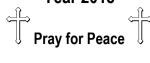
# Year 2018



#### Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

# Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

## Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 28<sup>th</sup> of October

# **Liturgical Calendar**

# Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 3.

#### Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-9. Psalm 125. Hebrews 5:1-6. Mark 10:46-52.

#### Next Week 3-4/11.

Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Psalm 17. Hebrews 7:23-28. Mark 12:28-34.

#### Mass Times:

<u>Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills</u> – 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. Ephesians 4:32-5:8. P.1. Luke 13:10-17. Tue. Ephesians 5:21-33. P.127. Luke 13:18-21. Wed. Ephesians 6:1-9. P.144. Luke 13:22-30. Thu. Apoc.7:2-4,9-14. P.23. Matthew 5:1-12. Fri. Isaiah 25:6-9. P.22. Matthew 11:25-30. Sat. Philippians 1:18-26. P.42. Luke 14:7-11.

#### Mass at Home:

Both City and Regional. Channel 10. Sundays at 6am. Mass is available for viewing at any time at <a href="http://www.mfyah.com.au/">http://www.mfyah.com.au/</a>

# 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-30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 10:46-52)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

What is it that we fail to see? Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho in the south. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the gospel drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight, as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness, as subsequent events will demonstrate.

The narrator creates an impression of urgency at this point in Mark's gospel. "They" come to Jericho and then leave. The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for mercy, many "rebuke" him. This is a strong word. It is used of people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus' faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus' mission of gathering in "the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who tried to protect him from himself (Mark 3:31).

When it is clear that the perception of the "many" is not shared by Jesus, we have an almost comical scene in which they do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. He receives the assurance from Jesus that his faith has made him well.

We can probably find some reflection of ourselves in all the characters in today's story. At times we are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith.

At times, we are like the many who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. At other times, we respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to gather in those whose disabilities might otherwise exclude them.



# **Pray for Peace**

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

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin
Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

**School**: 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, Ph: 3261 2858.

**St. John Fisher College:** John Fisher Drive, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Ms. Catherine Galvin, 3269 8188

ParishOffice:BronwynVenzke,bridge@bne.catholic.net.auPh:32613670.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.

All Souls' Day.

On Friday 2/11, Mass will be celebrated at 9am. and 7pm., in remembrance of all our family and friends, who have gone before us to our heavenly home. All are warmly welcome to remember with us. A cuppa will be available for those who would like to stay a while after Mass.

#### This is a gathering of the whole church -

in Australia in which all are invited to have a say about the future of the Catholic Church in our country. An opportunity is available to gather with a small group to share thoughts on the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?' It is anticipated that gatherings will be held after each of the weekend Masses 6pm, 7:30 am and 9am on a date to be advised. The session will take about 45 minutes. If you are interested in joining one of these discussions, would you please add your name to the list on the paper table. You are also welcome to reflect on this question and submit your response online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Please join us in praying 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 vourself 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' Monthly Get-Together.

Melbourne Cup Lunch. Tue. 6/11 commencing at 11am. Come along for an enjoyable time with friends. Sweeps available. Watch the excitement leading up to the race on the big screen. Lunch at midday. Please bring a plate of "finger food" to Enquiries Peter & Margaret Guy

#### 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 4/11 Barbara Masterman. Eng. Barbara

# Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited and welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. Eng. 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 10-11/11. 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, 3-4/11. 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.

4/11. Group 4.

## Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 3/11. Sunil

#### Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

28/10-4/11. 30th & 31st Sundays of the Year. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Quiet Saturday. Anglican Roman Catholic Reconciliation. All Saints Day. All Souls' Day. Centacare CFRS. Saints Martin de Porres.

