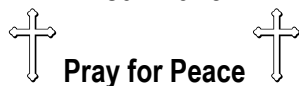


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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**The Ascension of the Lord.
2nd of June**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

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

Next Week 8-9/6.

Acts 2:1-11. Psalm 104. 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13. John 20:19-23.

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 19:1-8. P.68. John 16:29-33.

Tue. Acts 20:17-27. P.68. John 17:1-11.

Wed. Acts 20:28-38. P.68. John 17:11-19.

Thu. Acts 22:30.23:6-11. P.16. John 17:20-26.

Fri. Acts 25:13-21. P.103. John 21:15-19.

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-Feast of the
Ascension Year C**

(Luke 24:46-53)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si' 2*).

Joy, peace, prayer and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians might fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.



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.

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.

**This and next weekend –
we welcome and congratulate all our
children celebrating First Eucharist.**



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 DINNER.

Sunday 30th June at 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 9/6. Barbara Masterman. 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 .

ST JOSEPH'S SENIORS OUTING - VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE. TUESDAY, 18/6. After the 9am. Mass, we will catch the CityExpress Bus (330) from St. Joseph's Stop in Phillips Street to the City Hall. After Morning Tea & an early lunch & City Hall Tearooms, we'll board the Citycircle Bus, arriving at Parliament House, at 12.30pm., for the tour (1- 2 pm). Everyone must produce Photo ID on the day & we have to advise Parliament house of the numbers attending by Wednesday, 5/6. We will be taking names at the Senior's Meeting this Tuesday, 4/6. Anyone else wishing to attend, please contact us by Tuesday night. Please also bring along your GoCard. It will be an interesting day, so feel free to join us for this outing. Enq. Therese & Ron Kissane

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 15-16/6. 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, 8-9/6. 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.

9/6. Group 5. 16/6. Group 6.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 8/6. Robyn

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

2-9/6. The Ascension of the Lord. Pentecost Sunday. Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. 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. Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions. Boniface. Marcellin Champagnat. Norbert.

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.)

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.

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. 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.

Our Spiritual Life is a journey – following the call of the Master to "Go and teach all people my Gospel". Say "Yes" over and over again.

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.

Rising Youth Ministry.

Ages 5 – 18 welcome. Enq. Lana or email rising@awaken.org.au

Following on from the Royal Commission.

Specialist Support – Updated
Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld)
Helpline - 1800 337 928
Centacare Family and Relationship Services -
Brisbane 07 3251 5000
Lifeline - 13 11 14
UnitingCare – 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. Athletics Carnival 13-14/6. Fete 3/8.

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 CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY 2/6. We ask that all items be new. Dark colours for socks are most serviceable. 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.

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.

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. If you would like to discuss this role, call: Judy Norris 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-

- has completed its meetings for Term 2 but will gather again in Term 3. Please contact Emma Beach if you have a baby under the age of one and are interested in joining a Mothers' Group.

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: clergysupport@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. Today, Sun. 2/6, 4pm., at Cherside 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". Today, 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.

News from Blackall.

The cold is setting in here with a vengeance today - right on time for Winter! The week after our beautiful Easter Celebrations, we welcomed the Rev Bishop Michael for the First Communion and Confirmation Ceremony for six young ones from St. Joseph's. Bishop Michael had a swag of meetings including property visits and Mass in Tambo. Since then, as a result of the hugely successful Lenten Retreat which we had in early March, we are organizing, with the support of the Verbum Dei Sisters in Brisbane, our very own Prayer Group which we are calling "School of Prayer". It will be a monthly meeting, starting 15/6, so please keep this group of people in your prayers. Last week Blackall was home to dozens of caravans for over a week while they were joining at least 1000 RVs to smash the current World Record on a continuous line of Rvs. This parade occurred along the Isisford-Barcaldine Road, which is a long and almost straight country road. Finally, we are all looking forward to the five-day Better in Blackall festival including country music legend Troy Cassar-Daley and so much more. Maybe we will see you here? Thank you for being with us on the journey! Richest of Blessings. Moira.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The next weekend will be held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. 2-4/8. Enq. Maria and David 3342 1456 or dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Try the Website on www.wmme.org.au

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.

2nd of June 2019. The Ascension of the Lord.

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:-

Meeting today, Sunday 2/6 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6.30pm. Movie Night.

We will be watching "Wonder".

All students Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation.

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:

Next Meeting Sunday 9/6 from 5 – 7.30pm., in the Parish Centre. All students from Grades 7 - 12 are welcome.

Enq Emma Beach



SALT:-

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

WAG (World Action Group)



Last weekend we collected \$312.60 for our friends in the Blackall/ Tambo Parish. Water Wells in South Sudan.



This week WAG collections will take a break as we focus on the St. Vincent de Paul Winer Appeal.



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.

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 \$773.

Direct Debit \$1758.

Loose \$1110.

Total \$3642.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average – Week 21. \$3408.

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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