

Year 2019



Chapel Code C9647X



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**8th Sunday of the Year
3rd of March**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

Sirach 27:4-7. Psalm 92. 1 Corinthians 15:54-58. Luke 6:42.

Next Week 9-10/3.

Deuteronomy 26:4-10. Psalm 91. Romans 10:8-13. Luke 4:1-13.

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. Sirach 17:20-24. P.32. Mark 10:17-27.

Tue. Sirach 35:1-12. P.50. Mark 10:28-31.

Wed. Joel 2:12-18. P.51. Matthew 6:1-6,16-18.

Thu. Deuteronomy 30:15-20. P.1. Luke 9:22-25.

Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9. P.51. Matthew 9:14-15.

Sat. Isaiah 58:9-14. P.86. Luke 5:27-32.

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/](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–8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C(Luke 6:39-45)-Veronica Lawson RSM“Everyone who is *fully qualified* will be like the teacher,” says the Lukan Jesus. What might it mean to become “fully qualified” for discipleship?

For Jesus, being fully qualified in the ways of discipleship is not so much a matter of acquiring book knowledge as it is a question of being like the teacher. This is not to discount the importance of acquiring a deep knowledge of the tradition. Jesus certainly knew his own tradition well. Luke presents him as literate, as capable of reading from the sacred scriptures in the Nazareth synagogue and of interpreting the prophetic texts for the assembled congregation. In today’s gospel selection, Luke also presents Jesus as familiar with the secular wisdom of his age. The sayings about the blind leading the blind and the log and speck have clear parallels in ancient literature. Jesus’ closest followers were educated business people with an appreciation of and commitment to their traditions. They were fully qualified in the sense that they had the personal resources to make a difference in the lives of those on the edge. The primary qualification for the disciple is, however, to be “like the teacher”. Jesus wants his followers to live out in their lives the pattern of his life of attentiveness to the pain of the world, his life of compassion and justice and mercy. Seeing with clarity (without a log in one’s eye) is at the heart of the gospel way of life he proclaims.

This theme of seeing permeates Luke’s writings. Seeing and understanding one’s own self is part of that, as is the capacity to see and to understand the rhythm of the forms of life that constitute one’s habitat. The recurrence of agricultural images in Jesus’ sayings is quite remarkable. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, a Jewish village in Lower Galilee, home to vines and olive trees, to goats and sheep and some four hundred human inhabitants. From early childhood, Jesus saw the processes involved in ensuring that the vines produced grapes. He knew the importance of the water from the spring for nurturing the grain crops in the valley close to his home. He knew that brambles and thorns did not yield any edible fruit. It would seem that being “like the teacher” includes closeness to and appreciation of the natural world.

Finally, to be a disciple is to be a “good person” and good persons are those who produce “good treasure” out of the abundance of their hearts. In the Jewish tradition, the heart was the seat of wisdom and knowledge as well as the seat of emotions. In 1 Kings 12:3, for instance, God is said to give Solomon a wise and discerning heart/mind. The Hebrew word for heart (*lev*) is often translated into English as “mind”. Heart and mind are as one. So it must be for us as disciples



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.

Ash Wednesday.

6/3. 9am. School and Parish Mass. 11am. School Liturgy (Prep – Yr. 2). All welcome. 7pm. Mass.

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.

World Day of Prayer 2019.

Together with the Baptist, Anglican, and Uniting Churches in Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills/Sandgate/Brighton, we have been part of this Ecumenical Worldwide Movement since our Inaugural Worship Gathering in 1989. We take turns in being the Host Church, this year it was the Baptist Church's turn. (Our turn next year). All over the world this Service is prayed on the first Friday in March every year by Christian women and men. It is a wondrous thought that the words we hear, read and speak are spoken in so many different languages. Thank you for your support. Enq. Barbara Masterman

Freeeee Sausage Sizzzzzzle.

To celebrate St. Joseph's Day. After all Masses on 23-24/3. All parishioners invited to help us celebrate St. Joseph's Day and enjoy our famous sausages. A big Thank you to our wonderful Hospitality Team.

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tuesday, 5th March. Our FIRST Meeting of the year, will be after the 9am. Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. A Presentation entitled, "Care for Creation", which includes a video, will be conducted. St. Joseph's Senior's Programme for 2019, will also be distributed. Enquiries & Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

This will recommence this year on 10/3 for Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of the 9am. Mass. Our 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word. Enq. Margaret

We Pray God's Healing touch and love-

for all those who are sick and for those who care for them.