# 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.

### 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".

#### Vocation Views.

"Master, grant that I may see". The values we were blind to in our youth, now becomes clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness God's love

#### 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.

#### RCIA. Eng. Margaret Halpin

#### menALIVE Weekend for Men.

10-11/11. Come and benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. A QLD menALIVE weekend is being held in St. Kevin's Parish. Geebung, conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Australia Team. Eng. Chris Scharf 0411 127 576 or Brendan Scarce 0432 148 025 or email: menalivegeebung@gmail.com

#### Vocation Discernment Weekend -

hosted by The Capuchin Friars: 16-18/11. This weekend Retreat is for men aged 18-35. Starts 7:30pm. Friday at the Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and concludes at 3pm. on Sunday, Cost \$30. Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. More info

https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/brisbane-

vocation-discernment-weekend/

#### Nouwen Network.

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

#### Irish Community Nov. Remembrance Mass.

Join in praying for the peaceful repose of your deceased relatives and friends at our Annual November Remembrance Mass on Sun. 4/11 at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards - an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. The Mass is being organised by The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ. Eng., IASAQ 0432 087 328.

#### St. Joseph's School.

Our Principal will be taking a week of Long Service Leave from 5-9/11. Gary will be taking a break with his Dad and his brother Mark. We hope they have an enjoyable and relaxing time together. The year 6 Students present: - Mary Poppins JR. Thu. 8/11 and Fri. 9/11 both at 7pm. Tickets \$14 adults, \$7 Concession and students. Children under school age free. Tickets available at the Door or phone the School on 3261 2858.

# Following on from the Royal Commission.

At the end of February 2018, the parish published the final weekly update on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and committed to monitoring internet sources for new information and providing it through the parish newsletter. This is our follow on. On 22 October, the day of the National Apology by the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said abuse perpetrated by priests, brothers, sisters and lay people was "an utter betrayal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and it should never have happened". The Church renews "our profound and heartfelt apology to all victims and survivors of abuse and to their families, friends and supporters, who have shared their suffering". A joint ACBC / CRA statement may be read here. https://tinyurl.com/y8tugzbb On Sunday 21 October, a new shrine was unveiled in the Cathedral of St Stephen and dedicated to all victims / survivors of sexual abuse. A 1m 31s video may be viewed here. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yd7tvstz">https://tinyurl.com/yd7tvstz</a>

Netta Sheridan.

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

<u>UnitingCare</u> – Chermside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

#### It's Blackall Fete Update.

"Thank You" to those parishioners who have responded so positively to Sharyn McLagan's informative Presentation at last weekend's Masses. As a result there has been lots of interest in what we do at Blackall and questions about the best way to assist our Sister Parish with their Fete. I know Sharyn covered it all but if you have any further questions please phone any of our Team - John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch. Donations can be placed in the box at the rear of the Church or contact the above for collection. Sunday 18/11, 9am. will be last date donation can be accepted. Suggested items are household goods, towels. crockery, cutlery, cooking utensils, toys, games and Golden Casket Scratchies of any value. Pre-loved goods are unacceptable for the Stall. Only NEW Items please. Michael and Debbie Dee Gee will add another dimension to our Team in November. We know the people of Blackall will take them into their hearts. Rain has been patchy (10-22ml) in and around the town this week but it will only serve to delay the de-stocking of cattle. Donations can be placed in the box at the rear of the Church or contact a member of the Team.

## Queensland Churches Together.

<u>Fairtrade and Social Enterprise Christmas Markets</u>. To be held at Lakes College School on 11/11. The markets start at 2.30pm and will be followed by talks from 6.30pm. AND

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture.

Celebrating 70 years of the World Council of Churches. Sun. 18/11 at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann St., Brisbane at 6pm. RSVP by 9/11 to 3369 6792 or admin@qct.org.au

#### Women's Discernment Retreat.

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! 24– 25/11. 9am. Sat. - 5pm. Sun. At Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. Enq., or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

#### PALMS Australia.

PALMS Australia invites you to EXPLORE A NEW MISSION. Opportunities now open in Timor Leste, PNG. Samoa and Myanmar. For information, call 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au Q & A: November 9. 5.30pm., Brisbane Square Library. George Street. City.

