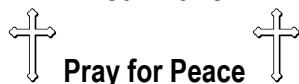


Year 2018



Pray for Peace

Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

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**Third Sunday of the Year
21st of January**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5,10. Psalm 24. 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. Mark 1:14-20.

Next Week 27-28/1.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20. Psalm 94. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Mark 1:21-28.

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 Samuel 5:1-7,10. P.88. Mark 3:22-30.

Tue. 2 Samuel 6:12-15,17-19. P.23. Mark 3:31-35.

Wed. 2 Samuel 7:4-17. P.88. Mark 4:1-20.

Thu. Acts 22:3-16. P116. Mark 16:15-18.

Fri. Isaiah 32:15-18. P84. Matthew 5:1-12.

Sat. 2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17. P.50. Mark 4:35-41.

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-3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 1:14-20)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of the gospel readings for this year are from Mark's story of Jesus. As with any story, it is best to read it from beginning to end, attending to the story line, to indications of place and time, to all the actors or characters in the story, human and other-than-human. While the main character or actor is Jesus, there are other characters and character groups that claim our attention. The "worlds" we encounter include the celestial world, the world of spirits and demons, the human, the animal and the plant worlds. In many ways, we can resonate with the worlds that Mark creates. In other ways, they are alien to 21st century scientific sensibilities. We bring our consciousness of these differences to our reading of the text. As we embark on this reading we might also become aware of what we bring to the text, "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties" (GS 1) of our world today. What we bring to the text informs our understanding of the text.

As we read, we might think of this gospel as a two-act drama. The first act in the drama (Mark 1:1-8:26) raises the question, "Who is this?" The central scene (Mark 8:27-30) provides a partial answer: Jesus is the Messiah or God's Anointed One, the Christos. The second act of the drama (Mark 8:31-16:8) is full of surprises for its earliest audiences: Jesus is not a militaristic messiah, but one who is prepared to suffer death for the sake of God's empire; God finally triumphs over suffering and death.

The invitation to us as readers is to enter into the drama, to identify with the characters and character groups, and to hear the teachings of Jesus. In the passage selected for today, Jesus announces his program and invites others to reorient their lives, to expand their horizons and to join him on a mission of proclaiming God's kin-dom, God's way of being in the world. Jesus proclaims the advent of God's "time" or *kairos*, as opposed to ordinary clock time (*chronos*). It is crisis time, time to attend to the cries of the earth and the cries of those rendered poor in every age.

One might get the impression that the disciples are all men. We have to go to the end of the gospel to find that there are also women "who came up with him to Jerusalem" from Galilee. The central section of the gospel (Mark 9-10) makes it clear that there are children on the journey as well. So let us imagine a much more extended group around Jesus than today's little gospel reading suggests.

Women, men, and children all are invited to leave behind whatever gets in the way of bringing God's empire into our world.

Pray for Peace



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

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Lisa Harrison

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

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

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'.

A Very Happy New Year –

-to all our Parish Family. And welcome back to our weekly Parish Newsletter. Our thanks to Sunil, Robyn, Vickie, Lynette, Anna and Judy for so faithfully giving their time on Saturday mornings.

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.



'Silence and Space before God' Friday Night Prayer Vigil. A weekly sacred time to enjoy quiet prayer and reflection. 7pm - 8pm each Friday night until late 2020. At St Joseph's Church 30 Eldorado Street Bracken Ridge. Come along any Friday night for some time before God.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 3-4/2. 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.

For next weekend, 27-28/1. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. F. Martinez. M.B. Kennedy. 7.30am. W. Hassum. D. Phillpott. K. Ryan. 9am. B. Venzke. D. Rodrigo. K. Turner.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 6. 6pm. Jolly/Rosie. J. Schultz. ? ? M. Ritchie. 7.30am. ? S. Donatini. A. Keating. E. Grady. D. Jones. 9am. E. Schneider-Loos. D. Noud. E. Quinn. V. Smith. E. Beach.

Music Ministry.

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

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 6. 28/2. Mike, Bryan & Sandra.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 27/1. Vicki Stephensen.

Archdiocesan and Secular Calendar 21-28/1.

3rd & 4th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. 4th BCE School commences. Australia Day. The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle. Saints Vincent. Francis de Sales. Timothy. Titus. Angela Merici.

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided.

St. Vincent De Paul.

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am. Mass. Enq. Jeff Walsh

Wheels for Sara Appeal.

If you would like to make a donation, please place the money in an envelope clearly marked "Sara". Enquiries to the Parish Office 3261 3670.

SALT - Young Adults Group.

Enq. Jess

Rock (Youth Group).

Next meeting 4/2/18. In the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. All students between Years 6 to 12 are welcome. Please contact Emma for any details

Blitz.