To have family/friends included in our newsletter, please contact Barbara.

Dear Parishioners ,

We want to thank you for your continued prayers ,love & support for our son John . He is in his 7th month of treatment for the brain tumour that struck in July last year . He has had surgery , radiation & chemotherapy & the last MRI showed he is holding his own . He will continue chemo & the next MRI will be at the end of May . Thank you once again .

Please keep him in your prayers .

Love Jim & Marie Rhule

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

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."

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.

3-10/3. 8th Sunday of the Year. Ash Wednesday. 1st. Sunday of Lent. International Women's Day (UN). Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Saints Perpetua. Felicity. John of God. Frances of Rome.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 16-17/3. 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, 9-10/3. 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.

10/3. Group 4. . 17/3. Group 5.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 9/3.

Plenary Council 2020.

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

You are welcome to reflect on and submit your response online at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Let us pray for the success of this Council.

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise

Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may

live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St. Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Amen.

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".

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.

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.

We're about to begin a new journey with friends enquiring about our faith. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to join us. Enquiries: Margaret

Vocation Views.

Since each person speaks from their heart's abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life. Follow him willingly.

Following on from the Royal Commission.

Specialist Support – Updated

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld)

Helpline - 1800 337 928

Centacare Family and Relationship Services -

Brisbane 07 3251 5000

Lifeline - 13 11 14

UnitingCare – Chermiside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

St. Joseph's School.

Our first disco for the year will be for our older students in Years 3 - 6 on Friday, 15th March. The theme for this disco has been changed and will now be 'Harry Potter'. Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters for further information.

Our first Fete meeting for the year is on 19th March so mark it in your diary. Come along at 7:30pm in the library and give us some of your ideas! We'd love to have your help, enthusiasm and ideas!

Cross Country Training: This has commenced and will continue every Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:10am., in the lead up to our Cross Country Carnival at the end of the Term.

PALMS Australia.

PALMS Australia began work in Catholic parishes in Sydney as the Paulian Association in 1956. In 1961 the PALMS programme started preparing Catholics for a global mission. In 2001 the organizational name became Palms Australia to reflect the mission that had spread far beyond Sydney. Encounter Timor Leste April 7-19. Book your immersive, cultural experience with Palms Australia today. Call Robert on 02 9560 5333 or visit palms.org.au/encounters

St. John Fisher College.

Bracken Ridge. Limited vacancies for Year 7 girls starting 2020 and 2021. Apply online now. Go Far. See More. Reach Further. www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu/au

Care for Creation.

THANK YOU: The parish's Care for Creation group thanks members of the parish for their generous response to Fr. Gerry's invitation for two representatives from each ministry group to attend a formation evening on Pope Francis' message to the world, "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home". Almost 30 people from the parish's various groups and ministries

viewed the video "Global Healing: How faith helps us care for our common home" on Thursday evening, and lively discussion followed. Some said they would be taking information and/or the video back to their groups. The video 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

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. Places are limited so get in quick. For more information contact Sr. Mel on 0484 007 508.

Memorandum.

Members of our community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved ones who pass away. The chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request through Barbara Masterman 2361 9651. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the suggestion of one of our community and has been made possible by the generosity and giftedness of David Griffiths. Thank you, David.

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

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: 1/10/19. 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: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.net.au

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.

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

3rd of February 2019. Eighth Sunday of the Year.

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

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

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training.

Watch this spot for forthcoming dates.

Enq. Terry Tolhurst

SVDP

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

St Joseph's Craft Group

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

Next gathering Monday 18/3.
Enq Jan or Jan

Our Parish Newsletter online

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

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night
All welcome

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

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

Youth Groups

BLITZ:-

Next gathering Sun. 10/3 in the Parish Centre. 4.30 – 6pm. Years 4 – 6 welcome. Gold coin donation. Enq Emma Beach

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ROCK:

ROCK is meeting today, Sunday, 3/3 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. We will be exploring the gaining of wisdom. All students between Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach

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SALT:-

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

WAG (World Action Group)

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Last weekend we collected \$275.20 for our friends in the Blackall/Tambo Parish.

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This week we are collecting for the support of Water Wells for South Sudan.

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As always, we want to say a very big THANK YOU to all our very generous parishioners for continuing to support our Parish projects. Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the Parish invited and welcome. Enq. Philip

Ladies' Prayer Group

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 .

Our Library.

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

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). 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	\$586.
Direct Debit	\$1715.
Loose	\$1172.
Total	\$3473.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 8. \$3410.

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.*