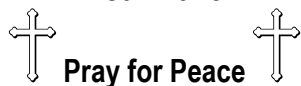


Year 2019



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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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year  
27<sup>th</sup> of January**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 3.

**Readings:**

Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10. Psalm 19. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30. Luke 1:1-4.4:14-21.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19. Psalm 71. 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13. Luke 4:21-30.

**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. Hebrews 11:32-40. P.31. Mark 5:1-20.

Tue. Hebrews 12:1-4. P.22. Mark 5:21-43.

Wed. Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15. P.103. Mark 6:1-6.

Thu. Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24. P.48. Mark 6:7-13.

Fri. Hebrews 13:1-8. P.27. Mark 6:14-29.

Sat. Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21. P.23. Mark 6:30-34.

**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-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year C  
(Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)**

-Veronica M. Lawson

The liturgy for today juxtaposes the introductory verses of Luke's gospel and a passage from the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry that encapsulates and sets the tone for the whole gospel. If we had no other part of Luke's gospel than these twelve verses, we would know a great deal about the gospel and its author's intentions.

From the first four verses, we know that Luke is not an eyewitness to the life and ministry of Jesus but is endeavouring to provide an orderly account on the basis of reliable eyewitness accounts handed down to the community by "servants" or ministers of the word. We know that Luke's is one of many and not just four gospels. We also learn that the gospel is carefully researched and addressed to a person of influence called Theophilus, a name that means "lover of God" or "beloved of God". We might guess that Theophilus is Luke's patron, someone who provides the necessary funds to produce this work. He is possibly the early equivalent of an RCIA candidate, one seeking to become a full member of the worshipping community. We know from the grammatical construction that the author is male. And most importantly, we know that Luke sets out to place on a firm foundation the teaching that Theophilus has received about Jesus. The word translated as "truth" (*asphaleia*) in our lectionary can also mean "certainty" or "assurance". Our English word "asphalt" is derived from the Greek *asphaleia*. Luke wants the gospel message to be well grounded.

When we turn to Luke 4:14-21, we find a dramatic scene set in the Nazareth synagogue. This programmatic scene sets the tone for the whole gospel. Luke's gospel story is about the release that comes from the gracious and expansive love of God mediated through God's anointed and Spirit-filled prophet. Every significant event in Luke is powered by the Spirit of God. This event is no exception. The Spirit-filled Jesus searches out and proclaims a passage from the prophet Isaiah, a combination of Isaiah 61:1-2 and 58:9. He then points to his own mission as a fulfilment of the Isaian prophecy. Jesus thus presents himself as the Spirit-filled anointed one of God who brings good news to the destitute or homeless poor, release to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. The Greek word translated as "oppressed" literally means "shattered".

It evokes images of asylum seekers in detention centres and of the hundreds of thousands displaced by war or persecution. It evokes the pain of the Earth itself and the other-than-human inhabitants of our planet suffering the effects of climate change and ecological destruction. If the gospel message is to be well-grounded in our times, the "destitute" and "shattered" of our Earth community must find the "release" of which the gospel speaks.



### Pray for Peace

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Gerry Hefferan Ph: 3269 0446.

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Lisa Harrison

**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.**

### **Senior's First Monthly Get-Together –**

-for 2019. Tue. 5/2. Planning Meeting. Welcome back. We wish all parishioners, a "Happy & Healthy 2019". Our Christmas Party last year was very well attended.. 58 Seniors & friends thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided by St. Joseph's School Choirs, followed by a visit from "the man in red" and then a sumptuous Christmas Lunch. Thank you all for your support of our 2018 Christmas Party. We extend an Invitation to all Seniors of the Parish, to join us after the 9am. Mass, for our Senior's Planning Meeting for 2019. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea PLUS some "Great Ideas" to make this year a very interesting year for yourselves and your fellow Seniors. We had a very successful year in 2018 & we hope to be able to provide a programme to cater for all tastes. We really want to know what you would like for this year .. "Think outside the square" Enquiries and Transport: Therese & Ron

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

This will recommence mid February 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.

### **"Thank You" from the Kissane Family.**

We extend a very "Special Thank You" to Fr. Gerry, who anointed Mum & for his amazing support for each one of us. To Helen Hickey & our wonderful friends, Jess Hickey & Phil Halpin, Julie McCoy & Lisa Harrison who provided the wonderful music & vocals for Mum's Farewell Mass, we express a very sincere "Thank You". We also express our gratitude, to the members of St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's Bracken Ridge & Bald Hills Parish, for all the Love & Support we received, after the untimely passing of Gloria. We are so

Blessed to be members of this amazing Parish.