Meeting on Sun. 28/1. All students from Years 4 to 6 are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre, 4.30 – 6pm. Enq. Emma Beach Gold coin donation.

Would you like to become a

-volunteer Welcomer and Guide at our Cathedral of St. Stephens? An Information will be held in the Hanley Room of the Francis Rush Centre on 1/2. Enq. Carmel Devery 3324 3030 or email devery@bne.catholic.net.au by 25/1.

Parish Pastoral Council.

Our Parish Pastoral Council met earlier in December and our next meeting will be held on 12th February. At present:- We are assisting with the planning of a Deanery wide youth initiative/event this year. We are waiting on a quote for the install of a 2nd hand rail on the other side of the altar. Planning continues to occur in relation to the Perpetual Day of Remembrance Liturgy scheduled for the 17/2 at 10am. 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".

Feel The Beat.

Commencing February 4th, Julie McCoy will run a Community Zumba Fitness Class on the First Sunday of each month in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Julie is a certified Zumba Fitness Instructor. All ages & fitness levels welcome. Please wear comfortable work out gear and joggers.

RCIA. Enquiries: Margaret

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners may write a short piece on how they pray and share reflections on our parish blog.

Women's Prayer Group.

Held every Wednesday, in the Church from 9.30 - 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enquiries: Margaret

Men's Prayer Group.

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

Royal Commission Information.

Francis Sullivan (CEO TJHC) media blog at <http://tinyurl.com/TJHCblog> Stay connected and updated by signing up to the latest news, blog posts and media releases at <http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au/> Specialist Support : Director of 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.

Care for Creation Group.

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation website and Facebook page. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. With Pope Francis we pray: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". 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

St. Joseph's Craft Group.

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month, after the 9am. Mass, from 9:30 - 11:30am., in the Parish Centre excluding School Holidays. Next Meeting Mon. 19/2/18. Enq. Jan or Jan

Vocation Views.

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do. It is never too late to hear the Lord say: "Come, follow Me".

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Pray@8. Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. Lord, the plight of Iraq and Syria is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Peace is the foundation of life. "Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

St. Joseph's Seniors.

Senior's first monthly get-together for 2018. Tue. 6/2. Planning Meeting. Welcome back, we wish all parishioners, a "happy & healthy 2018". We extend an invitation to all seniors of the parish, to join us after the 9am. Mass for our Senior's Planning Meeting for 2018. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. PLUS some "Great Ideas" to make this year a very interesting year for yourselves & your fellow Seniors. We really want to know what you would like for this year. "Dare to be Different". Enquiries and Transport: Therese & Ron

Congratulations and best wishes to –

-Rodney Nance and Annette Ryan married at St. Joseph's this Saturday 20/1.

"Simbang Gabi".

The Catholic Australian-Filipino Brisbane North Community thank all those who attended and joined in the 9 day Pre-Christmas Night Mass on 21/12/17.

Children's Liturgy.

We will start up again towards the end of February. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Now in recess until mid-Feb. 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.

Parish Volunteer Form and an (Archdiocesan) 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. Please collect the forms from Bronwyn or Margaret.

Baptism.

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

Catholic Leader. A good read for just \$2.

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 are mourning the recent loss of loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

Catholic Social Justice Council website.
(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App available.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Northside Christian Football Club Inc.

Bridgeman Downs. Join our Club. 30th Year (1988 – 2018). Everyone Welcome. Ages (3yrs to over 50's). Boys, Girls, Men & Women. (All skill levels) Tiny Tots, Junior Teams & Senior Teams. (Saturday Games) 2018 Season. Register online now. Details: www.northsidefootball.org.au Enq. P: 0417 191 141.

Nouwen Network.

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

Aspleycare.

479 Robinson Rd., Aspley. One of our Ministries at the Aspley Parish is in urgent need of volunteers: Aspleycare is a Parish based organised group who volunteer to serve their local community by responding to the needs of the people in a Christian, neighbourly and practical way. They provide a service to: Advice clients of options available to them in response to their needs. Help with financial and/or material aid to meet an immediate need. Enq. 3862 7145.

Two-Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese prepare "Two Minute Homilies": <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/>

St. Joseph's School.

School commences on Tue. 23/1. Australia Day Holiday on Fri. 26/1.
The Uniform Shop will be open as follows: 22/1. 23/1. 24/1. 25/1. From 8 -10.30am.

Wag Update.

SOUTH SUDAN: BLACKALL/TAMBO:
Enq. Terry & Rita

Pope Francis –

At TED Talks. <http://bit.ly/FrancisTEDTalks>

Giving for weekend 13-14/1.

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 93. Envelopes \$644. Direct Debit \$1747. Loose \$1001. Total \$3392. Budgeted Weekly Target \$3596. Average: Week 2. \$3516.

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.

