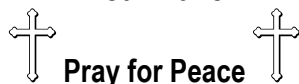


Year 2018



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**Parish Website:**

[www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com](http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com)

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**4<sup>th</sup> of March**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 5.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 10-11/3.**

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23. Psalm 136. Ephesians 2:4-10. John 3:14-21.

**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. Exodus 17:1-7. P.94. John 4:5-42.

Tue. Dan. 3:25,34-43. P.24. Matthew 18:21-35,

Wed. Deut. 4:1,5-9. P. 147. Matthew 5:17-19.

Thu. Jeremiah 7:23-28. P.94. Luke 11:14-23.

Fri. Hosea 14:2-10. P. 80. Matthew 12:28-34.

Sat. Hosea 5:15-6:16. P. 50. Luke 18:9-14.

**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 of Lent**

**Year B**

**(John 2:13-25)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel passage foreshadows the death of Jesus. As a devout Jew, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem at Passover. His final going-up will be the occasion of his death and resurrection. The Jerusalem Temple, Judaism's most holy place, is the site of a dramatic incident, an event that is recounted in all four gospels. The Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) locate it towards the end of the gospel. They present it as a catalyst for the intensification of hostility between the temple authorities and Jesus. John's gospel, in contrast, places it at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. The tension between Jesus and the temple authorities that is to culminate in his death in all four gospels is thus present from the outset in John.

Jesus acts decisively, even violently, to draw attention to the primary function of God's "house". He creates an effective weapon, a whip of cords, and comprehensively clears the temple precinct of merchants, sheep, and cattle. He overturns the tables of the money-changers, orders the dove-sellers out and tells them all, in words that evoke the prophecy of Zechariah (14:21), to stop making God's house "a market-place". Zechariah had declared that, in the end times, there would no longer be traders in God's house. There was legitimate commercial activity associated with temple worship, such as the purchase of animals and doves for sacrifice, a practice we might now critique, and the conversion of money to pay the Temple tax. The traders seem to have forgotten that this activity was a means to an end and not an end in itself.

In John's account, the disciples partially understand: they interpret Jesus' actions in the light of Psalm 69:9: "It is zeal for your house that has consumed me". "The Jews" request a "sign ... for doing this". In other words, they ask Jesus to demonstrate the source of his authority for his actions. His response is a challenge: "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up". "The Jews" misunderstand. This provides Jesus with the opportunity to play on the word "temple": the temple is not simply a material edifice that took forty-six years to build. It is his body that will be destroyed and raised up "in three days". The narrator provides the explanation and indicates that the disciples will eventually understand and come to belief. It is important to note that the designation "the Jews" is neither a reference to the people of Judaea nor to the dispersed Jewish people. In John's gospel, it refers to those who reject Jesus as the Anointed

One of God, the Christ. As we travel the journey to Jerusalem this Lent, we are invited to keep everything in balance, and to remember that God, and not the opponents of Jesus, will have the final word in this drama.



## Pray for Peace

**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](mailto:bridge@bne.catholic.net.au) Ph: 3261 3670. Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

**St Vincent de Paul:** Jeff Walsh

**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.

### **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.**

Today. Our Years Prep – 3 are invited to join us in the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. Rostered 11/3 Josh de Gee. 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

### **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 117-18/3. 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, 10-11/3. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. M.B. Kennedy. F. Martinez. 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. 11/3. Mike. Bryan & Sandra. Group 1. 18/3. Philip. Peter & Sunil.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 10/3. Vicki Stephensen.

### **Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar 4-11/3.**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Fabre Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. Southside Healing Mass. School of the Word. Saints Perpetua. Felicity. John of God. Frances of Rome.

### **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:** 6<sup>th</sup> March 9am.

### **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](mailto: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>

### **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.**

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 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.**

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous: He was authoritative. He was doing what he had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.

### **Catholic Social Justice Council website.**

([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://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](http://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.

Theme:- 'All God's Creation is Very Good'. Thank you to those who attended this special time of Prayer and Thanksgiving last Friday evening.

### 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](mailto:mail@menalive.org.au)

### St. Josephs School.

Our school photos are scheduled for Monday, 12th March with family photos being taken on Tuesday, 13th March. We will be sending home order forms in the coming week. The Trivia/Casino 'Fun' Night is not far away - Friday 27 April. Early Bird Special: Purchase your tickets before Monday, 26/3 and you will receive double 'Fun Money'. Instead of receiving \$1,000 with your entry, you will receive \$2,000! Tickets are available from the school office. Please send in your correct cash payment with your name, table name, child's name and class. Sorry, EFT is not available for these purchases. Start organising your tables, it's going to be an amazing evening. 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. 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 this Sunday, 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](http://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.

**Coron District Hospital, Palawan-** Philippines. Special Appeal for items to be sent to the Coron District Hospital. Urgent need for: Used blankets, used pillowcases, used single bed sheets, (please note cotton material only as Coron has a temperate climate). Washcloths and towels, used muslin wrap for newborn babies. Please leave items in the marked containers at the back of the church. Donations will be accepted until 18/3. If anyone would like to donate in cash, an account has been established with Go Fund Me. The link is <https://www.gofundme.com/support-coron-district-hospital> and further details are in the link. Enquiries to Sherry Balagtas 0431 149 986.

### Jumble Sale.

At St. Gerard Majella Church, 146 Maundrell Tce., Chermide West Saturday 17 March, 6am. -1pm. Credit card facilities available, plenty of offstreet parking. Huge amount of items for sale in good condition. Enquiries 3359 0239.

### 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

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. [perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com](mailto:perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com)

### Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

[www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### Eureka Street.

A publication of the Australian Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

### Reflection

Your children are not your children. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow. which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth..