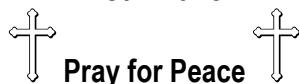


Year 2019



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**Parish Website:**

[www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com)

**Parish Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge](http://www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge)

**Parish Email:**

[bridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
5<sup>th</sup> of May**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 6.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 11-12/5.**

Acts 13:14,43-52. Psalm 100. Revelation 7:9,14-17. John 10:27-30.

**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 6:8-15. P.119. John 6:22-29.

Tue. Acts 7:51-8:1. P.31. John 6:30-35.

Wed. Acts 8:1-8. P.66. John 6:35-40.

Thu. Acts 8:26-40. P.66. John 6:44-51.

Fri. Acts 9:1-20. P.117. John 6:52-59.

Sat. Acts 9:31-42. P.116. John 6:60-69.

**Mass at Home:**

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

**St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:**

Live at 10am., every Sunday on website: <http://bne.catholic.net.au/webcast>

**Communion for the Sick:**

To share our Sunday liturgies with sick family members and/or friends, please see Leader/Coordinator before Mass.

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

# Parish News

## St. Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills

### Reflection.

**Reflection on the Gospel-Easter 3C**

(John 21:1-19)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

March 25 this year saw the publication of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. The Pope addresses his words to "young people and to the entire people of God". Quite early in the document, there is a call for the church to be a "living church", a church that is "attentive to the legitimate claims of those women who seek greater justice and equality" (par. 42). For Johannine scholar, Elizabeth Dowling RSM, this would entail a return to the spirit of the early chapters of John's gospel.

John's final chapter marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church to accept women in leadership roles. The focus is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples.

In Chapter 21, Peter goes fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. His disciples, with the exception of the "beloved disciple", do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter, already foreshadowed in his decision to clothe his naked body. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only his "sheep" but also his "lambs". This command has particular resonance for a church that has failed so many of its children.

While the passage is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the materiality underlying the symbols. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net....so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore".

These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw *all* to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole Earth community, human and more-than-human, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.



### 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](mailto: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.**

### **Our prayers matter.**

Pray for Peace. Let us all 'Pray@8' Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. "Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

#### **DATE SAVER.**

#### **PARISH TWILIGHT RETREAT.**

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

Sr. Maeve Heaney

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

(Dinner will be provided for those who wish to stay after 7.)

#### **PARISH DINNER**

Sunday 30th June 5pm.

Father Bernie Costigan Centre

(Please add your name and number of attendees to the list for catering purposes.)

No cost - free to all who wish to attend.

### **Children's Liturgy.**

Today for Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered 12/5. Robyn 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

### **We Pray God's Healing touch and love-**

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

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

### **Condolence.**

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

### **Recently Deceased:**

### **Memorial:**

All our deceased family members and friends.

### **Volunteers and Blue Cards.**

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

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

### **Invitation for Sunday Gospel Reflection -**

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

### **Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.**

5-12/5. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Easter. Centacare CFRS. Theology in the City Series No. 6. Labour Day. Feast of the Three Saints - Alfio. Filadelfo. Cirino.

#### **Liturgy Roster.**

#### **Liturgy Preparation.**

For weekend 18-19/5. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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, 11-12/5. Group 1.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers.**

For next weekend. Group 1.

#### **Music Ministry.**

For next weekend. Group 1.

#### **Servers.**

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

#### **Counters Roster.**

12/5. Group 1. 19/5. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 11/5. Kathleen .

### **St. John Fisher College.**

Bracken Ridge. Limited vacancies for Year 7 girls 2020 and 2021. Apply online now. Enq. [www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu/au](http://www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu/au)

### **Prayer Blog.**

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners are invited to write and share a short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

#### **Plenary Council 2020.**

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

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://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](mailto: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 pray for Craig, Kelli, Jodi, Andrew and Selina as we explore our Catholic Faith with them. Enquiries: Margaret

### **Vocation Views.**

Let people know that Jesus has the solution. Cast your net on the other side of life. Listen to God's son. Ad tell the world what you hear!

### **Direct Credit Option Now Available!**

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

#### **WHS Incident Report.**

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

### **PALMS Australia.**

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Come for Global Mission Info: Sunday 19/5 at 3:30pm. Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George St, Brisbane. Enq. Robert 02 9560 533 or visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://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 – Chermiside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

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

### **St. Joseph's School.**

**Prep Interviews** – and offers of placement will take place this term. We are very fortunate at St. Joseph's to have another option for secondary schooling in the not too distant future. As mentioned previously, the land, which the Big Easy Golf Range, Fitzgibbon, currently occupies, has been purchased by Brisbane Catholic Education with the aim of building a co-educational secondary college. St. Joseph's, as one of the closest Catholic primary schools, would be a significant feeder to that college. Whilst an opening date of 2022 has been mooted, this is yet to be finalised. **Trivia Night - 17th May.** Don't forget to get a table together or just buy a ticket and meet some new people - everyone is welcome. You're invited to come as your favourite decade: the roaring 20s, the fabulous 40s, the neon 80s or the nifty noughties! Tickets are available from our lovely office ladies (cash only) for \$30 per person. The ticket price includes trivia, dinner and 'funny money' for the gaming tables. **Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!** If you happen to be shopping 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. **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.** We will be hosting a morning tea again this year, as part as the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer fundraiser, on Thursday, 23/5 after assembly in the Bernie Costigan Centre. **NAPLAN** on line 14-22/5. **Year 4 Camp.** 23-24/5. **Book Fair** 27-31/5.

### **National Reconciliation Week 2019.**

Theme: "Grounded in Truth". Come and help us celebrate this special event on 6/6, 7pm., in our St. Joseph's Church. This is a truly joyous opportunity to foster positive race relations, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community must be grounded in truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires us all to walk together with courage. Please bring a plate to share.

