

Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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3rd Sunday of Lent
19th of March

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 94. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
John 4:5-42.

Next Week 25-26/3.

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13. Psalm 22.
Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun.
7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 6pm. 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. 2 S.7:4-5,12-14,16. P. 88. Mt.1:16,180-21,24.

Tue. Dan.3:25,34-43. Ps.24. Mt.18:21-35.

Wed. Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9. Ps.147. Mat. 5:17-19.

Thu. Jeremiah 7:23-28. Ps.94. Luke 11:14-23.

Fri. Hosea 14,2-10. Ps.80. Mark 12:28-34.

Sat. Isaiah 7:10-14.8:10. Ps.39. Luke 1:26-38.

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-Third Sunday of Lent
Year A, 19 March 2017 (John 4:5-42)*

Three weeks into Lent, the liturgy invites us to take a faith journey in the company of a courageous outsider, an unnamed woman from a despised religious group, writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

Those privileged to act as catechists in the RCIA program over the Lenten period will be introducing the candidates to some of our most treasured gospel stories. In 1963, Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy called for the restoration of certain early Church practices. The two main features of Lent, baptism and penance, were to be given greater emphasis in the liturgy and in liturgical catechesis. More use was to be made of the baptismal elements proper to the Lenten liturgy. Some features that were part of an earlier tradition were to be restored. In response to this call, John's stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus were moved from the weekday to the Sunday liturgy. Thus, three weeks into Lent, the liturgy invites us to take a faith journey in the company of a courageous outsider, an unnamed woman from a despised religious group.

A woman of Samaria comes to draw water from the well of Jacob, Israel's great ancestor in faith. She belongs in a long line of women whose lot as women is to undertake the burdensome, often dangerous, daily toil of carrying water so that their families might simply survive. Jesus asks the woman for a drink and elicits a bewildered response. Her response, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?", provides the opportunity for Jesus to move into an extended and constantly deepening exchange in which the woman proves herself a knowledgeable and worthy dialogue partner.

The pursuit of water, a key baptismal symbol in the gospel tradition, provides the catalyst for her journey to faith in Jesus as the Messiah or Christ and her engagement in the mission of proclaiming the good news to her people.

Commentators tend to focus on the woman's marital status, usually in negative terms. Because she has had five husbands, many presume that she is a sinner although there is nothing in the text to support this position. Successive husbands may have died. Financial, religious or societal constraints may have functioned in her decision to remarry. The "husbands" may refer to the strange

gods that claimed the allegiance of the Samaritans. There is no consensus among scholars.

At the outset, the woman views Jesus simply as a Jew who breaks with established custom by asking her for water. She comes to accept him as the provider of living water. Jesus understands her life story and opens up the way for her to accept him as a prophet. She risks sharing her own convictions about the locus of worship and is gifted with new understanding and Jesus' further self-disclosure. She leaves her water jar behind and brings others to faith in Jesus as Messiah and saviour of the world.

*From Sr Veronica Lawson's weekly reflection
www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org*



Prayer for Peace

Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Child & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Clare Kennedy

To reach out to someone who is hurting Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

School: Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. Ph: 3261 2858.

Parish Office: Bronwyn Venzke,
bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 3261 3670.
Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

St Vincent de Paul: Jeff Walsh or Earl Grady,

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach.

Blitz: Kelcey & Josh de Gee.

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Brouge,

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

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

Parish Newsletter online: Website.

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parish-newsletter.html>

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free for those among us who have some mobility difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking even if it appears the area is not being used.

Free Sausage Sizzzzzzle.

At all three Masses THIS weekend. As always, tea, coffee and cordial will be available after all three Masses this weekend and best of all IT'S FREE and TASTES GREAT TOO .

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy. In 2014, Archbishop Mark launched the new Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevision and Protection Policy. The central message of the Policy is grounded



in the policy statement: The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety, embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. To meet this commitment, our parish will be required to fulfil a number of compliance matters. Some of these have already been put in place; however your support is needed to ensure that our Parish meets all requirements of the policy implementation.

Our prayers matter.

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

Chrism Mass.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St. Stephen, Thu. 6/4 commencing at 7pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome

Children's Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass only. Rostered 26/3. Barbara Masterman, Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Today, during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. All, 3, 4 & 5 year olds are invited to join us in the Parish Centre. Enq. 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 kept up to date at all times.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

There are two extra forms - our Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. There is no cost for the Blue Card. Volunteers, please collect the forms from Bronwyn, Margaret or Netta. Or Clare Kennedy, our Parish Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Representative .

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available – download now Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, and more. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year unfolds we will look at where God is leading us through our prayer life. I asked if parishioners would be keen to write a short piece on how they pray and if they would be happy to share their ways of prayer and their reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog I am also very mindful of members of our parish community who do not have internet access - we will also print in hard copy and put on the noticeboard in the church, near the front door. Fr. Gerry.

Baptism.

