

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**2nd Sunday of Easter
8th of April**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 5.

Readings:

Acts 3:13-15,17-19. Psalm 4. 1 John 2:1-5.
Luke 24:35-48.

Next Week 21-22/4.

Acts 4:8-12. Psalm 117. 1. John 3:1-2. John
10:11-18.

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 6:8-15. P.118. John 6:22-29.

Tue. Acts 7:51-8:1. P.30. John 6:30-35.

Wed. Acts 8:1-18. P.65. John 6:35-40.

Thu. Acts 8:26-40. P.65. John 6:44-51.

Fri. Acts 9:1-20. P. 116. John 6:52-59.

Sat. Acts 9:31-42. P115. John 6:60-69.

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 Easter B
(John 20:19-31)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays *after* Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays *of* Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own first hand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed

eight days down the track!
The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears.

Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We may do well to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We respond with love and generosity in times of crisis. How can we continue to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time"?

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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 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.

Car Parking.

Please be aware that the school is undergoing a building programme. This means 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. 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. *"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.

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 coninistry having direct and regular involvemenduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary mt 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 at the Office 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 prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Prayer Blog.

See Prayer 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.

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

15-22/4. 3rd & 4th Sundays of Easter. Centacare CFRS. BCE School Term begins. World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Holy See). Saint Anselm.

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 28-29/4. 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, 21-22/4. Group 6. 6pm. J. Harrison. M.B. Kennedy. F. Martinez. 7.30am. W. Hassum. D. Phillipott. 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. 22/4. Mike, Bryan & Sandra. Group 1. 29/4. Phillip. Peter & Sunil.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 21/4. Vicki Stephensen.

Our Library.

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

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".

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 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 Cherside.

3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

Vocation Views.

What could convince someone to turn to God? That God became man is the sacrifice that takes our sins away. Let us pray – Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us and set our hearts on fire with love when you speak. Enable us to respond to the call to be witnesses of your love.

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria

St. Joseph's School.

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.

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. Bracken Ridge Uniting Church Multicultural Leisure Therapy Group - Tuesday 17/4 at 10am. At the Bracken Ridge Uniting Church, Cnr. Pellinore Road and Bracken Street, Bracken Ridge. Cost \$5 per person including morning tea. Enq. 3269 8814. Please join us.

PALMS.

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. Would you 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. Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday or Friday mornings on 3261 3670 or email Helen - hickey11@bigpond.com

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>.

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.

Soundwave Choir (formerly Jafa Choir)-

- is looking for a new conductor. We are a small community choir who loves to sing! We would be happy to have someone conduct for us even on a short-term basis if someone was just interested in a temporary stint. Also happy for music students to contact us if they would like some experience. Please contact Kathryn for more information.

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

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.

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, 04 17 999 553 or (08) 9341 3079. or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400 759391, (03) 9789 9672.

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.

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.

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.

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

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

Memorandum.

Members of our community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved ones who pass away. The chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request through Barbara Masterman 2361 9651. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the suggestion of one of our community and has been made possible by the generosity and giftedness of David Griffiths. Thank you, David.

Care for Creation Group.

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation website and Facebook page. It has lots of useful resources that may be of interest. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. With Pope Francis we pray: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden Next meeting 21/4.