

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**6th Sunday of the Year
11th of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 17-18/2.

Genesis 9:8-15. Psalm 24. 1 Peter 3:17-22.
Mark 1:12-15.

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. Jas. 1:1-11. P.118. Mark 8:11-13.

Tue. Jas. 1:12-18. P.93. Mark 8:14-21.

Wed. Joel 2:12-18. P.50. Matthew 6:1-6,16-18.

Thu. Deut. 30:15-20. P.1. Luke 9:22-25.

Fri. Isaiah 58:1-9. P.50. Matthew 9:14-15.

Sat. Isaiah 58:9-14. P.85. Luke 5:27-32.

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—6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 1:40-45) -Veronica Lawson RSM**

We all seek to be part of family and community because we are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment. Some are deprived of choice in this respect, in our times as in ancient times. Repeated name-calling and labelling is an age-old strategy of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious". Today's gospel about a man with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion.

To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were very strict regulations regarding such lepers (see the first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was.

In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text.

Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities.

For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others, to do the

things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. That was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today.

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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 Brouge,

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."

Children's Liturgy.

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

Kindy Liturgy.

At present, Sessions will be announced at the commencement of each 9am. Mass. 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:-

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 24-25/2. Group 4. 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, 17-18/2. Group 3. 6pm. M. Kennedy. P. Connors. M. Denkes. 7.30am. L.McDonough. P. Bugden. M. Braithwaite. 9am. B. & R. Masterman. M. Healy.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. S. Balagtas. G. Denkes. Rosie/Jolie. J. Khaghoany. ? 7.30am. D. Phillipott. A. Kennedy. J. Garcia. D. Johns. J. Boyle. 9am. T. Clarke. K. Cunningham. A. Keats. C. Menzies. D. Miller.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. M. Johnson. L. Esparcia. Justin. Adrian Coffey. 7.30am. S. Angus McInnes. C. Kennedy. K. Hutton. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 3. 18/2. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. Group 4. 25/2. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 17/2. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar 11-18/2.

6th Sunday of the Year. 1st Sunday of Lent. Centacare CFRS. World Day of Prayer for the Sick (The Holy See). Anniversary of the Apology to members of the Stolen Generation. Caritas Australia Project Compassion Launch/Pour Lady of Fatima devotion. Ash Wednesday. St. Valentine's Day. The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Beginning the Journey to Lent – a Word from Archbishop Mark

Copies of the letter from Archbishop Mark are available on the paper table today.

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.

Planned Giving Receipts for 2017.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Parish Planned Giving Programme in 2017. 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.

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".

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.

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity when he saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

RCIA.

Enquiries: Margaret

Catholic Social Justice Council website.

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

Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

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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. 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 by Lynda Mussell at Caritas Australia by 9/2 on 0487 202 131 or via lynda.mussell@caritas.org.au

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 BLACKALL / TAMBO Parish. We never collect during Lent as that is the special time allocated for the CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL. The buckets and/or watering cans will appear again after Easter.

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.

St. Josephs School.

Last week our school community gathered with the Year 6 students as they were inducted as Student Leaders for 2018. We invited them to embrace our school motto of 'Jesus in Each Other' as they journey through this, 'Year of Youth'. They will be inspired to 'Rise Up' and live in hope. Jesus is the Lord of risk, Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to walk in the footsteps of another and to set out on new and uncharted paths. In the words of Pope Francis: *"To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable for spreading joy, the joy that is born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbours who feel alone."* Coles Sport for Schools: This great program is back, so please if you shop at Coles, collect the vouchers and bring them in to the office. Every \$10 spent earns 1 voucher. The more vouchers our school collects, the more sporting gear we receive.

Support Worker Needed.

To assist a young 20 year old male with autism in Bracken Ridge. Enq. Sharon Horan 0412 751 166 or shoran@bigpond.net.au See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNHCQOhFlwg&feature=youtu.be>

The Catholic Leader.

Something of interest within the pages for every family member.

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

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.

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.

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School History Group.

Since the beginning of 2016 a small group of people have been meeting on a regular basis slowly sorting through the all the school's data, paraphernalia and other records we have in storage. Whilst conducting this exercise a few gaps have been discovered. We are now sending out an SOS in the hope that either parents, past students or former staff members can help fill these gaps for us. Below is a list of what we are currently in search of (we are quite happy to make copies of photographs). Class Photos: 1988 – Yr. 1 White; Yr. 2 Brown; Yr. 3 Blue; Yr. 3 Brown; Yr. 6 Blue; Yr. 7 Brown. 1983 – Staff Photo. Uniform - (Replica?) Blue jacket and pants (Winter) – with a white stripe on the sleeve (and a thin brown stripe below it). If anyone in the community has information/memorabilia (or you might know of someone who may have kept special mementos of their time at St Joseph's) please feel free to contact Beatrice Smith at the School, or Barbara Masterman after 9am. Mass.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to –

"Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy. \$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, 041 7 999 553 or (08) 9341 3079, (08) 9341 3131.