for the St. Joseph's School Fete, please bring them along to the meeting & we will ensure they reach the relevant people. Enquiries and Transport: Therese & Ron

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.

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. 4/6 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 on Sacraments and everyday life. Enq. to Parish Office on Mon, Tues or Wed mornings on 3261 3670. Blessings – Helen Hickey (Parish Sacramental Coordinator.)

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 8-9//6. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. 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//6. Group 4.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

2/6. Group 4. 9/6. Group 5

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 1/6. Anna

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

26/5-2/6. 6th Sunday of Easter. National Volunteer Week. Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. The Ascension of the Lord. Centacare CFRS. Theology in the City Series No. 6. National Reconciliation Week. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. World Communications Day. Mabo Day. World Environment Day. Queensland Day. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saints Giovanni Battista Scalabrini (Father to the Migrants). Augustine of Canterbury.

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.

It is not that talents add up to a vocation: but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

Direct Credit Option Now Available!

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.

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

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. Book Fair 27-31/5. Athletics Carnival 13-14/6. Fete 3/8.

Cooling the Church Committee.

The next Meeting will be held in the Church this coming Thursday, 30/5 at 7pm.

Trivia Night.

St. John Fisher College invites you to their Inaugural Trivia Night on Sat. 22/6 at the College from 6pm. Whip out the old sports uniform and book yourself a table for this fabulously fun event with all proceeds going to SJFC Sport. Food and drinks will be available for purchase on the night with heaps of great prizes to be won including; 24 Fit Bracken Ridge gym membership, Park Lane Jewellery, player signed Reds and Firebirds jersey, custom built kids cubby house, \$100 Coles Voucher, \$50 Athletes Foot Voucher, tickets to our Jags and Jazz event and much more. Bookings are essential and can be made online at: www.trybooking.com/BBWCT

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.

This Appeal will continue until 2/6. We ask that all items be new. 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. 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

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. Sat. 8/6 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 the new church at Mango Hill. Enq. Tyrel D'Souza 0424 861 115 or email eventsministriesbp@hotmail.com

The Village.

(Parish Mothers' Group). Continuing to meet every Friday from 10am., in the Parish Centre. 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. From \$275 per person includes 2 nights' accommodation 6 meals. Register now at <https://cvent.me/Koql2> or mail@menalive.org.au Peter 0404 496 405 or Robert 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). 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.

Ecumenical Unity Service. Sun. 2/6, 4pm., at Chermerside Kedron Community Church. This will be followed by a Fellowship meal. Please bring a plate to share. Enq. Office 3350 4302.

Theology on Tap. "Redemptive Design". Sun. 2/6 at 4pm. At the Crown Hotel, Lutwyche Rd., Lutwyche. All welcome. Try www.theologyontapbrisbane.wordpress.com
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2 – 6/6.

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.

Delamore Retirement Community Kedron.

Enq. 3357 7028 to arrange a tour of the facilities.

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

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

25th. Anniversary National Pilgrimage. Join the National Pilgrimage, journeying to places in Australia made holy by St. Mary MacKillop. 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. Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or enq. email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr. Therese on 0417 683 123, or Sr. Annie on 02 8912 4818.

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.

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

26th of May 2019. 6th Sunday of Easter.

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.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

Children are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded from harm by all.

A copy of the full policy document can be found on the table at the entrance of the Church and on the wall of the Parish Centre.

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. 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:-

Next meeting Sunday 2/6 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 - 6pm. All students Years 4 - 6 welcome. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

ROCK:

Meeting today, Sun. 26/5 Movie Night in the Fr. Bernie Costigan Centre from 5 - 7.30pm. All students from 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 \$221.85 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	\$507.
Direct Debit	\$1758.
Loose	\$1185.
Total	\$3450.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average - Week 20. \$3397.

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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