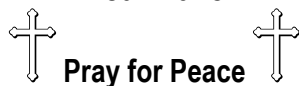


Year 2018



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**4th Sunday of Easter
22nd of April**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 6.

Readings:

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

Next Week 28-29/4.

Acts 9:26-31. Psalm 21. 1 John 3:118-24. John 15:1-8.

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 11:1-18. P.41. John 10:1-10.

Tue. Acts 11:19-26. P.86. John 10:22-30.

Wed. Wisdom 3:1-9. P.114. John 12:23-28.

Thu. 1 Peter 5:5-14. P.88. Mark 16:15-20.

Fri. Acts 13:26-33. P.2. John 14:1-6.

Sat. Acts 13:44-52. P.97. John 14:7-14.

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-4th Sunday of Easter
Year B (John 10:11-18) -Veronica Lawson RSM**

This year we celebrate World Earth Day on Good Shepherd Sunday. The liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus as the noble or good shepherd of the believing community. "Shepherd" in its literal sense is not really part of our 21st century vocabulary, and yet we use it metaphorically, as a verb or as a noun. Its verbal form connotes care and compassion, protection, guidance and tender relationship. In John's gospel, Jesus rightly claims for himself the title "good shepherd". He contrasts the good shepherd or leader with the leader that fails to care for the flock. Knowing one's sheep, staying with them in the face of mortal danger and being prepared to die for them are marks of the good shepherd.

There are echoes here of the Hebrew Scriptures, particularly of Ezekiel 34 where the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor describes the leaders of Israel in their relationships with the people. There are likewise echoes of an early second century description of the Emperor Tiberius in whose reign Jesus of Nazareth was executed, precisely because he did not abandon his "flock". The Roman historian Suetonius has this to say of Tiberius: "To the governors who recommended burdensome taxes for his provinces, he wrote in answer that it was the part of a good shepherd to shear his flock, not skin it" (Suetonius, Life of Tiberius 32.2).

In the pre-industrial biblical world and early centuries of the Common Era, the "shepherd/sheep" metaphor was heard by an audience that enjoyed a much closer relationship with sheep and their human carers than do most people today. In my country, for instance, there are 71 million sheep and almost 25 million people. In other words, the ovine inhabitants of Australia outnumber the human by almost three to one. Yet most of our highly urbanised human population knows its sheep only in their disembodied forms. The human-ovine relationship is, for the most part, reduced to that of consumer and consumed. Sheep are valued, not for their intrinsic goodness as creations of a loving God, but rather as commodities that provide food and clothing for the human population. We now know that modern domesticated sheep evolved from creatures that pre-date modern humans. We might take time to consider the implications of this for our relationship with the other-than-human inhabitants of our planetary home.

Celebrating World Earth Day on Good Shepherd

Sunday provides us with an opportunity to move beyond our human-centred views of the world and our human-centred interpretations of our sacred texts. We might hear a call to value the realities that underpin gospel images such as the Good Shepherd/sheep metaphor. We might also hear a call to expand our appreciation of all the inhabitants of our planet. To be good shepherds in our time is to embrace the whole Earth Community with reverence and compassion.



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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."*

St. Joseph's Seniors.

Monthly Get-Together. Tuesday, 1/5. After the 9 am. Mass, please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Our monthly get-together this month will be a Morning Tea & Social Day. Entertainment will be provided by the St. Joseph's School Choirs. Enquiries & Transport.: Ron & Therese Kissane

Children's Liturgy.

Sessions will recommence shortly. At the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of Mass. These sessions are held at the 9am. Mass only. Enq. Margaret

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.

22-29/4. 4th & 5th Sundays of Easter. Centacare CFRS. World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Holy See). ANZAC Day. Southside Healing Mass. Saints George. Adalbert. Fidelis of Sigmaringen. Louis Grignion de Montfort. Anselm & Mark Apostle.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 5-6/5. Group 2. Enq. Helen Hickey. 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, 28-29/4. Group 1. 6pm. P. Phillips. N. D'Souza. D. Griffiths. 7.30am. G. Endicott. L. McDonough. L. Olley. 9am. D. Riggall. S. Turner. N. Rao. B.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 1. 6pm. R. Kissane. M. Caruso. A. Fulton. A. Isaak. P. Ryan. 7.30am. J. & S. Rogers. J. & C. Van der Maat. K. Ryan. 9am. G. Cameron. K. Turner. N. Sheridan. E. Schneider-Loos. S. Turner.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 16. 6pm. L. & L. Esparcia. 7.30am. P. Olley. J. McCoy. 9am. S. & S. Fernandes.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 1. 29/4. Phillip. Peter & Sunil. Group 2. 6/5. Debbie, Matthew & Julian.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 28/4. Lynette D'Souza.

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 occur between Centacare, Parish, and School in relation to providing up to 20 additional After School Care places. This is the projected growth 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 the 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.

@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.

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs worthy leaders, Good Shepherds of the 21st Century, caring unselfishly for the needs of God's people. Please, pray for Vocations.

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 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.

Need help at School?

Experienced teacher providing support in your home. Prep – Grade 10. English and Maths. BA. PGCE. MA. Educational Leadership. \$60 per hour. Enq. Caroline 0435 643 978.

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

New Socks and Warm Beanie Appeal.

We will be having our annual May appeal to collect beanies and new socks to support those in our local area and our City who are struggling at this time. Socks (dark colours are best) and beanies will be distributed to those in need through Paddy's Van at Shorncliffe, Rosies at Caboolture & the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade at Spring Hill. Socks and beanies must be new. A large plastic storage box will be available at the back of the church from 28/29th April until the end of May. Your support will be greatly appreciated by those who find themselves without a place to call home this winter. Our warm donations will help lift hearts and spirits. Please do not leave any other items of clothing in the box. SVDP shops at Sandgate & Brighton welcome all other donations of clothing. With gratitude Helen Hickey Enq. Parish office: 3261 3670.

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 6/5.

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.

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

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.

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). This weekend, April 21-22, and coinciding 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

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.

The gift of Prayer:

Pray for your family and friends. Tell them you pray for them! Praying for someone is a way of saying, "You are so special to me that I talk to God about you".