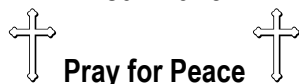


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**Divine Mercy Sunday
28th of April**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

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

Next Week 4-5/5.

Revelation 5:11-14. Psalm 30. Acts 5:27-32,40-41. John 21:1-19.

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 4:23-31. P.2. John 3:1-8.

Tue. Acts 4:32-37. P.93. John 3:7-15.

Wed. Acts 5:17-26. P.34. John 3:16-21.

Thu. Acts 5:27-33. P.34. John 3:31-36.

Fri. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. P.19. John 14:6-14.

Sat. Acts 6:1-7. P.33. John 6:16-21.

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 2C

(John 20:19-31)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This weekend we celebrate the second of eight Sundays of the Easter Season which culminates in the Feast of Pentecost. In other words, we recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Again, it is the first day of the week, evoking the first day of creation. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit.

The story invites us to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fear of reprisals in our pursuit of justice and peace. It also invites us to ponder the consequences of forgiving on the one hand and of not forgiving on the other. To forgive another is to release that person from the burden of guilt and shame. Forgiveness opens up the possibility of healing for all concerned. To refuse forgiveness or to "retain" the sins of another is to leave that person unforgiven and so unhealed. We might also consider the consequences of refusing to open ourselves to forgiveness. Those who refuse to forgive others have often failed to forgive themselves for their own shortcomings.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who was not with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared in their midst. Thomas seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else already knows. If we think, however, that those who hear from the outset are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days later! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled their fears. We all need time to grasp what it means to say that Christ has been raised. Biblical scholar, Margaret Daly-Denton notes that, in the Jewish tradition, "the eighth day symbolized the aeon to come".

Like John's community we live in "the eighth day", in resurrection time, the time of the new creation. Easter faith invites us, for the sake of the whole Earth community, to keep living into that reality.



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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."

DATE SAVER.

PARISH TWILIGHT RETREAT.

Sunday 26th May 4-7pm., led by

Sr. Maeve Heaney

Please add your name to the list on the paper table.

(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 5/5. Josh de Gee. 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.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Parish Volunteer Forms and Archdiocesan 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' forms are available for volunteers to sign. Please collect these forms from Bronwyn at the Office, Terry or Margaret.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is always kept up to date.

Invitation for Sunday Gospel Reflection -

Gatherings leading up to Pentecost. Please see the Notice board for a list of available times to meet with Fr. Gerry for Sunday Gospel Reflection. Fr. Gerry is inviting all parish groups to be involved, and for any interested parishioners to form a group. Most weeks there is a choice of 2 days, please only choose one day for each week. Enquiries to the Parish Office 3261 3670.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

28/4-5/5. Divine Mercy Sunday. Centacare CFRS. Theology in the City Series No. 6. Saints Catherine of Siena. Pius V. Joseph the Worker. Athanasius. Alfio. Filadelfo. Cirino. Philip and James Apostles.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 11-12/5. Group 1. 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, 4-5/5. Group 6

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 6.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 6.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

5/5. Group 6. . 12/5. Group 1,

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 4/5. Vicki

St. John Fisher College.

Bracken Ridge. Limited vacancies for Year 7 girls 2020 and 2021. Apply online now. Enq. www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu/au

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".

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Next gathering Wed. 3/4 at 12.30pm. At Cafe Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq. Gloria

RCIA.

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

Vocation Views.

You've got an incredible message to make credible. It is not like selling used cars! It is proclaiming eternal life, forgiveness and Great Love!

Rising Youth Ministry.

Ages 5 – 18 welcome. Enq. Lana

Direct Credit Option Now Available!

The cashless society is fast approaching. This is a genuine challenge for Parishes everywhere. Our preferred method for parish giving is via direct debit to your credit card or bank account. However should you wish to donate directly to the parish (via your online banking), please use the following account:- BSB 064786 Account 005931500 Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish. Receipts will not be issued unless requested through the Parish Office.

WHS Incident Report.

Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

Mother Teresa Shrine.

At Marian Valley - for St. Teresa of Calcutta. Walk around to see other Shrines, visit to the Adoration Chapel, walk the Way of the Cross. Enq. David Leahy 0478 63 88 75.

PALMS Australia.

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Come for Global Mission Info: Sunday 19/5 at 3:30pm. Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George St, Brisbane. Enq. Robert 02 9560 533 or visit palms.org.au/encounters

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** – Chermide 07 3624 2400**Living Well** - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

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

St. Joseph's School.

Prep Interviews – and offers of placement will take place this term. Years 3 – 6 Disco. 6.30-8.30pm. Harry Potter theme. A great opportunity for families to catch up and the children to get together in a social setting. NAPLAN on line 14-22/5. Year 4 Camp. 23-24/5. Book Fair 27-31/5.