We welcome to the waters of Baptism and to our Faith Community:-

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for Sara, age 11, unconscious, in hospital in Brisbane. We pray for 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 prayers in the newsletter, please contact Barbara

Condolence.

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

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Sacramental Programme 2016-2017.

Enq. Office 3261 3670.

menALIVE in the City.

Enq. 3367 1402 or mail@menalive.org.au

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 1-2/4. Group 6. Enq. Margaret Halpin All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

Group 5. For next weekend, 25-26/3. 6pm. A. Isaak. O. D'Souza. J. Ivett. 7.30am. F. Burke. S. Donatini. K. Hutton. 9am. S. Hutchinson. M. De Gee. N. Matthew.

Eucharistic Ministers.

Group 5. For next weekend. 6pm. G. Cameron. R. Nave. M. & P. Needer. ? 7.30am. D. Johns. A. Voegeli. R. del Rosario. L. Ellis. 9am. B. & V. Stephensen. D. de Gee. M. Hutchinson. T. Clarke.

Music Ministry.

Groups 5. For next weekend. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. M. Lewry. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

26/3. Group 5. Brian, Jan & Ann. 2/4. Group 6. Mike & Bryan.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 25/3. Sunil Charles Edward.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

3rd & 4th Sundays of Lent. Centacare CFRS. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality Retreat. Knights of the Southern Cross Founders' Day Mass and Grand Admission Ceremony. The Annunciation of the Lord. Saints Joseph. Turibius of Mogrovejo.

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our next Craft Group morning will be on 20/3 in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass. Enquiries: Therese Kissane or Jan.

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Next meeting 26/3, 7pm., in the Parish Centre. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Meeting today, Sun. 19/3 from 5 – 7pm., in the Parish Centre. All students between Years 7 - 12 are welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach .

Blitz.

Next gathering Sunday, 26/3. All Years 4 – 6 welcome and invited to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Kelcey de Gee Gold coin donation.

Fire & Spirit Sunday 2/4.

Held on the first Sunday of each month. Come and join us for our monthly evening of praise, worship and sharing of the Word in our Parish Church from 5 - 6:30pm. All ages welcome. Enq. Gabrielle

Mowing Service.

A lawn mowing service is being offered by our new migrants. You do not need to own your own mower. If you are interested, please call Michael on 0417 635 269 for further details.

Women's Prayer Group.

Wednesdays, in the Church from 9.30 -11.30am. All are very welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Men's Prayer Group.

Held every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the parish invited and welcome. Enq. Phillip

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. At the Banyo Nundah

Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

Royal Commission to Child Sexual Abuse Information.

The Royal Commission will hold a public hearing into nature, cause and impact of child sexual abuse - commencing Mon. 27/3 to be held in Sydney. Francis Sullivan (CEO TJHC) media blog – dated 16/3 - 'Where the real change is needed, the institutional culture 'at <http://tinyurl.com/TJHCblog> Francis also has an article in this week's Catholic Leader (page 4). Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.tjhc.org.au> Specialist Support Director. Professional Standards Office (Qld) - 1800 337 928 or 07 3229 3711. Adults Surviving Child Abuse - 1300 657 380. Victims Counselling Support Services - 1300 139 703. Knowmore – 1800 605 762 www.knowmore.com.au Netta Sheridan, Parish Pastoral Council.

RCIA. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Please pray for Murray, Jeeah, Melanie, Troy, Emma, Amy and Owen as they prepare to receive their Sacraments at Easter. Please also remember Tutana, who was welcomed into the church on 1st January. Enq. Margaret (Halpin) for more information.

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month 10am. – 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Pastoral Council's role is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us. Please do approach any of the members who will be very happy to hear your ideas and hopes for our parish family. Their

photos are on the wall outside the Workroom. Members meet monthly.

Easter Choir Practice.

Practices for Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies will be held in the church on Tuesdays 21 and 28 March, and 4 and 11 April at 7:30pm. All most welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians.

'We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship' The Parish Pastoral Council resolved to adopt this wording in all our parish communication, including parish booklets, newsletters, letters of correspondence and electronic media - emails, parish website, parish Facebook etc.

Vocation Views.

Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

WAG Update.

Water wells for South Sudan is an ongoing project and we are currently collecting for Well No. 11. We know when we are collecting for this fund because we use **BUCKETS** to collect. The other project we have is raising much needed funds to assist our sister parish of Blackall / Tambo in central Queensland. This region has suffered much drought and we are pleased to be able to offer some assistance. The collection for this project is the familiar **WATERING CAN** being used to collect donations. The WAG group is most appreciative of your continuing support of these two worthy projects. Enq. Terry Tolhurst

Our Library.

This is in the Workroom at the Church. Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese are preparing "Two Minute Homilies" and uploading them on social media platforms on a weekly basis. View or listen: <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/> at your leisure.

A Quiet Day.