### **Care for Creation.**

<https://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com/past-events.html> The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

### **Beanie and warm socks Appeal.**

With the cooler weather not far off, we will run our usual Parish 'beanie and warm socks appeal' throughout the month of May. We will then be able to share some warmth and comfort with those doing it tough this winter. We ask that all items be new. Our thoughtfulness and generosity will certainly give a much needed lift to those suffering at this time. Dark colours for socks are most serviceable. Please note that any other warm items can be delivered to SVDP shop at Sandgate or

Brighton. SVDP welcomes any warm clothing. Donations of beanies and warm socks can be placed in the large storage box under the back table in the church. Appeal will run until 2nd June. Donations will be shared with Rosies, Paddy's Van at Shorncliffe and the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade at Spring Hill. With gratitude Helen Hickey.

### **Lawn Maintenance.**

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it simple for you. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: [da.mowingservices@gmail.com](mailto:da.mowingservices@gmail.com)

### **St John Fisher College -**

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

### **Volunteer Immersion Programme.**

Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23/6 - 3/7. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Enq. Sr. Mel on 0484 007 508.

### **Offerings for the Church in Sri Lanka.**

Online donations can be made: [www.aidtochurch.org/SriLanka](http://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 in the Correctional Centre at Woodford. Chaplains visit Woodford as part of the Catholic team every Friday. Training is provided and travel expenses reimbursed. It's a great way to make a real difference to someone's life through the Christian ministry of pastoral care, making known the love God has all for people. If you would like to discuss this role and its suitability for you, please call: Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries on 3324 3193. A reference from your Parish Priest is required along with all Archdiocesan safeguarding compliance requirements including Blue Card and police check.

### **Rising Youth Ministry.**

Ages 5 - 18 welcome. Enq. Lana

### **St Benedict's Catholic Parish.**

Mango Hill. Masquerade Fund Raiser Ball. Saturday 8 June, from 6pm. Be quick to get your tickets as they are limited and will sell quickly. There will be a Live Band and DJ music, International food stalls, BAR selling wines and beers, Raffles and Spot prizes. Tickets can be purchase online, via the Sticky tickets link below.

Tickets will sell quick, so get booking. <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/85147> All proceeds will go towards the building fund of our new church at Mango Hill. If you are lead by the Holy Spirit, help us create a beautiful space to worship our loving God. Every dollar we raise, helps add a brick to the Church.. Enq. Tyrel D'Souza 0424 861 115 or email [eventsministrysbp@hotmail.com](mailto:eventsministrysbp@hotmail.com)

### **St. Therese & St. Anthony Parish -**

CCR Brisbane supports 35 prayer groups and ministries throughout the Archdiocese and offers a range of ministries and programs within the Archdiocese. Opportunities include: RETREATS/WORKSHOPS: The Grace of Baptism. Parish Healing Ministry. Spiritual Gifts Workshops. Call to discipleship. Praise and Worship. Catholics Come Alive. Catholics Stay Alive. Tailored programmes: HEALING and PRAYER: CCR Brisbane operates three healing prayer centres in Brisbane - Northgate, Jindalee & Petrie and offers short sessions of healing prayer to parishioners after weekend Masses as requested. Enq. Len Airey Ministry Co-ordinator CCRB 0421 977 849 [lenairey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lenairey@optusnet.com.au) Audrey Chan-Seow President CCR Brisbane 3715 6053 [audreychaseow@ozemail.com.au](mailto:audreychaseow@ozemail.com.au)

### **The Village.**

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

### **Federal Election 2019 Catholic Bishop's**

**Statement.** The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.**

A relationship enrichment for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. For bookings or details, contact Maria & David Murphy 3342 1456 [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au) Website [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### **Mary MacKillop College.**

Kedron. Open Day. Sun. 19/5. 10am. - 1pm. For further details visit [www.mmc.qld.edu.au](http://www.mmc.qld.edu.au)

### **Queensland Churches Together.**

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

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

### **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.

5<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

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

QUICK REFERENCE ...

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training.**

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. Please watch this space for forthcoming training dates.

Enq. Terry Tolhurst

**SVDP**

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

**St Joseph's Craft Group**

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

Next gathering Monday 20/5.  
Enq Jan or Jan

**Our Parish Newsletter online**

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

**Friday Night Prayer Vigils**

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

**@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.**

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

**Youth Groups**

**BLITZ:-**

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

**ROCK:-**

Next meeting Sun. 12/5 in the Parish Centre from 5 - 7pm. All students between Grades 7 - 12 are welcome. Enq Emma Beach

**SALT:-**

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

**Seniors' Group.**

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

**Cath. Social Justice Council website.**

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

**WAG (World Action Group)**

During Lent our Parish raised over \$3000 for Project Compassion. The WAG buckets and Watering Can will now be appearing once again. Recently we sent off the funds to pay for Well no. 12 much to the happiness of Sr. Rita! We were also happy to see the two South Sudanese Leaders meet with the Pope and we hope that Peace in South Sudan will flow from that meeting.

This week we are collecting for our friends in the Blackall/ Tambo Parish.

As always, we thank our very generous parishioners for continuing to support our Parish projects. Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

**Men's Prayer Group**

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

**Ladies' Prayer Group**

Held each Wednesday morning in the Church, from 9.30 - 10.30am. This is followed by tea or coffee in the Parish Centre. All most welcome to join us. Enq. Margaret

**Giving**

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up before the offertory. Current number of Envelope Givers: 60. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 96. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$615.
Direct Debit	\$1702.
Loose	\$996.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3313.</b>

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average - Week 17. \$3368.

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.....

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Email:.....

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



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