Lenten Retreat.

Conducted by Fr. Rony George. At St. Benedict's School Hall, 21 Benedict's Close. Mango Hill. 17/3. 9am. – 4.30pm., Followed by Mass at 5pm. All welcome. Enq. 3490 1768.

menALIVE in the City.

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

The Cathedral of St Stephen –

- are calling for new volunteers. Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history? You are invited to talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. Join us for an information

session to be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre on 1/2/18 from 10.30am.-12.30pm. Enq. Carmel Devery at the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au by 25/1/18.

The Full Spiritual Exercises In Daily Life.

Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality invites you to experience the traditional Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Faber offers a personal approach to the Exercises, with weekly face-to-face conversations with an experienced and accredited Ignatian Spiritual Director who will adapt the Exercises to your needs over a period of weeks. Enq. Sharyn 3368 2450 by 2/2. www.faberspirituality.org.au fabercis@bigpond.com

Pilgrimage to India.

"One Heart and One Soul" led by Marie Fonseca from February 19 – March 10/18. A four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily Mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. Enq. Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117.

Memorandum.

Members of our parish community who have lost a loved one in recent months, may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacramental Chapel for a period of time, (perhaps 12 months).. The Chapel can be accessed at any time, and families may find this a place of comfort during those early days of grieving.. Crosses are available on request. Enq. Barbara Masterman

The crosses have brought much comfort to our families over the past few years. Unfortunately, the available wall space in the chapel is limited and only a few spare places remain. If your family members have been remembered there for an extended time and you feel ready, we respectfully request that you take your loved one's cross or crosses now and find a prayerful restful area in your home, where you can continue to spend time with them.

Support Worker needed to support a young 20 yo male with autism in Bracken Ridge to have an "ordinary" life. Full training provided. Job Seeker Requirements:

• Reliable and able to stay in the role for minimum 12 months after training/trial period. Fit and healthy, outgoing personality (non-smoker). Driver's Licence. First Aid or willingness to undertake Criminal history checks or willing to apply. To apply: As this position is about a great fit please send a cover letter about yourself (your hobbies, interest, any travels and studies) with your resume to the following email address: slhoran@bigpond.net.au Enq. Sharon Horan 0412 751 166.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNHCQOhFwq&feature=youtu.be>

Break Through in your Relationship.

We all struggle at times in our marriage but it's not always easy to find good advice or practical help. *SmartLoving Break Through* is an online course FREE until St Valentine's Day. It will help you understand how conflict happens, guide you to develop an effective strategy for managing it, and lead you through a process of personal rejuvenation designed to heal the pain caused by conflict with your loved one. The course is designed for individual spouses so you don't need your spouse to do the course with you. www.smartloving.org/breakthrough

St. Rita's Catholic Parish – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Joseph Vattaparambil CMI. Covering Petra. Bethlehem. Jericho. Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem. 8-21/4/18. Limited seats. Enq. 3207 9177. Enq. 3207 9177 or email: victoriapoint@nbe.catholic.net.au

The Catholic Leader.

Always an interesting read. There is something for every family member within the pages.

Palms Encounter.

Limited spaces available for trip to Timor-Leste. 11-23/3. Enq. Palms 02 9560 5333. Further details available at www.palms.org.au/encounters

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

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.

Brisbane City Social Bridge Club.

Penola Place in St. Stephen's Cathedral grounds. Mon. Wed. and Thur. from 10am. to 1pm. Lessons for beginners available. Enq. Beris 3300 1332.

Refugee Assoc. of Logan Inc.

An invitation to a special Christmas, New Year and Australia Day Celebration. Fri. 26/1. From 11am. RSVP 20/1. All welcome.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to –

"Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy (17 Days). \$5,555 from 3 - 19/9. Seven Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr. Emmanuel-tv & Fr. Jude CSSp. Enq. and itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417 999 553 or (08) 9341 3079, (08) 9341 3131, or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400 759391, (03) 9789 9672.

Billings Life.

The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems and teaches a woman to interpret her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages from puberty to menopause. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health accredited Billing Method Teachers are available to assist you. Enq. Billings 1800 335 860 or visit Website www.billings.life

Feel The Beat.

Zumba with Julie will be on the first Sunday of each month at 7pm., in the Parish Centre.

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, From the dawn of Creation, You have given Your children the good things of Mother Earth.

You spoke and the gum trees grew.

In the vast desert and dense forest, in cities at the water's edge, Creation sings praise.

Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of the Earth.

When Jesus hung on the tree, You heard the cries of all Your people and became one of Your wounded ones, the convicts, the hunted and the dispossessed.

The sunrise of Your Son coloured the Earth anew and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus, we have been reconciled to You, to each other and to Your whole Creation.

Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the Earth.

Enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

We acknowledge the Turbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship