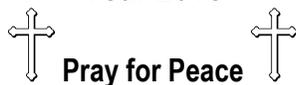


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**5th Sunday of Easter
29th of April**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 1.

Readings:

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

Next Week 5-6/5.

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48. Psalm 97. 1 John
4:7-10. John 15:9-17.

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 14:5-18. P.113. John 14:21-26.

Tue. Acts 14:19-28. P.144. John 14:27-31.

Wed. Acts 15:1-6. P.121. John 15:1-8.

Thu. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. P.18. John 14:6-14.

Fri. Acts 15:22-31. P.56. John 15:12-17.

Sat. Acts 16:1-10. P.99. John 15:18-21.

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-5th Sunday of
Easter Year B
(John 15:1-8)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Again and again, life's experiences teach us that, as members of the Earth community, we cannot make it on our own. We need one another, other living beings, the sun, the soil, the water and everything else that formed from exploding stars in the distant past. The gospel reading reminds us that as baptised Christians we are not just intimately interlinked but that the source of our unity is the Risen Christ. As limbs and leaves and sap of the same vine, we simply cannot survive in isolation.

The vine image picks up one of the most potent biblical images for God's relationship to the people of Israel. It is an image of life and growth, of colour and vibrancy. It holds the promise of a life-sustaining grape harvest that is ultimately transformed into wine, the biblical symbol for joy. God brought Israel "the vine" out of Egypt (Psalm 80:9). For the prophet Isaiah, Israel is also a vineyard planted and nurtured by God (5:1-7; 27:3). For Jeremiah, Israel is the choice vine "of fully tested stock" planted by God (2:21).

The Johannine Jesus makes the claim: "I am the true vine/vineyard" and God is the "vinegrower". He goes further: "I am the vine/vineyard and you are the branches". The potency of this image resides in the fact that a vine without branches is inconceivable. It draws us into the mystery of the mutual interchange of life between us and the risen Christ, into the mystery of God. It also invites us to acknowledge our interconnection with the whole of the Earth community, to nurture the wonderful biodiversity of our planet, and to accept the inevitability of "pruning" if we are to "bear fruit" and "become disciples".

"Pruning" can take various forms. A chance encounter, a sudden inspiration, a word from a friend, an unexpected illness, a confronting story: any such experience can bring us to our senses and serve as a "pruning" device. The first reading for today recounts the story of Saul of Tarsus who is "pruned" quite dramatically through his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus. He is transformed from persecutor to defender of Christ and Christ's followers. Saul becomes a disciple and "bears much fruit". The Greek-speaking Christian Jews are suspicious, even murderous, when he tries to preach the gospel among them. Peace ensues, however, and the movement takes hold in the regions where

Jesus had first preached the gospel. It is worth reflecting on the cultural diversity that characterised earliest Christianity and the tensions that had to be resolved between different language groups or groups of different ethnic origin for the gospel to flourish and bear fruit. John's gospel is written against the backdrop of such "pruning" within the early communities. Sometimes the requisite "pruning" is hearing respectfully a point of view that differs from one's own.

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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.

The school is undergoing a building programme, this means 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.

29/4-6/5. 5th & 6th Sundays of Easter. Centacare CFRS. Two Hours of Quiet. Saints Philp and James Apostles. Joseph the Worker. Pius V. Athanasius. Feast of the Three Saints Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 12-13/5. Group 3. Enq. Barbara Masterman. 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, 5-6/5. Group 2. 6pm. P. Tooley. B. Taylor. M. Simpson. 7.30am. C. Healy. J. Walsh. S. Donatini. 9am. Youth. J.J. Jeremias. Youth.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. P. Phillips. P. Connors. L. D'Souza. J. Taylor. E. Grugeon. 7.30am. P. Hanley. T. Cullen. R. Del Rosario. A. Voegeli. ? 9am. T. Tolhurst. N. Fletcher. V. Wicks. S. & J. Williams.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 2. 6pm. CD's. 7.30am. J. McCoy. 9am. Youth.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 2. 6/5. Debbie, Matthew & Julian. Group 3. 13/5. Terry, Rita, Michael & Debbie.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 5/5. Anna Andrulic.

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. 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".

Following on from the Royal Commission.

At the end of February 2018, the Parish published the final weekly update on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and committed to monitoring internet sources for new information and providing it through the parish newsletter. The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) met last week in Rome with their first day dedicated to hearing from members of the Survivor Advisory Panel (SAP) of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission from England and Wales. This was part of the PCPM's ongoing commitment to ensuring that the thoughts and contributions of people who have been abused inform all aspects of the Commission's work. The PCPM heard presentations on 'The outcome of the Australian Royal Commission' and on other matters, which may be read at <http://bit.ly/PCPMPress>

Specialist Support Updated:

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld).

Helpline 1800 337 928.

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Centacare Family and Relationship Services Brisbane. 3251 5000

Lifeline.

13 11 14

UnitingCare Chermside.

3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

Netta Sheridan.

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

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Vocation Views.

Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for his people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you? Please, pray for Vocations.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.

Our Parish collected \$1417.85 and this amount has been forwarded to the Holy Land Commissariat for support of the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. Thank you for your support.

The Lord Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

This year the keynote speaker will be Mr Bob Atkinson, one of the six Royal Commissioners on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse. The 2018 Charity recipient will be ARMCare (Australian Refugee and Migrant Care Services Ltd) . More information and booking can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/2018PrayerBreakfast

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.

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 1/5 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

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

Care for Creation Group.

A big thank-you to parishioners for the enthusiastic support and interest shown last weekend for our World Earth Day displays and videos on the theme -- End Plastic Pollution. Our members were encouraged by your response. Our next meeting on May 19 will not be at the parish centre as usual -- more details to come. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden:

Lost and Found.

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

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

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.