

Year 2019



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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**4th Sunday of Lent
31st of March**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Joshua 5:9-12. Psalm 34. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. Luke 15:1-3,11-32.

Next Week 6-7/4.

Isaiah 43:1-21. Psalm 126. Philippians 3:8-14. John 8:-11.

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. Isaiah 65:17-21. P.30. John 4:43-54.

Tue. Ezekiel 47:1-9,12. P.46. John 5:1-16.

Wed. Isaiah 49:8-15. P.145. John 5:17-30.

Thu. Exodus 32:7-14. P.1-6. John 5:31-47.

Fri. Wisdom 2:1,12-22. P.34. John 7:1-2,10,25-30.

Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20. P.7. John 7:40-53.

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-4th Sunday of Lent
Year C

(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Unfailing forgiveness and arms open to welcome back wayward sons and daughters is a key motif in today's gospel story. There is no room in the hearts of Jesus' critics for such forgiveness: upright law-abiding people should exclude "sinners" from their company. In a first-century Jewish context, it was easy enough to be a sinner. Whole groups of people, depending on their occupation, fell into that category simply because they failed to observe one or more of the 618 prescriptions of the law. Jesus' response to critics is the story of a parent whose adult children lose their way. One son finds his way back to the centre of family life and the support of the wider community while the other more law-abiding son seems to place himself outside the family circle, holding on to the resentment he feels at his sibling's return.

We need to attend to the gaps in the story: there may be daughters as well as sons in the family; there is surely another parent, a mother who shares the heartache of her husband when their younger son requests his share of the estate. To make such a request in this context is tantamount to wishing his parents dead. The older brother is not disadvantaged: he is assured of a two-thirds share according to the law as well as the ongoing love and support of his family, as his father makes clear.

The contrast between the young man's acquisitive nature and his parents' capacity to relinquish substantial property in the interests of relationship is striking. No motive is offered for the son's readiness to break all his ties and get as far away as he can. In the distant country, he squanders both his inheritance and his identity. A "severe famine" becomes the catalyst for his change of direction. Famine in any age means devastation of the earth that can lead to displacement, to broken relationships and even to global conflicts. In turning back, the young man shows no real interest in a restored relationship with his family or ancestral lands. Rather, he devises a plan that will put food in his belly. He composes a speech about having sinned against his father and against God and about being prepared to share the status of the servants. Thanks to the expansive heart of an extraordinarily compassionate parent, he does not have to deliver the speech he has prepared. Famine becomes feast. So it is with our merciful God. We abandon, even betray. We waste the bounty of Earth.

Our motives for returning to the sources of love and community are very mixed, and yet our merciful God is ever ready, with our cooperation, to turn famine into feast. For that to happen in our times, we must turn away from our acquisitive, wasteful ways and respond as one to the pain of our planetary home.



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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 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 Brouge,

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.

Invitation for Sunday Gospel Reflection -

Gatherings (leading up to Easter and 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.

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."

World Youth Day.

Palm Sunday: The 9am., Mass 14/4 will celebrate WYD. All youth 12 – 30 years are invited to participate in ministry – readings, music, palm procession. Enq. Jess or Emma

Children's Liturgy.

Today, for our Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am.Mass. Rostered 7/4. 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

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

"HOY" Games Day with Shirley. Tue. 2/4. The Mass on this Tuesday will be a Healing Mass. After this 9am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for Morning Tea. Shirley Kingston will be involving us all in Games of Hoy. Please also bring an item to the Value of \$1 (approx.) to play. Enquiries & Transport: Margaret & Peter Guy

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 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 always kept up to date.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

31/3-7/4. 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Theology in the City Series No. 6. Saints Francis of Paola. Isadore. Vincent Ferrer. San Pedro Calungsod.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 13-14/4. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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, 6-7/4. Group 2.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2.

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

Counters Roster.

7/4. Group 2. 14/4. Group 3.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 6/4.

Compassion Lenten Group Invitation.

CANCELLED 31/3. SALT Young Adults group invite our Parish Community to join us for our Lenten Group. Gathering every Sunday in Lent, commencing 10/3, 7pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to share this time with us. Enq Jess

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.

Easter Praise Night.

The Light of Jesus Family invites you to its Easter Praise Night on Easter Sunday, 21/4 at Our Lady and St. Dymphna's Parish, Robinson Rd., Aspley from 7pm., onwards. Please join us as we continue our celebration of Easter Sunday with praise and worship for the Risen Lord.

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.

Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about YOU?

Rising Youth Ministry.

Come and celebrate the Launch with fun, food and games as we dance the evening away. Sat. 27/4. 6 – 9pm. At St. Francis Hall, 47 Dornich Tc., West End. Ages 5 – 18 welcome. RSVP by 20/4. Enq. Lana 0412 421 247 or email rising@awaken.org.au

Direct Credit Option Now Available!

It would appear that 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.

Project Compassion –

-Look out for our Parish Collection Jug at the front door of the Church. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future. Lives change when we all give 100%! You can donate via the Parish Collection Jug, through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

St. John Fisher College.

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

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge -

invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 11/4 commencing at 7pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

PALMS Australia.

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 – Cherside 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.

