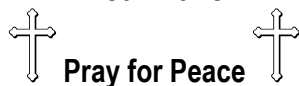


Year 2018



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Parish Website:

www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com

Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjosephsbrackenridge

Parish Email:

bridge@bne.catholic.net.au

**The Nativity of John the Baptist
24th of June**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Groups 2 & 3.

Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-6. Psalm 138. Acts 13:22-26. Luke 1:57-66,80.

Next Week 30/6-1/7.

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24. Psalm 29. 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15. Mark 5:21-43.

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. 2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15,18. P.59. Matt. 7:1-15.

Tue. 2 K. 19:9-11,14-21,1-36. P.118. Matt. 7:15-20.

Wed. 2 K. 22:8-13,23:1-3. P.118. Matt. 7: 15-20.

Thu. 2 Kings 24:8-17. P.78. Matthew 7:21-29.

Fri. Acts 3:1-10. P.18. John 21:15-19.

Sat. Lam.2:2,10-14,18-19. P.73. Matt. 8:5-17.

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-Birthday of John the Baptizer
(Luke 1:57-66, 80)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel is a good news story. Most of us respond with joy to the birth of a child, especially when the odds are stacked against the parents conceiving. As the child grows to maturity, friends and family might look back and interpret later achievements in the light of childhood expectation and promise. Stories of birth and childhood are often told in the light of later events. The story of the birth of John the Baptizer is told with hindsight and against the background of Jewish expectations in the Second Temple period. The gospel writers reflect on the role John played in recognising the significance of Jesus of Nazareth and in pointing to Jesus as the unique agent and prophet of God's empire over against the Roman Empire.

Luke is the only gospel writer to reflect on John's "pre-history" and to hint that his birth belonged within the biblical tradition of the "wondrous" births of remarkable people. He interprets the birth of John as an expression of God's "great mercy". Luke narrates the childhood story of John in parallel and yet in appropriate relationship with the story of the child Jesus, whose identity and mission represent the ultimate revelation of Israel's God.

In announcing the birth of John the Baptizer, storyteller Luke uses the language of fulfilment: "the time came" [for Elizabeth to give birth] is literally "the time was fulfilled". The birth of this child is a time of the fulfilment of God's word, as previously announced by the angel Gabriel to his father Zechariah (Luke 1:13-17). Zechariah had been told not to fear, for his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a son and "you will name him John".

Joy and gladness would be the response to the birth of this child who was to be "filled with Holy Spirit even before his birth". John's destiny was "to make ready a people". Jesus, the one for whom John is "preparing the way" will later refer to him as "a prophet" and "more than a prophet" (Luke 7:27). Zechariah, who refuses to believe that he and Elizabeth will have a child in their advanced years, is told that he will be mute "until the day these things occur" (1:17).

"These things" encompass the birth of the child, the joy-filled response of the faith community and the naming of the child eight days after birth. John's name, meaning "YHWH (the God of Israel) has shown grace", foreshadows the extraordinary mark that this child, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, will make on his world and consequently on ours. Like John, we are called to "make ready a people", to prepare the way. For Australian Catholics, commitment to creative participation in the forthcoming Plenary Council preparations might be a fitting way to celebrate this feast.



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 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.

While the school is undergoing a building programme, 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. 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.

Sessions will recommence next term. 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.

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.

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.

Safeguarding Children and –

- Vulnerable Adults Training. Here are some other opportunities for anyone who needs to complete this training course: At HEALY ROOM, Francis Rush Centre, next to the Cathedral of St Stephen. Thursday 12/7. 12.30 to 2.30pm. Sun. 29/7. 10am. to 12 noon. Please note capacity is 100 people, from the whole of the Archdiocese. Parking at the Cathedral Precinct is unavailable for weekday sessions. Limited parking is available for the Sunday session. Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to register to attend. If you would like to register, please contact Terry Tolhurst, Terry will facilitate the on-line registration process for you.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 7-8/7. 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, 30/6-1/7. Group 4.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 4.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 4.

Servers.

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

Counters Roster.