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified or experienced professional trades and

business people willing to volunteer as mentors to their local personnel. Palms Australia is a Catholic agency which expresses Pope Francis' call to be "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets", and in the villages, farms, hospitals and schools where volunteers serve. Volunteers embrace a life of solidarity with their host communities during a mission of 1-3 years. Palms Australia gives us an opportunity to show the true face of the Church. Enq. 3324 3415 or aomail@bne.catholic.net.au

#### 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.

Illuminare – An Evening of the Arts. A Community Event celebrating our finest talent in art, music and dance. Tue. 23/10. 6.30pm., at the College. Register at <a href="mailto:sjfc@bne.catholic.edu.au">sjfc@bne.catholic.edu.au</a> Limited vacancies 2019 & 2020. Enrol now at <a href="https://www.stjohnfishercollege.gld.edu.au">www.stjohnfishercollege.gld.edu.au</a>

#### Good News we rarely see or hear.

Catholic charity and healthcare centres.
Charity and healthcare centres run in the world by the Church include:

5.287 hospitals

15.937 dispensaries,

610 Care Homes for people with Leprosy, mainly in Asia (352) and Africa (192);

15.722 Homes for the elderly, or the chronically ill or people with a disability,

9.552 orphanages,

11.758 creches,

13.897 marriage counselling centres, 3.506 social rehabilitation centres and

35.746 other kinds of institutions. Catholic schools and Education.

In the field of education, the Catholic Church runs 72.826 kindergartens with 7.313.370 pupils; 96.573 primary schools with 35.125.124 pupils; 47.862 secondary schools with 19.956.347 pupils.

The Church also cares for 2.509.457 high school pupils, and 3.049.548 university students.

#### Petrie Catholic Parish.

The Parish has a building at Petrie to rent out. It has 6 rooms, which can be used for office space, larger rooms for meetings, reception area, plenty of storage as well a secure two car garage and there are also allocated parking spaces that comes with the building. We are walking distance from Petrie Train / Bus Station. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 32856759 or email <a href="mailto:petrie@bne.catholic.net.au">petrie@bne.catholic.net.au</a>

#### 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. The new shrine will be dedicated during 10.00am Mass in the cathedral on Sunday 21 October. This will be the day before the national apology to the victims and survivors of abuse in the parliament in Canberra. So the dedication of the new shrine will be a simple way for the Archdiocese of Brisbane to share deeply, sincerely and permanently in the apology to all who have been abused, but especially those who have been abused in the Church. 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.

#### St. Vincent De Paul.

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

#### 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.

#### St. Vincent De Paul.

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

# 28th of October. 30th Sunday of the Year.

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

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

#### QUICK REFERENCE ...

# <u>Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable</u> <u>Adults Training.</u>

### Aspley Parish.

Sunday, November 18. 10.30am. – 12.30pm. Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City. Wednesday, November 7. 12:30pm - 2:30pm 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. Eng 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 15 October.
Unless otherwise notified: No Gatherings in
December 18 and January 19.
Eng Jan or Jan

#### **Our Parish Newsletter online**

http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/par ishnewsletter.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:- Next Meeting Sun. 4/11 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. We will be welcoming Grade 3 students that week, so all students in Grades 3-5 are welcome to join us. Gold coin donation.

Eng Emma Beach

ROCK: Meeting today, Sun. 28/10 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. ROCK will be welcoming Grade 6 students. All students between years 6-12 welcome Enq Emma Beach

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SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). All young adults welcome. Enq. Jess

# Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen pf 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. Eng. Margaret

# Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

# Cath. Social Justice Council website.

(<u>www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au</u>).Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

# WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last week we collected \$277.55 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish. This week we collect for the Water Wells in South Sudan.

As always, we thank you for your very generous support of our Parish projects.

Eng. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

#### 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 \$666.

Direct Debit \$1741.

Loose \$1104.

Total \$3511.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 42. \$3326.

# Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

Address	 		 	 								 			 	
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Name:.....

Email:....

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