### **Parish Planned Giving Receipts.**

End of year Planned Giving Receipts are now available. In order to save paper, these receipts will only be printed as requested. Please note that monies donated to the Parish via the Planned Giving Programme are not eligible to be claimed as tax deductions. Should you wish to receive a copy of your receipt, please telephone the office on 3261 3670 or send an email request to [bridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au).

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

3/2. Group 5. 10/2. Group 6.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 2/2.

### **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 kept up to date at all times.

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

27/1-3/2. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Year. BCE Administration Day. Term 1 commences. The Presentation of the Lord. Centacare CFRS. The Three Holy Hierarchs (St. Basil, St.

Gregory, St. John Chrysostom). Saints Blaise. Thomas Aquinas. John Bosco.

### **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.

### **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

### **RCIA.**

Enq. Margaret Halpin

### **Vocation Views.**

The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be Christ to one another.

### **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. 6/2 at 12.30pm. At Cafe Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

### **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.

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

School will recommence on Wed. 30/1/19. The Uniform Shop will be open on Tue. 29/1. 8 – 11am. Wed. 30/1. 8 – 11am. Thu. 1/2. 7.45 – 10.15am.

### **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

### **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.*

### **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.

### **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

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### **Position Vacant.**

Applications are open for the position of Administration/Finance Officer at the Sandgate Brighton Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position for three days per week (24 hours). Position closes 15/2. For additional information, 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.

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,  
From the dawn of Creation, You have given  
Your children the good things of Mother Earth.  
You spoke and the gum trees grew.  
In the vast desert and dense forest, in cities at  
the water's edge, Creation sings praise.  
Your presence endures as the rock at the  
heart of the Earth.  
When Jesus hung on the tree, You heard the  
cries of all Your people and became one of  
Your wounded ones, the convicts, the hunted  
and the dispossessed.  
The sunrise of Your Son coloured the Earth  
anew and bathed it in glorious hope.  
In Jesus, we have been reconciled to You, to  
each other and to Your whole Creation.  
Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from  
the four corners of the Earth.  
Enable us to walk together in trust from the  
hurt and shame of the past into the full day  
which has dawned in Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### **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.

### **An Australian Creed.**

I believe in God the Father of us all, who has given the earth to all people, and I believe in people as the image of God.

I believe in Australians; in their courage and spirit of adventure; in their perseverance and hard work; in their ordinariness and at home-ness; in their black aboriginal beauty; in their migrant struggles; in their search for identity.

I believe in the Australian place with its Asian and its northern culture. With all its nearness and all its distances; With all its possibilities for growth in dream-time, southern time, our time.

I believe in our responsibility for creation, the trust of every mountain range, of every forest, of every harbour, of every plan to build a future.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to encourage us and heal us, and to proclaim the peace of God to humankind.

I believe in the Spirit of God who works in every man and woman.

I believe in the Church, moved by the Spirit to serve all people.

I do not believe in the right of the strongest, nor the force of arms, nor the power of oppressors: I do not believe that I can fight oppression far away if I tolerate injustice here.

I do not believe that conflict and hunger are inevitable and peace unattainable. I do not believe that all suffering is in vain, nor that our dreams will remain dreams, nor that death is the end.

But I dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in a new humanity; in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new earth where justice will flourish, and peace will reign in our lives, our work and our land. Amen.

The Lord is my shepherd – that's relationship!  
I shall not want – that's supply.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures –  
that's rest!

He leadeth me beside still waters – that's  
refreshment.

He restoreth my soul – that's healing!  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness –  
that's guidance.

For His name's sake – that's purpose!  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death – that's testing!

I will fear no evil – that's protection.

For Thou art with me – that's faithfulness.  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me – that's  
discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of my enemies – that's hope.  
Thou anointest my head with oil – that's  
consecration.

My cup runneth over – that's abundance!  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life – that's blessing.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever – that's security AND eternity!



27<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Third Sunday of the Year.

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 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:-

BLITZ: Watch this space.

Gold coin donation.  
Enq Emma Beach

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ROCK:

ROCK is next meeting on 3/2/19 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

**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.

**WAG (World Action Group)**

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Last weekend we collected \$270.80 for the support of Water Wells for South Sudan. Blackall/Tambo Parish.

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

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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**

We have finished for the year now and will resume on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Each Wednesday until then, we will meet for coffee at the Bracken Ridge Tavern at 9.30am. All most welcome to join us. Enq. Margaret

**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	\$669.
Direct Debit	\$1761.
Loose	\$1096.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3526.</b>

*Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.*

*Average – Week 3. \$3444.*

**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.*



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