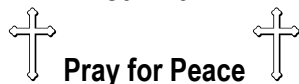


Year 2017



Pray for Peace

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Easter Sunday
16th of April

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year A. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

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

Next Week 22-23/4.

Acts 2:42-47. Psalm 117. 1 Peter 1:3-9. John 20:19-31.

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. Acts 2:14,22-33. P.15. Matthew 28:8-15.

Tue. Acts 2:36-41. P.32. John 20:1-18.

Wed. Acts 3:1-10. P.104. Luke 24:13-35.

Thu. Acts 3:11-26. P.8. Luke 24:35-48.

Fri. Acts 4:1-12. P.17. John 21:1-14.

Sat. Acts 4:13-21. P. 117. Mark 16:9-15.

Mass at Home:

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

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

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

Communion for the Sick:

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

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

Parish News

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

Reflection.

**Reflection on the Gospel-Easter Sunday Year A,
16 April 2017 (Matthew 28:1-10)**

The first appearance of the resurrected One draws from the women a profoundly reverential response, an action foreshadowed by the courageous but doubly marginalised Canaanite woman, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

After death, Jesus is cared for by a faith-filled man in the presence of two faith-filled women. These three people are fearless in the face of possible reprisals for their support of a "political criminal". Joseph, who comes from Arimathea, a little village just north of Jerusalem, cares for Jesus out of his personal wealth, providing a clean linen cloth and his own newly rock-carved tomb. With his own hands, he performs the burial ritual, lays Jesus' body in the tomb, and rolls the stone into place. The women disciples who witness the closing of the tomb are both named Mary. One is from Magdala, centre of a fish-salting industry by the Sea of Galilee, and the other is the mother of two male disciples. These women have contributed their goods and services to Jesus over the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem.

The two women set out at dawn 'to see the tomb'. This seems a little strange until we realise that they are once again functioning as witnesses, this time to the dramatic opening of the tomb and the appearance of God's interpretive messenger. 'Seeing' becomes a metaphor for insight. In the earthquake phenomenon and the allusion to lightning, there are echoes of other great moments of God's appearing to Israel, such as the encounter with Moses and the giving of the Law on Mt Sinai.

The two Marys are the first to learn the news of Jesus' resurrection. They are also the first to be commissioned to proclaim it. The women "see" the place where he was laid. They obey the angel's command not to be afraid but to go quickly to the scattered disciples and inform them that the risen Jesus has gone before them to Galilee, the place of mission, where they too will "see" him. Resurrection life energises these faith-filled women disciples/apostles and negates the death-dealing power of the Roman Empire. Ironically, the Roman tomb guards become 'as though dead'.

As the women hurry away from the tomb, Jesus comes to meet them. He addresses them with the familiar greeting, Chairete, a greeting of joy. This is the first appearance of the resurrected One and it draws from the women a profoundly reverential

response: taking hold of him, they fall down in worship, an action foreshadowed by the courageous but doubly marginalised Canaanite woman (15:25). Jesus reiterates the commission already delivered by the angel: not to be afraid and to let the men know what has happened. These same men will later be commissioned on the mountain top (Matthew 28:16-20). Often, the temptation is to stay on the mountain top instead of recognising the appearances of the Resurrected One on the open road of life and getting on with the mission.

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.

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.

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. 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.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 29-30/4. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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, 22-23/4. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. J. Walsh. W. Hassum. 9am. Youth.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. ? 7.30am. L. Walsh. P. Hanley. R. Del Rosario. A. Voegeli. 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. 6pm. CD's. 7.30am. J. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

23/4. Group 2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. 30/4. Group 3. Terry, Rita & Michael.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 22/4. Anna Andrulic. (Barbara).

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar.

Centacare CFRS. Easter Sunday. Easter Monday. Schools Term Two commences. 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday).

'Our Parish Year of Prayer 2017'.

As the year continues to unfold 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 A hard copy will be 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 a 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. If you do not have a Blue Card, the Parish can provide part completed forms to assist you. Enq. 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).

Next gathering in the Parish Centre Sunday, 23/4. All Youth welcome. Enq. Emma

Rock (Youth Group).

Next gathering in the Parish Centre, Sunday, 30/4 from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 7 - 12 invited and welcome to join us. Enq. Emma Beach

Blitz.

Next gathering Sunday, 23/4. 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 a mower. Enq. Michael 0417 635 269.

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

menALIVE in the City.

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

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).

A big welcome to: Murray, Jeeah, Melanie, Troy, Emma, Amy and Owen. Enq. Margaret Halpin

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.

Vocation Views.

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, In order to live life to the full.

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 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

Nouwen Network.

Nouwen's purpose is to support those suffering from mental illness and their families across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria

Social Parish Tennis Group –

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

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.

Giving for weekend 8-9/4.

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 \$574. Direct Debit \$1420. Loose \$1262. Total \$3256. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 15. \$3370.

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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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. 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.

Easter Rising 1916 Volunteer.

The Irish Australian Association of Queensland (IASAQ) invites you to a short ceremony on Easter Monday, 17/4 at Nudgee Cemetery, where we will dedicate and bless the headstone and grave surround which we have placed on the grave of William (Dan) Ryan. William, or Bill as he was known to friends in Brisbane, fought as a volunteer in the Dublin GPO during the Easter Week 1916 Rising and later in Ireland's War of Independence. He migrated to Brisbane in 1926 and died after a long illness in 1958. He had worked as a barman for a substantial period of time in the Alliance Hotel in Spring Hill. We will gather at 11am. at his gravesite for our short ceremony. Enq. Coordinator 0432 087 0328.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane –

-gives thanks to God for the appointment of Fr. Ken Howell as Auxiliary Bishop. 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.

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/>

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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 – ‘

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.