Presented by The Australian Christian Meditation community Queensland. All welcome. Theme: LIVING FULLY. Sat. 25/3. 9.30am. – 2.30pm. The day will start with morning tea at 9.30am. BYO Lunch. At The Fort, 199 – 219 Fort Road, Oxley. Suggested donation \$10 -15. Please bring a mug/cup for own use. Enq. Johanna johanna1@optusnet.com.au Ph. 3314 1404 or 0432 327 666. The day will include meditation, teaching, quiet times, and more.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team-

requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3/5 – 22/11. 9am. – 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications Fri. 21/4. Apply is writing to:- Fr. Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care. 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or ph. 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am.-4pm. Fax 3257 1885. email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic Leader. \$2 a copy.

Nouwen Network.

the Nouwen's purpose is to support those suffering from mental illness and their families across all faith communities. The next gathering is on Wed. 5/4. 12.30pm. At Espresso Cafe 351 Beams Rd. Taigum. Enq. Gloria

Giving for weekend 11-12/3.

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish, and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up at offertory. Current Envelope Givers: 72. Direct Debit Givers 94. Envelopes \$789. Direct Debit \$1757. Loose \$946. Total \$3493. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 11. \$3342.

An Invitation.

If you wish to join the Giving Programme and support our/my Parish with a regular financial Gift please put your name, address, and contact details on a piece of paper and place it on either Collection plate or email our Parish Office at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au and we will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Queensland Churches Together.

A Gathering of Eco Groups – Sun. 26/3 at the Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality, 139 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore Hills. Come along and participate in an inclusive reflection, discussion and solidarity. RSVPs to The Revd Miriam Nyrene deaconmiriam@gmail.com or 0434 385 503.

2017 Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast – 4/5. Keynote speaker Andy Gourley, Founder & Director of Red Frogs Australia. Tickets go on sale Wed. 1/3. To register your interest, please phone 3178 7268 or email LMRsvp@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Social Parish Tennis Group –

-plays Wednesday nights at Deagon Tennis Courts, 83 Board Street, Deagon at 7pm. Court No. 10. Enq. Maureen

Social bike riding group.

The first Saturday of the month and leaving from Bracken Ridge Tavern promptly at 7am. Enq. Maureen

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Memorandum.

Members of our parish community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved one 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. Enq. Barbara Masterman

'The Gospel Imperative to Welcome –

-the Stranger'. Evangelisation Brisbane and the Sister of St. Joseph welcome parishioners to a morning with Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen. Wed. 22/3, 10.30am – 12 noon. Banyo Nudgee Parish, Nolan Hall, 16 Leslie St., Nundah. **RSVP required:** ebamin@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3440 by 17/3.

Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Jesuits. The publication is informed by the Values of Jesuit spirituality and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

Recourse for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In Australia this will be celebrated from May 28 to June 4. The Order of Service is a Word document so that local communities may make changes to suit their situation. Similarly, the poster is in Word format so that communities may fill in the details of their local service or activities for

the Week or Prayer. Prayer cards are available for purchase (\$12.50 for 25) from the QCT office at the contact details below. Also included is a sheet to assist communities in organising observances. If communities are unable to hold a service during the week itself, they are encouraged to hold a service or activity as a sign of unity at another time in the year. The Eight Days Reflections and the Sermon Notes are provided in both Word and PDF formats. Along with the Order of Service, they can be printed in booklet form without any format changes.

Near and Far Positions Vacant.

A Personal Assistant for **Burleigh Heads** Parish. 30 hours a week. *Specific responsibilities include:* The day-to-day running of the parish office including reception, general office responsibilities, banking, database entry, document preparation, photocopying and filing. To apply, email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability to howellk@bne.catholic.net.au Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Enq. Rev. Ken Howell on 07 5576 6317 or howellk@bne.catholic.net.au Applications close Monday 27th March.

A part-time Parish Secretary for **Kingaroy** Parish. 20 hours Specific responsibilities include: The day-to-day running of the parish office including reception, general office responsibilities, banking, database entry, document preparation, photocopying, filing and assisting with the counting. To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Enq. hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Forward applications marked "Confidential" to: HR Office Cathedral House. Attention: Cindy Hayer, GPO Box 282. Brisbane Qld. 4001. Or email them attention to: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications close Fri. 7/4.

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

Holy Land Pilirimage.

Fr. George Joseph MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21st May - 3rd June. Organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Nebo & Jerusalem. Enq. Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 561.

St. Gerard Majella's huge Annual Jumble Sale.

Sat. 1/4 from 6am. to 1pm., at 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermiside West. Massive array of crockery, kitchenware, clothing, toys, electrical, garden and sporting equipment bric-a-brac, books, paintings and jewellery etc. Sausage sizzle, coffee shop and cake stall available. Parking available.

Veni Sancte Spiritus –

A weekly Tuesday praise and worship evenings. 7pm. At St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce., West End. All welcome.