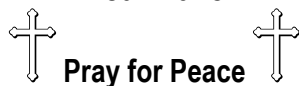


Year 2018



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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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**5th Sunday of Lent
18th of March**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34. Psalm 50. Hebrews 5:7-9.
John 12:20-30.

Next Week 24-25/3.

Mark 11:1-10. Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 21.
Philippians 2:6-11. Mark 14:1-15:47.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun.
7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 5pm. 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. 2 Sam.7:4-5,12-14,16.P.88.Mt.1:16,18-21,24.

Tue. 2 K. 4:18-21,32-37. P.16. John 11:1-45.

Wed. Dan.3:14-20,24-25,28. P. John 8:31-42.

Thu. Genesis 17:3-9. P.104. John 8:51-59.

Fri. Jeremiah 20:10-13. P. 17. John 10:31-42.

Sat. Ezekiel 37:1-28. P. John 11:45-56.

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 on:- 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 of Lent Year B (John 12:20-33)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel tells us that among those who go up to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of Passover are some "Greeks". The reference is probably to a group known in the early church as "God-fearers", although that designation is found only in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. These people were a bit like RCIA candidates in relation to Judaism. They were certainly interested in Judaism and, because of their active interest in the Jewish faith and traditions, were possibly better informed about many of the Jewish traditions than those who had been members of the Jewish community all their lives. God-fearers seem to have been among the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to join the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah (or Christ).

For Jesus, the arrival of these God-fearing Greeks signals his "hour". Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his "hour" had not yet come. Now that his message receives global acknowledgement, or in the words of the Pharisees, now that "the world has gone after him" (John 20:19), he can announce that the hour of his glorification has come. Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life; to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life".

Although the language is more explicit in John, the grain of wheat image echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34). Jeremiah presents the God of Israel as One who forgives and who is even prepared to forget the sins of the past. The people will be God's garden: the seed planted within them is God's Law. They will be God's own billboard: the law of forgiveness and mercy will be written in their hearts. John uses the "eternal life" metaphor in much the same way as the other gospel writers use the "reign of God" or "kin-dom" image. To keep one's life for "eternal life" has to do with living God's

transformative vision for creation in the present so that it might one day be fully realised.

In John's gospel, Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in glory. The moment of his death becomes the moment of drawing "all" to himself. The "all" includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: in his death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth community into the mystery of God's redemptive and transforming love.



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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

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 the elderly and 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 to our Seminarians.

We welcome our Seminarians, David, Minje, Louie and Ashwin, to Saturday Night Mass this weekend. Please make them feel welcome.

FREE Sizzling Sausage Sizzle.

This weekend 17-18/3, to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, 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 25/3 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.

St. Joseph's Seniors' Outing.

City Hall Concert. Tue. 20/3. After the 9am. Liturgy, we will catch the CityExpress Bus from St. Joseph's Bus Stop in Phillips Street, departing at 9:34am. Morning Tea (Venue TBA). Kelly Family Band Concert. 12 Midday till 1pm. We will then have lunch at a venue TBA, before returning home on the bus. Please bring along your GoCard. It will be a "fun day", so feel free to join us for this outing. If you haven't already advised us that you are coming, just contact us so we can reserve seats for Lunch. Enq. 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 31/3-1/4. 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, 24-25/3. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. J. Walsh. S. Donatini. 9am. Youth. J. Jeremias. Youth.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. L. Walsh. P. Hanley. T. Cullen. R. De 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. 25/3. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. Group 3. 1/4. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 24/3. Anna Andrulis.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

18-25/3. 5th Sunday of Lent. Palm Sunday. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Chrism Mass. Iona Passion Play. Saints Joseph. Turibius de Mogrovejo. Rafqa.

Easter Choir.

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

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". Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7pm., in the Presbytery.

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 – Open to all.

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.

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.

Royal Commission Information.

The final 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 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.

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.

Our Library.

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

Vocation Views.

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish way, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends'.

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. Enq. to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings on 3261 3670

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.

Bullying No Way Day will be held this Friday in schools across Australia. Essentially, this day is to annually highlight the importance of collectively saying no to bullying. As orange is the colour of significance for the day, we have invited the children to wear an item of orange clothing or ribbon if they wish this Friday. In addition to this, each class has planned an activity to focus on our response to bullying and this will be supported by a whole school assembly. The best defence against bullying is to create a culture where bullying is not tolerated. This comes from school leadership, staff, parents and the children. Our school motto of 'Jesus in Each Other' is in complete contrast to the acceptance of any form of bullying. The Trivia/Casino 'Fun' Night is not far away - Friday 27/4. Tickets are available from the school office. The Coles Sport for Schools Programme is back, so please if you shop at Coles, collect the vouchers for us.

RCIA.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).
Enquiries: Margaret

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.

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 tropical 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

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop -

2018 National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence in Melbourne 23/10, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3/11. COST EX BRISBANE: \$3,360.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). Single Supplement: \$700.00. For further information, please contact Sr. Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr. Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

Cherish Life.org.au

March for Life 2018. TODAY! Sun. 18/3. At Queens Park, Cnr. Elizabeth and George Sts., Brisbane. 1.30pm. Gather. 2pm. March. Join us for the most important March for Life in Queensland's history. Together we can let our Government know we do not want abortion on demand. (Wear white if possible to represent the innocent unborn). Enq. 3871 2445 or comms@cherishlife.org.au

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

At the Banyo Nundah Parish. Enq. perpetual.adoration.nundah@gmail.com

Eureka Street.

Subscribe at <http://eurekastreet.com.au/>

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

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.

The St. Veronica Welfare Committee

supports the Salesian Sisters in Calcutta as they care for the poorest children in their Shelter homes. They are attempting to offer them all round education and that they are morally protected. The Sisters initiate "Self-Help Groups" for local girls and women. Through their Dispensary they are caring for 25 villages, empowering 1000 mothers – which means 1000 families are having instruction in Health Care. The Sisters are very much aware that the English language is vital for communication and are doing all they can to teach those in their care. If you'd like to help, try website: www.stveronica.org.au or email stveronica@gil.com.au

I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centred men have torn down other-centred can build up. I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land. And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree and none shall be afraid. I still believe that we shall overcome.

Martin Luther King.

Called to Serve.

Never underestimate your potential! You may not be a trained theologian or church leader or mystic. But the Holy Spirit lives in you and can work powerfully in you! Whether you're a doctor, businessperson, teacher, stay-at-home mum, or waiter, the sky's the limit when God has the freedom to do his work through you.