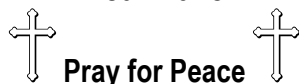


Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

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Palm Sunday

25th of March

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 2.

Readings:

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

Next Week 31/3-1/4.

Acts 10:34,37-43. Psalm 117. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9.

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. Isaiah 42:1-7. P.26. John 12:1-11.

Tue. Isaiah 49:1-6. P.70. John 13:21-33,36-38.

Wed. Isaiah 50:4-9. P.68. Matthew 26:14-25.

Thu. Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9. P.88. Luke 4:16-21.

Fri. Isaiah 52:13-53:12. P.30. John 18:1-19:42.

Sat. Genesis 1:1-2,2: Mark 16:1-7.

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-Passion/Palm Sunday
Year B**

(Mark 11:1-10; Mark 14:1-15:47)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Mark 11:1-10

Mark's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is more restrained and less victorious in tone than the other gospel accounts. In keeping with Mark's gospel as a whole, it forms part of the relentless journey of Jesus, the suffering Messiah, towards Jerusalem the place of his death. The longed-for liberation will come about in Jerusalem, through powerlessness, suffering and death rather than through the exercise of might and power.

Mark 14:1-15:47

The gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus opens with the story of an insightful but unnamed woman who pours out healing ointment on the head of Jesus. We might reflect on the Eucharistic character of her actions of breaking and pouring and of Jesus' assurance that what she has done will be told in memory of her. She did "what she could". The story of her support for Jesus is sandwiched between two stories of opposition: an assassination plot on the part of the religious authorities, and the foreshadowing of Jesus' betrayal at the hands of a close follower. Status does not guarantee goodness or insight.

As the story unfolds, we hear that, despite his earlier instruction to "stay awake", Jesus' closest followers fall asleep when he most needs them. Worse than that, they betray, deny, and abandon him. Some Galilean women remain faithful. They have followed him and looked after him on the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They become witnesses to his death and burial. These women will also discover the empty tomb and take the message of the resurrection to the male disciples. A foreign passer-by, Simon, whose sons are known to the Markan community, shoulders part of the burden. An ordinary Roman soldier realises and proclaims that Jesus is of God.

The story has come full circle: the first verse of the gospel announced the beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Christ and the Son of God. Now the reader understands what it means to make such a proclamation. The final chapter is to be celebrated next weekend. The mystery is to be lived every day of every week. As we enter into the holiest week of the liturgical year, we might consider our call to bring the power of Christ's redeeming love to those who suffer crucifixion in our own times: the more-than-human Earth remain

community that suffers the effects of climate change; the desperate asylum seekers who on Manus Island and Nauru; the war-torn lands of Yemen and Syria.

For stories of hope in the face of despair, you may like to visit the Mercy Works website (mercyworks.org.au). It is all too easy to deny, betray, and abandon the suffering other. Like the woman who poured out the healing ointment on the head of Jesus, we also must do what we can.



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 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 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.

A Big Thank you for the Sizzling Sausage Cooking Heroes -

who last weekend sliced hundreds of onions, prepared hundreds of slices of bread, stood in the heat and cooked, or stayed in the kitchen and cleaned up afterwards. One hero even swept the area afterwards! Thank you also to all of us who enjoyed the sausages so that Father Gerry didn't have to eat them for the rest of the week.

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Let us all '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.

Now in Recess until after Easter and the School holidays. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Now in Recess until after Easter and the School holidays. 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

Condolence.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have died

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

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.

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

Our Library.

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

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 7-8/4. 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, 31/3-1/4. Group 3. 6pm. Please see special Easter roster. 7.30am. Special Easter Roster. 9am. Special Easter Roster.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. Please see special Easter Roster. 7.30am. Special Easter Roster. 9am. Special Easter Roster.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 3. 6pm. Please see special Easter Roster. 7.30am. Easter Roster. 9am. Easter Roster.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 3. 1/4. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie. Group 4. 8/4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 31/3. Judy Hall.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

25/3-1/4. Palm Sunday. Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Good Friday. Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday. Project Compassion. Centacare CFRS. Southside Healing Mass. "Two Hours of Quiet" Ignatian Spirituality.

Easter Choir.

Once again we're gathering all our amazing musicians and singers to lift us in song during Holy Week and Easter. Practice on Tuesday 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.