Group 4. 1/7. Group 5. 8/7.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 30/6.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

24/6-1/7. The Nativity of John the Baptist. 13th Sunday of the Year. Centacare CFRS. Southside Healing Mass. Two Hours of Quiet. Three Day Retreat. Saints Peter and Paul Apostles (Solemnity). The Coming of the Light. Saints Cyril of Alexandria. Irenaeus. The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.

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 Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

Vocation Views.

At times we can feel that we are being swamped by various troubles. Like the apostle Paul, we are overwhelmed, not by our troubles, but by the love of God made visible in Jesus Christ.

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Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass Times, news, events, Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Our Parish Newsletter online.

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

St. Joseph's Fete 2018.

4/8. If you have any unbroken toys your children have outgrown, our Trash and Treasure Stall would love to have them! They would also like other items such as clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, books, comics, games, etc.....So if you are having an early spring clean, don't forget us! Donations may be left at Johns' Shed (entry Phillips St.)

RCIA.

Enq. Margaret Halpin

Cath. Social Justice Council website.

(www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

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".

At all Masses next weekend (30/6-1/7).

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

St. Joseph's School.

Cultural Showcase Evening Mon. 27/8. This will feature many of our talented groups in the school and will be held in the Father Bernie Costigan Centre. More details to follow.
Colouring-In Competition. With the launch of Andy Griffiths' popular Treehouse series, Dymocks Chermerside are holding a colouring-in competition for all students. Entries are available from the library. The competition closes Friday, 29th June and all entries must be returned to the library on or before this date so we can deliver them to Dymocks by that afternoon. Prizes include a double pass to the Any and Terry Extravaganza at St Paul's School on Mon. 16/7. Enq. at the School 3261 2858.

Mental Health Pastoral Care.

Wednesday 25/7. Registrations close Friday 20/7. This will be a day for:-

- De-mystifying and humanising mental health for pastoral care workers and chaplains.
- Enabling members of the community to make a difference in the lives of people who face mental health difficulties.
- Equipping members of the community to walk alongside those affected by mental ill-health.
- Informing members of the community of the resources available to help people in dealing with Mental Health and Wellbeing.
- Raising awareness of how the Mental Health System works.

Keynote Speaker - Dave Andrews.

This event is organised by a cross-denominational committee. Phone: 3217 2522 | Fax: 3217 2274 | Email: aalban@anglicaresq.org.au At Chermerside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Road, Chermerside - Cnr. Rode and Gympie Rds. Parking at rear of church. ATM within short walking distance.

Seminar on Catholic Ethos and Ethics.

Rev. Kevin McGovern, Director, Caroline Chisholm Centre for Health Ethics and Lecturer in the Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law at the Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, will present a seminar on Catholic Ethos and Ethics at the O'Shea Centre, Lovedale St, Wilston, Tue. 10/7. 9am. – 4pm. Topics include: Perinatal palliative care, accepting sickness, treatment refusal, pain control, dementia, euthanasia and basic skills development for responding in these situations. The seminar is primarily targeted for those working in pastoral care and clinical care in hospitals and in aged care institutions but is open to any person with an ethical interest in these areas. Cost \$25 (pay on the day). For more information and registration please contact Judy Norris, Director, Pastoral Ministries, Centacare (judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193. Registrations close Wed. 4/7. Morning tea and lunch provided-please advise dietary requirements at registration.

Queensland Churches Together.

'Looking Beyond Division'. Introduction to Ecumenism. 24-18/9. At the Australian Catholic University, Nudgee Road. Banyo. Applications due in by 31/8. Enq. and Applications: Ray Williamson. CLedger@csu.edu.au or ph: 02 6272 6201. The **Joint Churches Domestic Violence Prevention Project (JCDVPP)**, have produced a book "Questions Women Ask about Domestic Violence and Christian Beliefs" (cover attached). The book costs \$6. All proceeds will go towards creating training material on DV prevention. To place an order email Jackie at admin@qct.org.au

St. Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

Donations so far have reached \$6413.10. Your generosity will ensure that those less fortunate than us within our community will have a more comfortable winter. A big thank you to everyone.