These Easter holidays will see the final sections of asbestos being removed from buildings. Internal walls in Block D (Uniform shop block) are to be removed as will one remaining wall in the tuckshop. This work will necessitate sections of the school being out of bounds for students attending Vacation Care. Entry to and from OSHC should be via the Eldorado St Carpark. The OSHC providers are well aware of safety zones for the children. The asbestos will be removed in week one of the holidays and the walls reinstalled in Week 2. There will be no access through the school centre during this time. Access to the Church from the Philips St Carpark will be via the netball courts. All work will be completed prior to the Easter Masses.

Fete News:

We'd like to announce that our Fete Convenors for 2019 are Robyn Seers, Dale and Bec Steindl. Many thanks to these parents who will lead our journey to the Fete. We're still on the look out for a Cake Stall Convenor/s. If you'd like some more information about this stall, please contact the office, or our convenors - Robyn - robyn@i4see.net or Dale and Bec - dalebecsteindl@hotmail.com

Care for Creation.

The video "Global Healing can be viewed at www.ourcommonhome.co.uk or go to the Care for Creation groups' <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 3269 1011.

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

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 23rd June – 3rd July. 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.

WAG - Blackall-Tambo Parish Update.

LENTEN RETREAT IN BLACKALL – HUGE SUCCESS. Once again St. Patrick's, Blackall say THANK YOU to St. Joseph's/St. Anthony's for your financial assistance to ensure that the idea of a Retreat in Blackall became a reality. On March 8th to 10th (the first weekend in Lent) the people of our Western Cluster (including Longreach, Barcaldine, Tambo, Alpha, Jericho, Jundah, Aramac, Morella, Isisford) were invited to a Lenten Retreat in Blackall led by two Verbum Dei Sisters based in Brisbane. This was a long - awaited event for the West and

extremely appreciated by the retreatants who found it life-giving especially at a time when it is so easy to become lost in the worries and busyness of our world. Thank you again Bracken Ridge for your part in making this Retreat happen and as it is our desire to have another Retreat again next year it is our hope that you may be able to join us and be refreshed in Christ together! (Thankfully Blackall and surrounds have received between 85ml to 100mm of rain this week. This is not enough to end the drought but it's certainly a big boost to the Community. (Sharyn Rogers).

Position Vacant: Secretary/Bookkeeper.

The Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters Congregation, in Carseldine QLD is seeking a permanent part-time Provincial Secretary/Bookkeeper. The role is to provide administrative support to the Provincial Leader. A knowledge of the accounting program MYOB would be highly advantageous. Remuneration will be negotiated. Applications, including cover letter and curriculum vitae must be submitted by email to the Provincial Leader, email sps1@holyspirit.com.au or mail to Provincial Leader, Holy Spirit Sisters, P O Box 129, Aspley Qld 4034 no later than 4/4.

Position Vacant – Sacristan.

Applications are open for a position at the Cathedral of St Stephen. A person with Cathedral or Parish experience in liturgical ministry is required for a full time position of Sacristan for 37.5 hours a week working on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Closing date 18th April. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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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.

Pilgrimage.

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage. Follow St Paul's journey through land and sea. Encounter Greece's beauty on the 3 night cruise across the Greek islands. Tour the ancient city of Corinth that inspired many of St Paul's letters. Marvel at the Byzantine monastery Hosios Loukas. See the House of Virgin Mary & Ancient Ephesus. Reflect the Book of Revelation at the Grotto of the Apocalypse & St John's Monastery ENTRANCES INCLUDED. Acropolis, Ancient Corinth, Ephesus Archaeological Site, Delphi, Hosios Loukas Monastery, Meteora Monastery, Ancient Philippi, Baptistery of Lydia, Thessaloniki Roman Forum, Rotunda of Galerius, Museum of Byzantine culture Inclusions. DEPARTURE: 1/10. Enq. 03 8839 6615 or pilgrimage@magiholidays.com

Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC).

We are called to be disciples of Christ. Now in its thirty-third year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3:30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries. Applications close Thursday 18 April. Written applications can be sent to: Fr. Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cpsc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cpsc.net.au

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 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 33243193. A reference from your Parish Priest is required along with all Archdiocesan safeguarding compliance requirements including Blue Card and police check.

St. Therese & St. Anthony Parish –

-Kedron, invites you to a one-day retreat on The Grace of Baptism. Presented by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane Mission Team. Sat. 13th April. Commencing at 9.30am.

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

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

31st of March 2019. Fourth Sunday of Lent.

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 15/4.
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 in Term 2. Sun. 21/4 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 - 6pm.

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

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:

Meeting this Sun. 31/3 in the Parish Centre from 5 - 7pm. We will be celebrating Easter. All students between

Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach



SALT:-

Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30).
LENTEN GATHERING CANCELLED THIS SUNDAY 31/3. Recommencing 7/4. 7pm.,

in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Enq. Jess

WAG (World Action Group)

During Lent our focus will turn to collecting money for Project Compassion. Please pick up a set of envelopes or donate directly each week into the Parish Collection Jug at the front of the Church.

Great News: Last week we forwarded the funds for Well no. 12 to Sr. Rita and she was absolutely thrilled. This means that we have now given twelve communities around Maropudit the opportunity to have fresh, clean dining water near at hand. It has also given some of these communities the opportunity to be self sufficient with fresh home-grown fruit and vegetables.



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

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

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: Peter and Margaret Guy

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

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

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: 58. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$725.
Direct Debit	\$1327.
Loose	\$1030.
Total	\$3852.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average - Week 12. \$3283.

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

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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*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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