Cath. 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

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.

3251 5000

Lifeline.

13 11 14

UnitingCare Cherside.

3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. The next Gathering will be on Wed. 4/4, 2.30pm., at Espresso Café, 351 Beams Rd., Taigum. Enq.

Wag Update.

Let us continue to pray for the people of BLACKALL/TAMBO Parish, and of SOUTH SUDAN as we put our focus on Caritas Lenten Appeal. The buckets and watering cans will appear after Easter.

St. Joseph's School.

The building of our new administration centre is finally going to come to fruition. Herron Coorey Builders will take possession of the site from next Monday. The new administration block will be on the site of the current administration centre but on a larger foot print. This will mean significant upheaval for the next six months. The existing administration will be demolished over the Easter break to allow the new building to proceed. The most significant changes to affect students and parents is the closure of the central walkway outside of the current administration. This means that next week, at some stage, temporary fencing will force us to walk via the FBCC and down the ramp to reach the school centre area. A temporary administration area will be set up in the two rooms on the lower level of the two storey classroom building. The room closest the central walkway will be the main office contact point. Flexibility and patience will be key words in the coming months. The Trivia/Casino Fun Night date is Fri. 27/4. Tickets are available from the School Office. The Coles Sports for Schools Programme is back, so please if you shop at Coles, collect the Vouchers for us.

B/Ridge Uniting Church Multicultural -

Leisure Therapy Group. This group primarily seeks to assist, enable and encourage people with some limitations in life, but all are welcome to attend. The programme is held at Bracken Ridge Uniting Church, Cnr Pellinore Road and Bracken Street, Bracken Ridge on Tuesdays, commencing with morning tea at 10am followed by the activity for the day finishing around 11:30am. For more information, please phone 3269 8814.

Easter Music Organ Recital: With Keith Lawson, organist. And talk on Easter Celebrations in Ireland by his brother, Rev. Eric Lawson. Cost \$5 per person. Come and enjoy the occasion with us. Tue. 27/3 at 10am. All welcome.

PALMS.

Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty". Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin. Or trade skills? Have you ever thought about sharing them with our Global family to reduce poverty and make a fairer world? Palms volunteers help build capacity of overseas communities over the long term. They don't do quick fixes on short stays, but immerse themselves in another culture and exchange skills within trusting mutually beneficial relationships. Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainability. Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter to Timor, Leste or Samoa. Enq. Christine at PALMS on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

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

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

2018 National Pilgrimage. The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join the 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 and South Australia, and conclude in Sydney 3/11. \$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 683 123 or Sr. Annie Bond 02 8912 4818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

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

Pope Francis -

At Ted Talks. <http://bit.ly/FrancisTedTalks>.

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 1/4.

Divine Mercy Devotions.

Sun. 8/4. At Our Lady of Dolours, Mitchelton. 10am. - 12 noon. Enq. Fr. Terry Moynihan 3855 3246.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 8th April.

Bray Park parish will be holding the annual Divine Mercy Sunday devotion. This commences at 1:30pm with Procession and Rosary and concludes with Mass at 3:00pm. Reconciliation is available from 12:30pm. At the end of Mass, veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy will take place. Sacred objects will also be blessed after Mass.

St John Fisher College Open Day.

The Open Evening is Thursday 10th May 3:30-6pm. Please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below if you would like to discuss this or would like more information. Enq. Clarissa Wright 3269 8188, 3869 0216 or clarissa.wright@bne.catholic.edu.au or www.sjfc.qld.edu.au

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

Eureka Street.

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

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Brisbane City Social Club.

Penola Place in St. Stephen's Cathedral grounds. Mon. Wed. & Thu. From 10am. - 1pm. Lessons for beginners available. Enq. Beris 3300 13342.

Stewardship: Love in Action.

Stewardship is a lifestyle, a philosophy of life, which is steeped in the understanding that we exist in a God-centred creation. Stewardship calls us to embrace a vision for what it means to be a disciple of Jesus every day, not just on Sundays, but in every area of our life - to see and experience life as a gift from God.

Canali House -

-offers young men an opportunity to explore a vocational call to ordained ministry. Formation for 6 - 12 months. Enq. vocations@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 1300 133 544.