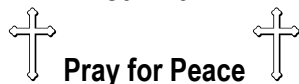


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

Palm Sunday
9th of April

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Matthew 21:1-11. Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 21.
Philippians 2:6-11. Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Next Week 15-16/4.

Acts 10:34,37-43. Psalm 117. Colossians 3:1-4. Matthew 28:1-10.

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 42:1-7. Ps. 26. John 12:1-11.

Tue. Isaiah 49:1-6. Ps. 70. John 13:21-33, 36-38.

Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9. Ps. 68. Matthew 26:14-25.

Thu. Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9. Ps. 88. Luke 4:16-21.

Fri. Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Ps. 30. John 18:1-19, 42.

Sat. Genesis 1:1-2:2. Ps. Matthew 28:1-10.

Mass at Home:

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

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

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

Communion for the Sick:

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

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

Parish News

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

Reflection.

Reflection on the Gospel-Passion Sunday Year A, 9 April 2017 (Matthew 26:14-27:66)

For Jesus' friends and followers, every element of the ancient story of God's deliverance of their ancestors from slavery, resonates with echoes of the experience of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way, writes Sr Veronica Lawson rsm.

Capital punishment is abhorrent to most of us, particularly when a just person dies for specious reasons or to political ends. Public executions of convicted criminals were part of life in the ancient Roman Empire. That's what confronts us in today's gospel, although the gospel writers pay little attention to the details of the death and suffering of Jesus. They are much more interested in the meaning of these events.

The Romans execute Jesus outside Jerusalem when the city is filled with Jewish pilgrims who have come there for the Passover festival. For Jesus' friends and followers, every subsequent Passover is celebrated in the light of his death by crucifixion. They share their memories and reflect on the meaning of his death in the light of their sacred traditions. Every element of the Passover story, the ancient story of God's deliverance of their ancestors from slavery, resonates with echoes of the experience of Jesus who is now present to them in a new way. It is not surprising, then, that the final events of Jesus' life were probably the first part of his story to be committed to writing.

Though Matthew draws much of his material from Mark, he fashions the tradition into a new narrative and adds several distinctive features. "To fulfil all righteousness" is Jesus' stated mission (3:15). He has declared "blessed" those who suffer for the sake of righteousness [justice]" (5:10-12). He now embodies his own teaching as the just or righteous one, the one in right relationship with God. The prayer on his lips as he faces death (Psalm 22) is that of the suffering just Israelite who is utterly faithful to his mission and whose trust in God never fails.

There are hints that Jesus' death is not the end, but rather the beginning of the new age of God's empire, a compassionate alternative to the brutality of Rome. In response to the high priest Caiaphas, Jesus points beyond death to his post-resurrection life "at the right hand of power...." Extraordinary signs follow his death: the tearing of the temple curtain; the trembling of the earth; the recognition of the Roman centurion and his companions that this

man is of God; and finally, the opening of the graves and appearance of the dead in anticipation of the final resurrection. The story offers the hope of reversal to all who witness the events surrounding Jesus' death. It offers hope to the women who have followed him all the way from Galilee and "ministered to him". It offers hope to the male disciples who have deserted or denied him, to faithful disciples like Joseph of Arimathea, and even to his Roman executioners. It has the potential to bring hope to their counterparts through the ages such as those who keep watch for the condemned on death row or for desperate seekers of asylum.

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.

Holy Week 2017.

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm. Mass. Adoration until 10pm.

Good Friday: 9.30am. Stations of the Cross. 3pm. Passion.

Holy Saturday: Reconciliation. 4.30 – 6pm. Vigil Mass 7pm.

Easter Sunday: 7.30am. & 9am. Masses.

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.

♥ 50th Wedding Anniversary. ♥

♥ Our very best wishes and congratulations to Jeff and Leigh Walsh who celebrate their fiftieth Wedding Anniversary this week. May God bless you both. ♥

Children's Liturgy.

In recess during the School holidays. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

In recess during the School holidays. 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

Baptism.

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

We Pray Healing for -

We pray for God's healing touch and love for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. Sarah age 11.. To have family/friends included in our prayers in the 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.

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 22-23/4. 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, 15-16/4. 6pm. See Special Roster. 7.30am. See Special Roster. 9am. See Special Roster.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. 6pm. See Special Roster. 7.30am. See Special Roster. 9am. See Special Roster.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. 6pm. See Special Roster. 7.30am. See Special Roster. 9am. See Special Roster.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

16/4. ? 23/4. ?

