

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**5th Sunday of the Year
4th of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Job 7:1-4,6-7. Psalm 146. 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23. Mark 6:29-39.

Next Week 10-11/2.

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46. Psalm 31. 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1. Mark 1:40-45.

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. 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13. P.131. Mark 6:53-56.

Tue. 1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30. P.83. Mark 7:1-13.

Wed. 1 Kings 10:1-10. P.36. Mark 7:14-23.

Thu. 1 Kings 11:4-13. P.105. Mark 7:24-30.

Fri. 1 Kings 11:29-32,12:19. P.80. Mark 7:31-37.

Sat. 1 Kings 12:26-32,13:33-34. P.105. Mk. 8:1-10.

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/>

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-5th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 1:21-28)**

–Veronica Lawson RSM

In the Mediterranean world of the first century, sickness was attributed to social rather than physical causes. The corollary of this was that healing focussed principally on restoration of the person to her or his place or status in the society or community rather than on the person's bodily affliction or dysfunction. In a very real sense, the healing of an individual brought not only the person but the community itself to wholeness.

Last Sunday, we reflected on the "healing" of a man with an "unclean spirit". Jesus, healer and teacher, expelled the unclean spirit and thus restored health to the man and to the worshipping community. The healing took place in the Capernaum synagogue on the Sabbath. This story began Mark's account of a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Today's gospel passage continues that account. Jesus leaves the synagogue and moves, in the company of two of his new disciples, to the house of Simon and Andrew. In other words, he shifts from a long established gathering place for God's people, the synagogue, to a prospective new locus of communal engagement, the house church. This new locus does not preclude the older locus: Jesus continues to teach and heal in the synagogues throughout Galilee.

In this new place of encounter with God, Jesus heals a woman with a "fever" who is identified only in relation to her son-in-law, Simon. Jesus takes her by the hand and raises her up. She is the first human character in the Markan gospel story who is said to "minister". In other words, the love of God working through Jesus draws her beyond herself to engage in a ministry of leadership in the community of God's people. A little earlier in Mark's gospel we heard that angels "ministered" to

Jesus in the desert. In other words, God looked after Jesus as he embarked on his mission of bringing God's love into a broken world. Later in the gospel, Jesus insists that he came "not to be served but to serve/minister" (10:45). This woman is caught up in the same mission of bringing the community to health and wholeness.

That same evening, Simon's house becomes a magnet for "the whole city". Jesus heals their sick and afflicted and, early in the morning, he seeks the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer. The disciples seek him out, as everyone is looking for him. Jesus makes it clear to them that he must

move on and bring God's word and healing beyond the city to the neighbouring Galilean towns. The message is for us as well as for those early disciples. Amid all the demands of a sometimes frenetic program, we too must search out the solitude of a "desert" place for prayer, and engage with renewed energy and insight in whatever the new day brings.

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

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Clare Kennedy

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).

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. 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 the year. 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

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.

Youth Mass.

9am. 11/3. All youth and young adults aged 15–30 most welcome to join in ministry for this Mass, eg. reading, music, & welcoming. If you would like to be involved, please contact Jess

Baptism.

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

We Pray 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>

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 17-18/2. Group 3. 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, 10-11/2. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. K. & M. Scott. 9am. Youth. Youth. J.J. Jeremias.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. ? P. Hanley. T. Cullen. R. Del Rosario. A. Voegeli. 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. CD's. 7.30am. J. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 2. 11/2. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. Group 3. 18/2. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 10/2. Anna Andrulis.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar 4 -11/2.

5th & 6th Sundays of the Year. Centacare CFRS. School of the Word weekly Prayer meetings. Archbishop's Curia Mass. Saints Josephine Bakhita. Maroun. Agatha. Paul Miki and Companions. Jerome Emiliani. Scholastica.

Parish Name Badges.

Orders are now being taken for Parish Name Badges. Please complete details on the form at the paper table should you wish to order. Last date for ordering is Sunday 25/2. You are invited to make an optional donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the badge. Enq. Parish Office 3261 3670.

Choir Practice.

