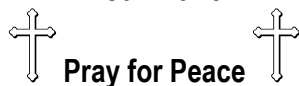


Year 2019



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**5th Sunday of Lent
7th of April**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year C. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 13-14/4.

Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 22. Philippians 2:6-11.
Luke 19:28-40.

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. Daniel 13:1-9,15-17. P.23. John 8:12-20.

Tue. Numbers 21:4-9. P.102. John 8:21-30.

Wed. Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95. John 8:31-42.

Thu. Genesis 17:3-9. P.105. John 8:51-59.

Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13. P.18. John 10:31-42.

Sat. Jeremiah 31:10-13. John 11:45-56.

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-5th Sunday of Lent Year C (John 8:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Historian Gerda Lerner has demonstrated that patriarchy emerged some 3000 years ago with the emergence of weapons of war and the consequent gender division of labour. By the first century CE, when the gospels were written, every woman in the Roman world knew what that she was the possession of a man, initially of her father, and then of her husband or successive husbands. Slaves, both men and women, were the property of and sexually available to the head of the patriarchal household. Even free women had fewer choices than men in regard to such matters as choice of life partners and social contact outside the family. In the context of Second Temple Judaism, a woman's sexual liaison with another man was a sin against her husband who was also her proprietor. Her shame was of less consequence than her husband's loss of status and honour.

We are told nothing of the precise circumstances of the woman said to be "taken in adultery". She could not have been "taken" alone: there is a man somewhere in the wings who is at least as guilty as the woman. But only the woman is "brought" to Jesus in the public arena, a spectacle for the assembled crowd. Ironically, the lawyers have little interest in the woman or her fate. Their interest is in Jesus. They want to test him and catch him out on his attitude to and enactment of the Mosaic law. In other words, Jesus is the one on trial in this public setting, and the woman is no more than a dispensable object in the process, a means to a sinister end.

The woman's life is of little concern to her accusers. They ask Jesus for a legal opinion on her case. Should the full force of the law be exercised? Should she be stoned to death? Jesus does not dignify their manipulation with a response. Rather, he takes away their power over the woman by bending down and writing with his finger on the ground. What does he write? We can never have an answer to that question. They keep asking him to provide a ruling.

Jesus subverts their ploy by confronting them with their own sinfulness: "let the one without sin cast the first stone". They move off one by one and the woman is finally accorded the dignity of responding for herself. She is freed from the burden of condemnation. She can move forward with a strong sense of her worth and the knowledge that she matters in the scheme of things. As we bring today's gospel into dialogue with stories of violence against women, such as the horrifying stories of Yazidi women returning to their homes after years of captivity in Syria as the sex slaves of ISIS operatives, we might commit ourselves anew to the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.



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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 Brouge,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time: noon Fridays).

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO
NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEKEND.**

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.

Holy Week 2019.

Holy Thursday.

Mass. 7.30pm. Adoration until 9.30pm.

Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross in the Church 9.30am. The Passion and Death of Jesus. 3pm.

Holy Saturday.

4 – 6pm. Reconciliation. Vigil Mass 7pm.

Easter Sunday.

7.30am. and 9am. Mass.

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.

No Children's Liturgy during the School holidays. Recommencing 28/4 for Prep to Year 3 students. Held in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered Angela Keats. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

No Kindy Liturgy during the School holidays. 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.

7-14/4. 5th Sunday of Lent. Palm Sunday. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Chrism Mass. Theology in the City Series No. 6. Saints San Pedro Calungod. Francis of Paolo. Isidore. Vincent Ferrer.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 20-21/4. Group 4. Enq. Margaret Halpin. Group 5. No newsletter next weekend. 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, 13-14/4. Group 3. See special roster.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

14/4. Group 3. 21/4. Group 4.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 13/4. **NO NEWSLETTER.**

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.

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.

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.

Lent is a time of being serious about forgiveness and knowing that we too are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

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.

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.

St. John Fisher College.

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

Discernment Retreat.

Discere, the Latin term meaning "to learn" or "to find out" is a one day retreat for young adults who are discerning a possible call to the Priesthood or to Religious and offers an opportunity to reflect and discover more about their Vocation. 9am. – 4:30pm. Sat. 27/4. At the Carmelite Monastery, Ormiston. Find out more or register through: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au or call 1300 133 544.

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 – 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.

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. 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. Prep Interviews – and offers of placement will take place next term. Term 2 – will commence 23/4. Anzac Day March -from Sandgate. 25/4.

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

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 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.

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. 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 100m of rain his week. This is not enough to end the drought but it's certainly a big boost to the Community. (Sharyn Rogers).

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 18/4. 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.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

25th. Anniversary National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St. Mary MacKillop. The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22/10, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2/11. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or call Sr. Therese on 0417 683 123, or Sr. Annie on 02 8912 4818.

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, and much more.... 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 Wed. 9am – 3.30pm. From 1/5 – 20/11. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per

week in either one of the above ministries. Applications close Thu. 18/4. Written applications can be sent to: Fr. Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. Telephone: 3252 5461. Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.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. 13/4. 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

The Village.

(A Parish Mothers' Group). Commencing Friday, 3/5 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

Mary MacKillop College.

Kedron. Open Day. Sun. 19/5. 10am. – 1pm. For further details visit 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.

7th of April 2019. Fifth 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 on 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 28/5 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). Meeting Sunday 7/4 & 14/4 at 7pm., in the Parish Centre for Lenten Reflection "Compassion". 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: 60. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 96. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

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| Envelopes | \$518. |
| Direct Debit | \$1327. |
| Loose | \$912. |
| Total | \$2757. |

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3404.

Average - Week 13. \$3242.

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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Address.....

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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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