

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**2nd Sunday of Lent
25th of February**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

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

Next Week 3-4/3.

Exodus 20:1-17. Psalm 18. 1 Corinthians
1:22-25. John 2:13-25.

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. Daniel 9:4-10. P.78. Luke 6:36-38.

Tue. Isaiah 1:10,16-20. P.49. Matthew 23:1-12.

Wed. Jeremiah 18:18-20. P.30. Matthew 20:17-28.

Thu. Jeremiah 17:5-10. P.1. Luke 16:19-31.

Fri. Gn.37:3-4,12-13,17-28. P.104. Mt. 21:33-43,45-46.

Sat. Micah 7:14-15,18-20. P.102. Lk. 15:1-3,11-32.

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-2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B

(Mark 9:2-10)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The wilderness was the geographical and key symbolic focus of last week's gospel story. This week, the focus is a mountain. Wilderness and mountain remind us that God's Earth itself is the locus of mystery and grace, the place of Earth-divine encounter. The mountain, like the wilderness, links Mark's story of Jesus with the story of the Israelites. Moses' encounter with God on the mountain of Sinai was a defining moment in the life of the people: the Israelites entered into covenant with God at this mountain and received the Law that was to guide their lives as a people. Some centuries later, at a time of crisis in Israel's life, the prophet Elijah returned to this mountain and experienced the presence of God in the gentle breeze.

In the gospel passage for today, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain and is "transfigured" before them and "his clothes become dazzling white". In the Book of Revelation, white clothes come to symbolise the clothing of martyrs, of those who die for their faith. Elijah and Moses, the key prophetic figures of Israel, appear and enter into dialogue with Jesus, God's definitive prophet. The "transfiguration" seems to point to a time in Jesus' ministry when he accepts his likely fate. If he continues to challenge oppression and injustice, he is certain to encounter opposition, even death. He struggles with that realisation in the "wilderness" and comes to terms with what it involves on this unidentified mountain.

The voice of God reaffirms the identity of Jesus that was announced in the opening words of the gospel and proclaimed at his baptism in the Jordan. It calls for a response from the disciples who have ascended the mountain in his company: "Listen to him". In the two preceding scenes, Jesus has spoken of the suffering that he and his followers will have to face. These words are crucial to an understanding, not only of Jesus, but of what it means to follow him. They seem to fall on deaf ears.

Peter wants to hold on to the experience of glory, to "make tents" and settle down. He prefers not to face the difficulties involved in fidelity to the mission. But that is not the way of discipleship. Like Jesus and his companions, we too need the occasional glimpse of final victory. We also need the courage and the good sense to return from the mountain and follow through on the path that brings life, despite the pain. We can feel overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenges facing us and by the

opposition we sometimes experience. If we are to maintain the struggle for a sustainable, safe, and peace-filled world, we have to "listen" to the invitation of Jesus and come to terms with the personal and communal costs involved in a gospel way of life.



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

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

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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 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.

Welcome -

-David, Minje, Louie and Ashwin. Our parish community welcomes four seminarians this year to Sunday morning Masses during the two Semesters.

2nd Year: David Nightingale and Minje Kim.

3rd Year: Louie Jimenez

4th Year: Ashwin Acharya.

Some weekends they will have Seminary and other commitments. We look forward to meeting you this weekend. Fr Gerry.

Sizzling FREE Sausage Sizzle.

This will be held to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on the weekend of 17th & 18th March after all three Masses. Tea, coffee and cordial will also be available.

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, next weekend on 4/3. In the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass only. 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. 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.

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Tue. 6/3. After the 9am. Mass - which will be a HEALING MASS, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. **Guest Speaker:** Bernie Brearley. Bernie is a Volunteer Ambassador for the Stroke Foundation, she will be addressing us on a range of issues pertaining to that debilitating condition. Enq/Transport: Therese & Ron Kissane

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. Julie Kelly.