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 15/4. Lynette D'Souza.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

Palm Sunday. Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. Centacare CFRS. Holy Thursday. Good Friday. Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday.

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year unfolds we look at where God is leading us through our prayer life. Parishioners interested in sharing write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections online on our new parish blog www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/blog We will print a hard copy and put on the noticeboard in the Church.

Volunteers needed to Assist Elderly Couple.

Volunteers, with Blue Cards, are needed 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 any volunteers able to assist in transporting the couple to the Mass they attend. The couple live in Bracken Ridge and Mass is their only outing for the week. 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. Mass

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).

Gathering this Sunday, 9/4 in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Enq. Emma Beach .

Rock (Youth Group).

All students between Years 7 - 12 welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach .

Blitz.

Gathering today, Sunday, 9/4. 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.

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. Enq. 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.ijhc.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 from May 28 to Jun

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.

Practice for Holy Week and the Easter ceremonies will be held in the church on Tuesday 11 April at 7:30pm. All most welcome. Enquiries: Margaret.

Vocation Views.

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

WAG Update.

St. Joseph's School Blackall will be having its 100 year Anniversary with celebrations 21 and 22/7. The Programme for the celebrations will be available soon. St. Patricks Church Blackall annual Christmas Fete will be held on Saturday 25/11. Photos of the Fete last November have now been added to the Album. Please take a look. We would be pleased to receive any craft donations for this event at any time. Enq. Sharyn Rogers, Sharyn McLagan, or Glenda Murdoch.

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. The Buckets and the Watering Can will return after Lent.

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 Psychiatric Pastoral Care. 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or ph. 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am.-4pm. Fax 3257 1885. email: cpcc@bne.catholic.net.au

Nouwen Network.

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 Ph..

Social Parish Tennis Group –

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

Giving for weekend 1-2/4.

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 \$619. Direct Debit \$1420. Loose \$1037. Total \$3076. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 14. \$3378.

An Invitation.

If you wish to join the Giving Programme and support our/my Parish with a regular financial Gift please place a note with your name, address, and phone number 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 LMRSVP@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. NB. There will NOT be Meeting on Monday 17/4 due to the School Holidays. The NEXT Meeting will be on Monday 15th May. Enquiries: Jan Schultz or Jan Taylor.

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

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.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane –

-gives thanks to God for the appointment of Fr. Ken Howell as Auxiliary Bishop, and grateful that Pope Francis has chosen this gifted man. Fr. Ken will be ordained Bishop in St. Stephen's Cathedral 14/6 at 11am. He will then be appointed Parish Priest of Kangaroo Point. The Holy Father has accepted the resignation of Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap and we thank Bishop Joseph for his years of Episcopal service in the Archdiocese.

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

Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Fr. George Joseph MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21st May - 3rd June. Organised by Magi Pilgrimages. Enq. Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 561.

Bequests are-

- an important source of funds for parishes. Remember your parish in your Will.

Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

Catholic Leader: \$2 a copy.

Something of interest for every family member.

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

Veni Sancte Spiritus –

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

Our Church, Our Mission, Our Responsibility.

Pope Francis and Archbishop Mark speak about the importance of Evangelization. Visit: www.catholiccampaign.com.au or phone 3324 3200.

A formational, community house in –

-Paddington for young women. Rent \$150 per week includes all bills, internet and formation. Enq. Dave Jorna (Hatch House Director) on 0417 005 579.

Stewardship: Love in Action.

Stewardship is a lifestyle, a philosophy of life, which is steeped in the understanding that we exist in a God-centred creation. Stewardship calls us to embrace a vision for what it means to be a disciple of Jesus every day, not just on Sundays, but in every area of our life – to see and experience life as a gift from God.

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.

The St. Veronica Welfare Committee

supports the Salesian Sisters in Calcutta as they care for the poorest children in their Shelter homes. They are attempting to offer them all round education and that they are morally protected. The Sisters initiate "Self-Help Groups" for local girls and women. Through their Dispensary they are caring for 25 villages, empowering 1000 mothers – which means 1000 families are having instruction in Health Care. The Sisters are very much aware that the English language is vital for communication and are doing all they can to teach those in their care. If you'd like to help, try website: www.stveronica.org.au or email stveronica@gil.com.au

“WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE OVERPOWERS THE LOVE OF POWER, THERE WILL BE PEACE!”

