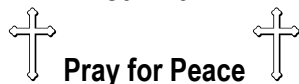


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com>

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

4th Sunday of Lent
26th of March

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

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

Next Week 1-2/4.

Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm 129. Romans 8:8-11.
John 11:1-45.

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. Isaiah 65:17-21. P.29. John 4:43-54.

Tue. Ezekiel 47:1-9,12. P.45. John 5:1-3,5-16.

Wed. Isaiah 49:8-15. P.144. John 5:17-30.

Thu. Exodus 32:7-14. P. 105. John 5:31-47.

Fri. Wisdom 2:1,12-22. P.33. John 7:2,10,25-30.

Sat. Jeremiah 11:18-20. P.7. John 7:40-52.

Mass at Home:

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

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

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

Communion for the Sick:

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

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

Parish News

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

Reflection.

*Reflection on the Gospel-4th Sunday of Lent
Year A, 26 March 2017 (John 9:1-41)*

This story reminds us of the need to check out our assumptions and to accept the fact that we can be wrong about things we have always believed, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

“There are none so blind as those who will not see.” Last week, we journeyed with a woman of Samaria from bewilderment to deep insight into Jesus’ identity and mission and to a strong personal faith commitment. This week, we are invited on a faith journey with a man born blind and with the different groups of participants in the drama. All have the opportunity of coming to faith. Not all accept the invitation. Ironically, the blind come to see, both physically and spiritually, while those who are gifted with physical sight remain in spiritual darkness.

In healing the man born blind, Jesus performs the sixth of eight powerful actions or “signs” in John’s gospel that reveal God’s power at work in Jesus and in the lives of those who seek life. The “signs” invite the reader/hearer/viewer to accept Jesus and his revelation of God and God’s purposes. Time features significantly in the story. Jesus heals the blind beggar on the Sabbath. The Jerusalem authorities have already raised objections about Jesus’ Sabbath healing activity (John 5). Once again they object that he is failing to observe the Sabbath. They label him a sinner. Ironically, in the final authoritative analysis, it is they who “remain in their sins”.

This story reminds us of the need to check out our assumptions. It also reminds us to accept the fact that we can be wrong about things we have always believed. It invites us to be open to see differently or from a new perspective. Jesus’ disciples, the parents of a man born blind, his neighbours, the religious authorities all operate out of unchecked assumptions. They mostly come to the wrong conclusions. Only those willing to admit that they have it wrong have any chance of coming to faith.

In the common estimation, the man was blind, so he or his parents must have sinned. Not so, according to Jesus. From the perspective of the authorities, Jesus heals on the Sabbath and is therefore a sinner. Not so, from Jesus’ point of view. The man was born blind and so needs others to speak for him. Not so, say his parents, he can speak for himself. He does speak for himself and quite eloquently, to the chagrin of the religious authorities. He presents them with the truth about

Jesus but they refuse to accept the word of an outcast. Their reaction is violent: they drive him out. But Jesus goes in search of him and leads him to yet deeper levels of faith and understanding. You may like to read the story once more and put yourself in the place of the different characters. There is a little bit of each character in every one of us.

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 Broughe,

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.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy. In 2014,



Archbishop Mark launched the new Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention 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 2/4. Josh de Gee. 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

St. Joseph's Seniors Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 4/4. The Mass on this Tuesday, will be a "Healing Mass". After this Special 9am. Mass, we will carpool from the church to the Boondall Entertainment Centre grounds

for Morning Tea. The area is a scenic location by the lake, however, there are limited facilities, therefore **BYO EVERYTHING**: hats, umbrellas, chairs, at least 1 thermos of hot water each, a plate of "goodies" to share, insect repellent etc.... Maps will be handed out to the drivers on the day, but if anyone will be going straight to Boondall, please contact me for a map. At this morning tea, we will be taking names for our Bus Trip to Caloundra RSL Tuesday, 11th July. I know that it is months away, however, we require definite numbers to qualify for & book the FREE Bus. **DON'T MISS OUT., BOOK EARLY.** Enquiries & Transport.. Ron & Therese Kissane

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 3261 9651 or barbmasterman1@bigpond.com

Condolence.

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 8-9/4. Group 1. 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 6. For next weekend, 1-2/3. 6pm. J. Harrison. M.B. Kennedy. F. Martinez. 7.30am. W. Hassum. D. Phillpott. K. Ryan. 9am. B. Venzke. D. Rodrigo. K. Turner.

Eucharistic Ministers.