Tue. 6/2 at 7:30pm., in the church. Musicians and singers and all interested

are invited to attend a music session to learn some new music for Lent and Easter. Enq. Margaret

Planned Giving Receipts for 2017.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Parish Planned Giving Programme in 2017. As a result of feedback from previous years, receipts will no longer be automatically issued. This will reduce costs of postage and printing. Should you wish to receive a receipt for your giving, please contact Bronwyn Venzke in the Parish Office (ph 3261 3670 or email bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) and a receipt will be issued to you. Please be aware that contributions to the Planned Giving Programme are not tax deductible.

What's happening this Lent?

Surrender Lenten Program includes a daily reflection – Love to have you join one of the Reflection Groups below or perhaps reflect at home.

Monday: 1pm-2pm – All welcome!

Tuesday: 7:30pm-8:30pm - Men's Prayer Group – Open to all!

Wednesday: 9:30am-10:30am - Ladies' Prayer Group- Open to all!

(Group sign on sheet on paper table)

Liturgy of Lament and Sorrow: Saturday 17th February 10-11am. (followed by a 'cuppa')

Let's take time to pray in support of all those who have suffered the trauma of abuse in the church, in families and in society.

Rosary: Tuesdays following 9am Mass.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays following 9am Mass.

Friday Night Prayer Vigil: 7-8pm.

Anointing Mass: 6th March 9am.

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.

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.

RCIA.

Enquiries: Margaret

Parish Pastoral Council.

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.

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.

Vocation Views.

The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind: his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond. It is never too late to hear the Lord say: "Come, follow Me".

Catholic Social Justice Council website.

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

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

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Next gathering Wed. 7/2 at 12.30pm., at Cafe Espresso, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. 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.

Pope Francis –

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

Two-Minute Homilies.

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

An Evening with Psyche Mae.

Join Caritas Australia on Shrove Tuesday (13/2) from 7 - 8.30pm., at the Father Denis Power Building, next to the Jubilee Catholic Parish Administrative Centre, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington where we will hear from Psyche Mae, a 27 year old social worker from the Philippines featured in this year's Project Compassion appeal, who will share her powerful story of personal and community transformation. Psyche Mae works with women who have experienced domestic violence and she has plans to study a Master's degree. Her life was transformed through the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Please RSVP to Lynda Mussell at Caritas Australia by 9/2 on 0487202131 or lynda.mussell@caritas.org.au via

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

WAG Update.

This weekend we are collecting for the Water Wells in SOUTH SUDAN for Well No. 12! Next week we will be collecting for BLACKALL / TAMBO Parish. Then, we won't see the buckets or watering cans again until after Easter. Traditionally we never collect during Lent as that is the special time allocated for the CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL. We wish to thank you for all the contributions that you make to our collections each week.

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). 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

Support Worker needed to support – a young 20 year old male with autism in Bracken Ridge. Enq. Sharon Horan 0412

751 166 or slhoran@bigpond.net.au See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNHCCQOhFlwg&feature=youtu.be>

St. Josephs School.

This year we invite everyone to focus on 'The Be Gs' – *Be Giving, Be Generous, Be Grateful*. Pope Francis reminds us that, 'God tells us to seek humility, service and love'. Let us help our children become aware that everything we have is a gift, "we can never be grateful enough for all that we have received." There are so many things for which we can give thanks but sometimes it's difficult to see them as we deal with the pressures of family life or rush out the door into the traffic for another busy day. Let us pray for the "grateful heart" that can see life itself, with all its pressures, as a gift. Gratitude opens the eyes of our heart to see things as they really are – and to give thanks for little and big things in life.

The Catholic Leader.

Something of interest within the pages for every family member.

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.

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

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

World Day of Prayer.

Supported by Catholic, Anglican, Australian Christian Churches, Australian Church Women, Baptist, Bible Society Australia, Churches of Christ, Girl Guides, Lutheran, One Life Family Church, Presbyterian, Seventh Day Adventist, Salvation Army, Uniting Church & WCTU Drug-free Lifestyles. This year the Uniting Church on the corner of Pellimore Road and Bracken Street will host the Service prepared by the people of Suriname. Theme:- 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. Fri. 2/3 at 7.30pm. All very welcome. Enq. Barbara

Our Library.

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