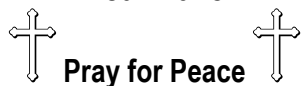


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**1st Sunday of Lent
18th of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 3.

Readings:

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

Next Week 24-25/2.

Genesis 22:1-2,9,10-13,15-18. Psalm 115.
Romans 8:31-34. Mark 9:2-10.

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. Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18. P.18. Mat. 25:31-46.

Tue. Isaiah 55:10-11. P.33. Matthew 6:7-15.

Wed. Jonah 3:1-10. P.50. Luke 11:29-32.

Thu. 1 Peter 5:1-4. P.22. Matthew 16:13-19.

Fri. Ezekiel 18:21-28. P.129. Matthew 5:20-26.

Sat. Deuteronomy 26:16-19. P.118. Mat. 5:43-48.

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-1st Sunday in Lent
Year B
(Mark 1:12-15)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Lent comes around each year and presents us with its usual challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts, and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. It is a time to consider how we might respond to the pain of the world and of its inhabitants. It is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into "the wilderness" and for grappling with the mysteries of life. It is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our baptismal vows and celebrate the greatest mysteries of our faith.

The gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty-day experience in "the wilderness". Jesus is said to be "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness of life to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the original Greek term than is "tempted"]. Forty is a symbolic number in Israel's story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

The wilderness of Judah, with its unique desert flora and fauna, its wadis and waterholes, is ever so real. At the same time it functions symbolically in the narrative. In Israel's story, it is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus now passes the tests that Israel failed in the wilderness.

Jesus is "with the wild beasts". This terse statement recalls the prophet Isaiah's vision of a future time of reconciliation and harmony when "the wolf will lie down with the lamb" (Isaiah 11:6-9). Jesus is presented as the one who ushers in that age of peace and healing of division. God's agents care for him in his time of testing: "angels minister to him". In this context, Jesus announces the coming of God's empire or reign. His message is to "repent" or to "think beyond" in a way that might turn lives around in God's direction, and to "believe the good news" that he is set to proclaim in word and action. At a time of growing divide between the mega-rich and the desperately poor, we might look back to our symbolic tradition and forward to ways

of bringing good news to those mostly deeply affected by the inequities in our world.

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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

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."

Children's Liturgy.

We will start up again for Years Prep – 3. on 4/3. In the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the am. Mass only. towards the end of February. Rostered Barbara Masterman. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Our little people are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass only. At present, Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 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

Thank you.

Many thanks for all your prayers and support during my recent illness. I am moving to the Holy Spirit, Beams Rd., Carseldine. Julie Kelly.

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 3-4/3. Group 5. Enq. Sue Hutchinson. 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, 24-25/2. Group 4. 6pm. D/E Grugeon. A. Fulton. S. Edward. 7.30am. T. Wolters. C. Healy. M. Edwards. 9am. V. Stephensen. D. Noud. N. Sheridan.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. P. Ryan. M. Halpin. ? 7.30am. W. Hassum. J. Garcia. J. & C. Van der Maat. G. Endicott. 9am. B. Masterman. L. Venus. N. Rao. M. Creevey. R. McKenzie.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4. 6pm. P. Halpin. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. H. & J. Hickey. S. & S. Twidale.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 4. 25/2. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. Group 5. 4/3. Brian, Jan & Ann.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 24/1. Sunil Charles Edward.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar 18-25/2.

1st & 2nd Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Chair of Saint Peter. San Giuseppe. Saints Peter Damien. Polycarp.

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.

RCIA.

Enquiries: Margaret

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).

Rosary: Tuesdays following 9am Mass.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays following 9am Mass.

Friday Night Prayer Vigil: 7-8pm.

Anointing Mass: 6th March 9am.

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.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. Where is the Spirit leading you?

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. Enq. Gloria.

2018 Parish Sacramental Programme.

The next opportunity for enrolment for the Sacraments of Initiation of children will be Tue. 29/5 at 7.30pm., in the Church. Those eligible to continue the journey of Faith must be baptised and one of the Parents needs to be Catholic to help pass on the Catholic faith tradition. Children in Year 3,4,5,6 are most welcome to prepare for the Sacraments. If you have children close in age you may like to consider waiting until your youngest child is in Year 3 and enrol your children in the same year. *Confirmation* will be celebrated on 12 & 19/10 at 7pm. *First Reconciliation* will be celebrated in small groups with approximately 8-10 families at each celebration in March, 2019. *First Eucharist* will be celebrated in June 2019 (dates TBA). At the enrolment meeting on 29/5, Fr. John Chalmers will speak to us all on Sacraments and life. Fr. John has an amazing gift of helping us make the connections with everyday life and God. There will be a short presentation outlining the Sacramental journey you will undertake with your child. Enrolment forms will be available at that meeting. Enrolment forms must be returned by Fri. 15/6. Please note that a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate will need to be included with your enrolment form if your child was not baptised at St. Joseph's. Certificates are not needed if your child was baptised at St Joseph's. Enq. to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings on 3261 3670 or email Helen

Aspleycare.

479 Robinson Rd., Aspley is in need of volunteers: It is a Parish based group volunteers to serve their local community by responding to the needs of 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/>

menALIVE in the City.

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

WAG Update.

Let us continue to prayer for the people of BLACKALL / TAMBO Parish, and of SOUTH SUDAN as we put our focus on 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.

This week we had a visit from Author Cameron Steizer. Our 3 full days with Cameron Stelzer culminated with a special Master Class session for 30 students from Years 3-6. These students spent time exploring story structures, characterization and building tension. This was an intense 90 minute session and an experience they will treasure for many years to come. The Coles Sport for Schools programme 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. Collection boxes are at the store and at the School Office.

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

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.

Our Library.

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

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.

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

Eureka Street.

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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, 0417 999 553 or (08) 9341 3079. or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400 759391, (03) 9789 9672.

Feel The Beat -

-with Julie McCoy's 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. Next session 4/3.