Group 6. For next weekend. 6pm. Jolly/Rosie. J. Schultz. P. & M. Needer. M. Ritchie. 7.30am. L. Walsh. S. Donatini. A. Harvey. E. Grady. 9am. ? ? E. Schneider-Loos. D. Noud. N. Fletcher.

Music Ministry.

Groups 6. For next weekend. 6pm. C. Allen. L. Harrison. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. E. Venzke.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

2/4. Group 6. Mike & Bryan. 9/4. Group 1. Phillip, Peter & Sunnil.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 1/4. Robyn Masterman. (Anna).

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

4th & 5th Sundays of Lent. Centacare CFRS. A Taste of Harmony. Theology in the City Series 4. Saints San Pedro Calungsod.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year unfolds we 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 very mindful of members of our parish community who do not have internet access - we will print a hard copy and put on the noticeboard in the church, near the front door. Fr. Gerry.

Volunteers needed to Assist Elderly Couple.

Volunteers, with Blue Cards, are requested to assist with transport of an elderly and newly arrived couple to come to our weekend Mass. Transport to the 9am. Mass would be preferred, but I would be very grateful if any volunteers were able to assist in transporting the couple to Mass they attend (which may be Saturday 6pm. or Sunday 7.30am). The couple live in Bracken Ridge and Mass is their only outing for the week, currently. If you do not have a Blue Card, the Parish can provide part completed forms to assist you. If you are interested in helping or would like further information, then please speak with Netta Sheridan after 9am.

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our next Craft Group morning will be on 17/4 in the Parish Centre after the 9am. Mass. Enquiries: Therese Kissane or Jan

SALT (Young Adults Group).

Meeting today, 26/3. 7pm., in the Parish Centre. We are having a discussion night looking at a sticky issue. Enq. Emma Beach

Rock (Youth Group).

Next meeting Sun. 2/4 in the Parish Centre from 5 - 7pm. All students between Years 7 - 12 are welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Gathering today, 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.

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 28 March, and 4 and 11 April at 7:30pm. All most welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Vocation Views.

If we can't see where we are going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world. Where is the Good Shepherd leading you.

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. 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.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team-

-requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3/5 - 22/11. 9am. - 3.30pm. Final date of applications Fri. 21/4. Apply is writing to:- Fr. Jim Smith, Catholic pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the 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 18-19/3.

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 \$848. Direct Debit \$1757. Loose \$1034. Total \$3639. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 12. \$3367.

An Invitation.

If you wish to join the Giving Programme and support the Parish with a regular financial Gift please put your name, address, and contact details on a slip 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.

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 LMSVP@brisbane.qld.gov.au

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our St. Joseph's Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass. From 9:30 - 11:30am. (approx). in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. Enq. Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor

"Prepare The Way Of The Lord"

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane's NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate. Sat 8/4 from 10am. - 6pm. A day of Praise and Worship including reflection and talks: ALL welcome. BYO lunch. Tea breaks provided. Enq. Miriam 3202 6856 or email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

Walking with Jesus -

... a morning of prayer and reflection in the Ignatian tradition in this time before Easter. This is an opportunity to focus our prayers and actions towards a deeper connection to Jesus who really wants to be our friend. During this day of prayer and reflection, we will walk a short 'Camino' from the Faber Centre up Mt Coot-tha. BYO Lunch - Tea and Coffee provided Bring Comfy walking shoes, walking stick, rain gear if necessary, hat, sun-screen, insect repellent. Journal if you have one for when we return to the Faber Centre. Suggested Donation \$40. Book online or ph. 3368 2450. Meet at the Faber Centre, 7am. 1/4.

Queensland Churches Together.

Position Vacant for an Administrative Officer. Thirty hours a week. Applications close 3/4. Apply: Rev. Canon Richard Tutin 3369 6792 or gensec@qct.org.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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Brisbane City Social Bridge Club. Formerly The Irish Bridge Club are now playing at Penola Place in St Stephens Cathedral grounds. Supervised play is on Monday Wednesday and Thursday from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners are being held in May. For information please contact Beris 3300 1332 or Cathy on 0428 985 804.

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. 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.

For the Episcopal Office. Part-time position of Junior Office Assistant. Written applications including a curriculum vitae and a short one page statement setting out the applicants suitability for the position, and response to selection criteria, should be addressed to: HR Office, Cathedral Place. Attention: Cindy Hayer. GPO Box 282. Bne. 4001 or Emailed to: hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest. Closing date: 7/4.

A Personal Assistant for **Burleigh Heads** Parish. 30 hours a week. 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: 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.

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

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. Parking available.

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.