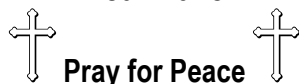


Year 2018



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**3rd Sunday of Easter
15th 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- 3rd Sunday of Easter
Year B
(Luke 24:35-48)**

-Veronica Lawson, RSM

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on the road of life. That is one of the elements in today's gospel that forms the conclusion to the Emmaus story. When I was a student at Trinity College in Dublin researching Luke's depiction of women in the Acts of the Apostles, I would often take a detour on my way home to visit the National Gallery of Ireland. Velázquez' remarkable oil painting, *Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus* captured and held my attention. We have here a painting within a painting. The kitchen maid pauses from her tasks to listen, through the window between kitchen and dining area, to the conversation between Jesus and his table companions. His hosts have not yet recognised the companion they had encountered on the road from Jerusalem. Velázquez seems to be suggesting that the young servant woman in the foreground, a woman from another place and another time, has sensed what they have still to discover.

Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on the road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. He engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he opens to them the meaning of their sacred scriptures. They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that he is alive.

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They share a meal with him. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything falls into place. They not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They now know that they will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery, and to preach forgiveness to all peoples "beginning from Jerusalem".

Luke will open the Acts of the Apostles with the story of Jesus sending the disciples to be

his witnesses to the ends of the earth. We who re-member these events in every Eucharistic celebration are both the recipients and the bearers of that message. If we allow our hearts to "burn" within us, we too may recognise the Risen One in our gatherings and become his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

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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 conistry 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 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.

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.

Regular meetings have occurred between Centacare, the Parish, and the School in relation to providing up to 20 additional After School Care places. This is the projected grown to this service over the next few years. The options are to either physical extend the existing Parish Centre where it is currently 'housed in' or build a new completely purpose built building at another location on School/Parish grounds. The Parish and School are still looking at all options. Irrespective of what option is chosen the expected building works would still be in the vicinity of \$1.4m. A new building would mean that the Parish would get back full use of their Parish Centre and this is desperately needed. Undertaking such building works would mean the Parish taking out a new ADF loan for about \$1.4m over 10 years. 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.

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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 Chermside.

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

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 JAJA 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.

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

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.

Care for Creation Group.

Did you know - that if we keep producing (and failing to properly dispose of) plastics at predicted rates, plastics in the oceans will outweigh fish (kilogram for kilogram) in 2050.

(Ellen MacArthur Foundation report, January 2016). On the weekend of April 21-22 and to coincide with World Earth Day, the Parish's Care For Creation group will have a display table outside the church after the 6pm and 7.30am Masses and at morning tea in the parish centre after the 9am Mass. This will focus on World Earth Day's theme for this year: End Plastic Pollution. Check out suggestions and ideas at our table to help us Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

The search for unity: throughout the year.

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. Here in the southern hemisphere where January is a vacation time churches often find other days to celebrate the week of prayer, for example around Pentecost (suggested by the Faith and Order movement in 1926), which is a symbolic date for the unity of the Church. In 2018 the Week of Prayer in Australia will be observed from 13-20 May in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

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, St. Stephen's Cathedral grounds. Mon. Wed. & Thu. Fri. 10a.m – 1pm. Lessons for beginners. Enq. Beris 3300 13342.

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