

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

**Parish Website:**

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

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**Easter Sunday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> of April**

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Today:**

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 3.

**Readings:**

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

**Next Week 7-8/4.**

Acts 4:32-35. Psalm 117. 1. John 5:1-6. John 20:19-31.

**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. Acts 2:14,22-33. P.32. Matthew 28:8-15.

Tue. Acts 2:36-41. P.32. John 20:11-18.

Wed. Acts 3:1-10. P.104. Luke 24:131-35.

Thu. Acts 3:11-26. P.8. Luke 24:35-48.

Fri. Acts 4:1-12. P.117. John 21:1-14.

Sat. Acts 4:13-21. P. 117. Mark 16:9-15.

**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-Easter Vigil Year B  
(Mark 16:1-8)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

At the foot of Mt Macedon, where I spent the first sixteen years of my life, stands the lovely Anglican Church of the Resurrection, built in the aftermath of the devastating 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. Members of both Catholic and Anglican communities had wanted to build one church for the two communities but the respective insurance policies determined otherwise: two churches replaced the two that were destroyed in the fires. The most striking feature of the Anglican Church is Leonard French's stained glass depiction of the resurrection experience of a devastated community, a statement of hope in the face of death and seeming hopelessness. Macedon has risen from the ashes and is once again a vibrant community. The Church of the Resurrection serves as a reminder of the community's faith and provides a context for "re-membering" events that united its members in unexpected ways. In a particularly graphic way, it brings the lower-key experience of the local community into dialogue with its upper-key Story of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell the originating stories of our tradition. We dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our faith inspired re-telling, all the power and grace of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus are made present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life.

In Mark's resurrection account (Mark 16:1-8), the place of death, the tomb, lies empty and the message of life is proclaimed. The young man, God's messenger, sends the women who have witnessed the death and burial of Jesus to proclaim the news of his resurrection to the male disciples. Some interpret the silence of the women as failure. Others see it as the appropriate stance before the wonder of God's power. The gospel narrative itself bears witness to a mission ultimately accomplished.

The ongoing wars in Syria and South Sudan, the climate displacement of peoples from the Marshall and Carteret Islands and the devastation caused by multiple earthquakes and consequent landslides in Papua New Guinea foreground the language of death and resurrection at this time. As we enter into the Easter mysteries, we carry with us the chaos of

broken communities, human and more-than-human. We mourn the deaths of thousands, we pray for order out of the chaos, we ask questions about the human contribution even to the earthquakes and we do all we can to ensure a real return to life for the bereaved, the struggling and the displaced. We join with those who are sharing their resources and re-ordering their own way of being in the Earth community in order to make this happen.



### 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 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.

**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 at the Office or Margaret.

### **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.

### **Blessings of Holy Week to you all.**

#### **Easter Sunday**

**7.30am and 9am Masses.**

As was explained at the Masses last weekend, please be aware that the school is undergoing a building programme at this time. This will mean that the central pathway which leads from the Phillips St carpark to the Church will be blocked off. It will be necessary to walk around the fencing as per the signs. The carparks closest to the church will be reserved for Senior parishioners and those with mobility issues. Please arrive early if you need one of the parks nearest the church. It will be necessary for many of us to use street parking. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter. Please do not park other vehicles in when parking in the Church carpark, as people need to be able to leave in case of emergency. Please only park in the allocated spaces. There are many side streets available for parking: Waruda St., (with direct path access to the church grounds). Walu St., Elsergundo St., etc... Providing the ground is not too wet, parking will also be available on the school oval (off Phillips St.) Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr. Gerry Hefferan

### **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.**

Also 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.

### **Seniors Monthly Get-Together.**

Tue. 3/4. Our Next Get-Together will be *The Seniors' Commonwealth Games Sports Day*. After 9am., Mass, we will proceed to the Bracken Ridge Reservoir Reserve at the WESTERN end of Barrett Street. UBD Map 110. Ref. A5. Please bring your own cup, a plate of "goodies" AND a thermos of hot water to share for Morning Tea: maybe also your insect repellent. (Tea, coffee, milk & sugar provided). Joe & Corry have prepared an amazing programme of events for the St. Joseph's Seniors Commonwealth Games. The Relay Baton will arrive to open the Games, followed by the Teams Parade & the Games Sporting Events. Medals will be awarded to the Winners & Place Getters. Come dressed in your Australian sporting attire. Those among us who are not sports orientated, will be needed to cheer on our athletes & enhance the atmosphere. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Outfits. **EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.** Bring your own chairs. Come along & join in the Festivities Fun. Wet weather Plan "B" will be activated as necessary. Enquiries: Joe & Corry Van der Maat. 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 have recently lost loved ones.

### **Recently Deceased:**

#### **Memorial:**

All our deceased family members and friends.

### **Sincere Thanks.**

We would like to thank Fr. Gerry and Fr. Bernie, the Family Group, Marcia and the Care Group helpers, and the Parish for their prayers, help and support on the death of our mother Leila Ammerman. From Glenda and Maurie Murdoch on behalf of all our families.

### **RCIA.**

Enq. Margaret Halpin

### **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 1-15/4. 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, 7-8/4. 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. 8/4. Neal, Bronwyn, Nitin & Marissa. Group 5. 15/4. Brian, Jan & Ann.

#### **Newsletter Photocopying.**

Rostered 7/4. Sunil Charles Edward.

### **Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.**

1-8/4. Easter Sunday. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. Easter Monday. Centacare CFRS. Quiet Saturday. Annunciation of the Lord. Movers and Shakers. Saint Pedro Calungsod.

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

### **Cath. 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)

### 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/> is finalised 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 Chermside.

3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

### Vocation Views.

Christ has become our Pascal Sacrifice. Your ultimate purpose, to live and to breathe, is the eternal Jesus. Go forth to announce to the world – Christ, our hope, has risen, Alleluia!

### 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.

### Waq 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 again soon.

### St. Joseph's School.

The building of our new administration centre is finally starting 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 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.

### 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fremmanueltv@hotmail.com), 041 7 999 553 or (08) 9341 3079. or [jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au](mailto: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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clarissa.wright@bne.catholic.edu.au) or [www.sjfc.qld.edu.au](http://www.sjfc.qld.edu.au)

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

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

### Marg Healy.

Marg's has a new phone number.

### Eureka Street.

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

### 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 or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### Lost and Found.

An ipad has been found in the Church. Please see Margaret Halpin if it is yours.

### Our Lady of Victories.

Memorial Mass to remember those who served as we mark the Centenary of WW1. 22/4. 8am. At 1 Roche Ave., Bowen Hills.

**Poor Box: Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVDP Society to help those in our community who are in need..**