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 10-11/3. Group 6. 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, 3-4/3. Group 5. 6pm. A. Isaak. A. Jolly. J. Ivett. 7.30am. F. Burke. S. Donatini. K. Hutton. 9am. S. Hutchinson. M. de Gee. N. Mathew.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. R. Nave. T. Ringer. ? ? B. Craigie. 7.30am. R. del Rosario. R. & A. Soriano. C. & A. Kennedy. 9am. B. & V. Stephensen. D. de Gee. M. Hutchinson. T. Clarke.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 5. 6pm. C. Allen. L. Harrison. 7.30am. S. Angus-McInnes. M. Lewry. J. McCoy. 9am. P. Halpin.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 5. 4/3. Brian, Jan & Ann. Group 6. 11/3. Mike. Bryan & Sandra.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 3/3. Robyn Masterman.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar 25/2-4/3.

2nd & 3rd Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Fabre Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. Southside Healing Mass. Saints Ember Day. World Day of Prayer.

Easter Choir.

Once again we're gathering all our amazing musicians and singers to lift us in song during Holy Week and Easter. Practices begin on Tue. 27/2 at 7:30pm., in the church. All most welcome.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council.

A number of Iraq and Syrian refugee families living on the north side of Brisbane and connected to this Parish continue to need assistance with many of the day-to-day tasks associated with living in a new country. Things like conversational English, filling in detailed/complex government forms, applying for drivers licences, tutoring, etc we generally don't see as daunting, but for many people who have only been in Australia for 6, 12, 18, months, etc these tasks continue to be remain very challenging. The Parish is urgently seeking to build a ready pool of local volunteers who can be 'on call' or who can make themselves available to assist people with these particular tasks and/or conversing with them in English so that they obtain a higher level of proficiency. Another need is transport to and from Sunday 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office with your details on how you can help. Our youth are organizing a retreat later in the year for youth across the Deanery...much planning is currently being undertaken.

This year marks the 175 anniversary of the Catholic Church in Brisbane. 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".

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

Parish Name Badges.

Please complete details on the form at the paper table should you wish to order. Last date for ordering is TODAY, Sunday 25/2. You are invited to make an optional donation of \$5 to cover the cost.

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

Royal Commission Information.

As you would be aware, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has now concluded. On 15 December 2017 the Commission presented a final report to the Governor-General, detailing the culmination of a five-year inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse and related matters. The Report was released publicly on the same day and may be read at <https://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/final-report> Francis Sullivan (CEO Truth, Justice & Healing Council TJHC) <http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au/> will finalise his report by end of March 2018. The Truth, Justice and Healing Council was formed to oversee the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission and will shortly be disbanded on completion of its work. The parish commenced 'regular' Parish Newsletter updates – usually weekly - on 1 March 2013 and have written 199 updates to date. The parish will continue to closely monitor for new information, relating to the Commission, and is committed to providing you with updates of news, as it becomes available. Thank you for your feedback and support.

Specialist Support - Updated

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld) Helpline - 1800 337 928
Centacare Family and Relationship Services - Brisbane 07 3251 5000
Lifeline - 13 11 14
UnitingCare – Chermiside 07 3624 2400
Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648
Netta Sheridan.

Vocation Views.

If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

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.

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.

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

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

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

St. Josephs School.

Applications for Prep 2019 are due by 16/3. Application forms can be accessed from our website or by contacting the Office. Siblings are guaranteed a place but applications still have to be in on time. If you know of families outside our school wanting to attend here, please ensure that they are aware of this information. Student improvement in Literacy continues to be one of our main school goals this year. As a BCE school, we have set ourselves aspirational and yet, we believe, achievable targets for student achievement in reading and writing across the school for 2018. To arrive at these targets, we analysed student achievement data from 2017 in conjunction with further local information. Whilst our aim is for all students to achieve standards recommended for their year level we believe the targets set out below are achievable for 2018. The First P&F Meeting for the year will be held in the Staffroom Wed. 28/2 at 7:30pm and come and join the party! Everyone is welcome to attend. Wednesday Morning 'Cuppa'. All parents are welcome to join us for a 'cuppa' next Wednesday before Assembly which will be hosted by 3 Green. These facilities are provided by the P & F for everyone's enjoyment, and each week the Wednesday morning 'cuppa' is hosted by a different class. 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.

St Joey's Out of School Hours Care.

Bracken Ridge. Centacare has advised that Lia Wain has been appointed as one of the Area Supervisors in the Archdiocese. Centacare has appointed Kylie Dempsey as our local St Joey's Co-Ordinator. Congratulations to Lia and Kylie on your new positions.
Fr Gerry.

Feel The Beat.

Led by Julie McCoy. Julie 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. Join us 4/3.

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