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.

With the cooler weather not far off, we will run our usual Parish 'beanie and warm socks appeal' throughout the month of May. We will then be able to share some warmth and comfort with those doing it tough this winter. We ask that all items be new. Our thoughtfulness and generosity will certainly give a much needed lift to those suffering at this time. 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. Appeal will run until 2nd June. 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.

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

St John Fisher College -

- Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 21 May 3:30-6:30pm. We welcome families to attend to enjoy the various performances whilst enjoying a complimentary BBQ. Registrations are essential. Please visit the website to confirm your attendance. www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au

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.

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.

Catholic men and women provide Pastoral Care to prisoners in the eleven Correctional Centres in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Centacare currently seeks expressions of interests from men and women who would be interested to know more about the work of chaplains in the Correctional Centre this at Woodford. Chaplains visit Woodford as part of the Catholic team every Friday. There is a brochure available in your church with more details. Training is provided and travel expenses reimbursed. It's a great way to make a real difference to someone's life through the Christian ministry of pastoral care, making known the love God has all for people. If you would like to discuss this role and its suitability for you, please call: Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries on 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. Saturday 8 June, from 6pm. Be quick to get your tickets as they are limited and will sell quickly. There will be a Live Band and DJ music, International food stalls, BAR selling wines and beers, Raffles and Spot prizes. Tickets can be purchase online, via the Sticky tickets link below. Tickets will sell quick, so get booking. <https://www.sticktickets.com.au/85147> All proceeds will go towards the building fund of our new church at Mango Hill. If you are lead by the Holy Spirit, help us create a beautiful space to worship our loving God. Every dollar we raise, helps add a brick to the Church.. Enq. Tyrel D'Souza 0424 861 115 or email eventsministriesbp@hotmail.com

St. Therese & St. Anthony Parish –

CCR Brisbane supports 35 prayer groups and ministries throughout the Archdiocese and offers a range of ministries and programs within the Archdiocese. Opportunities include: RETREATS/WORKSHOPS: The Grace of Baptism. Parish Healing Ministry. Spiritual Gifts Workshops. Call to discipleship. Praise and Worship. Catholics Come Alive. Catholics Stay Alive. Tailored programmes: HEALING and PRAYER: CCR

Brisbane operates three healing prayer centres in Brisbane – Northgate, Jindalee & Petrie and offers short sessions of healing prayer to parishioners after weekend Masses as requested. Enq. Len Airey Ministry Co-ordinator CCRB 0421 977 849 lenairey@optusnet.com.au Audrey Chan-Seow President CCR Brisbane 3715 6053 audreychanseow@ozemail.com.au

The Village.

(A Parish Mothers' Group). Commencing Friday, 10/5 at 10am. in the Parish Centre. The aim is to share wisdom, pray and support each other while having a coffee. Anyone with a baby under one is welcome. Enq. Emma Beach

Mary MacKillop College.

Kedron. Open Day. Sun. 19/5. 10am. – 1pm. For further details visit www.mmc.qld.edu.au

Queensland Churches Together.

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

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

Delamore Retirement Community.

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

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

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 or phone 1300 133 544.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

25th. Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St. Mary MacKillop. Commences in Melbourne 22/10, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2/11. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or 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.

28th of April 2019. Divine Mercy Sunday.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan—Patroness St Josephine Bakhita

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training.

Watch this spot for forthcoming dates.

Enq. Terry Tolhurst

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am.

Next gathering Monday 20/5.
Enq Jan or Jan

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church. 7-8pm. For the Fridays of Lent we will focus on the Stations of the Cross. All welcome

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

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

Youth Groups

BLITZ:-

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

ROCK:

Meeting this Sunday 28/5 in the Parish Centre from 5 - 7pm. All students between Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach

SALT:-

Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). All welcome. Enq. Jess

Parish Seniors' Group.

This Group meets in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month. Enq. and/or transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au. Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

WAG (World Action Group)

During Lent our Parish raised over \$3000 for Project Compassion.

The WAG buckets and Watering Can will now be appearing once again. Recently we sent off the funds to pay for Well no. 12 much to the happiness of Sr. Rita! We were also happy to see the two South Sudanese Leaders meet with the Pope and we hope that Peace in South Sudan will flow from that meeting.

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

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

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:-

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| Envelopes | \$462. |
| Direct Debit | \$1702. |
| Loose | \$2609. |
| Total | \$4773. |

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average - Week 16. \$3369.

Should you wish to donate directly to the parish (via your online banking), please use the following account:- **BSB064786 Account 005931500** Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills Catholic Parish.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

Name:.....

Address:.....

Ph:.....

Email:.....

Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks for your support.



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