North East Deanery Youth Day.

Join with youth and young adults (12 -30 yo) from across North East Brisbane to celebrate the Year of Youth. The Day will be facilitated by Br Damien Price, Greg Sunter and the Passionist Youth Team, and will include discussions, activities, the sharing of food, and the celebration of Mass. Sat. 28/7 from 8:30am. to 4pm. at St Joseph's Bracken Ridge. Cost \$5. Please register by 20/7 at www.trybooking.com/VJYQ. Enquiries: nedyouthday@gmail.com

Following on from the Royal Commission.

The Catholic Church will join National Redress Scheme with the Australian Catholic Bishops and Catholic Religious Australia, issuing a press release on Wednesday 30th May. The press release is at <http://bit.ly/ACBC30052018> The press release focuses on participation in the national redress scheme for survivors of child sexual abuse. Once more details are received, **our Parish Facebook page** and our parish newsletter will provide links for access. Fr. Gerry Hefferan.

Specialist Support Updated:

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld).

Helpline 1800 337 928.

Professional Standards Office (Qld).

Helpline 1800 337 928.

Centacare Family and Relationship Services Brisbane. 3251 5000

Lifeline.

13 11 14

UnitingCare Chermerside.

3624 2400.

Living Well Strathpine.

3028 4648.

Netta Sheridan.

Nouwen Network.

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

"Viridian, a Catholic retirement village –

-at Boondall, currently has some lovely units available for sale. Two of the units which are two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a study are north facing. Perfect for enjoying breakfast on the balcony in the winter sun. The third is a two bedroom unit, main with walk in robe and two way bathroom overlooking bushland. If you or someone you know would like to inspect these units, please phone Sharon on 3054 4635 or see www.holyspirit.com.au".

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

28/8 – 11/11/18. Enq. Magi Pilgrimages. Ph: 1300 721 561 or email: info@magiholidays.com.au

Feel the Beat.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers Zumba on the first Sunday evening of each month will no longer be continuing.

Irish Celtic Concert.

Performed by the Queensland Irish Choir. At the Sandgate Town Hall. Sun. 1/7. 2 to 4pm. A wonderful afternoon of entertainment which will include the choir singing a number of popular Celtic songs, Pipers, Dancers, singalong, and a complimentary afternoon tea! Tickets at the door. \$18, or \$15 for groups of ten or more. It would be appreciated if proposed group attendees ring Jennifer Dunbar on 07 3399 3129 or 0447 744 788 before Sun. 1/7 to receive the reduced price on arrival. It will also assist for catering purposes.

Two Minute Homilies.

Priests from around the Archdiocese prepare "Two Minute Homilies": <http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/>

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.

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.

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

24th June The Nativity of John the Baptist

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy Statement

... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14.

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

Thank you for your support in returning your documentation to the Parish Office.

Should you be unsure about the requirements for your ministry, please contact Terry Tolhurst Mobile

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am.

Next gathering Monday 18 June.
Enq Jan or Jan

Date Claimer

St Joseph's Fete
Saturday 4 August 2018

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night
All welcome

Youth Groups

North East Deanery Youth Day Sat. 28/7 here at St. Joseph's.

BLITZ:- next gathering today. Sun. 17/6. June. We will be looking at ways we can care for the environment.

All children in years 4-6 are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre 4.30-6pm. —Gold coin donation.
Enq Emma Beach



ROCK:- next gathering Sun. 24/6. We will be going Bowling at Strathpine Hyperbowl from 5-7.30pm. Permission forms will be there to fill out. Please bring \$15 for the game.

All high school students between years 7-12 welcome
Enq Emma Beach



SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). Gathering Sunday, 8/7 at 7pm., in the Parish Centre. Enq. Jess

Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the Parish invited and welcome. Enq. Philip

Women's Prayer Group

Held Wednesdays in the Church from 9.30 – 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

WAG (World Action Group) Update

Last weekend we collected \$207.45 for the Water Wells in South Sudan.

This week we are collecting for our friends in Blackall/Tambo Parish.

As always, we thank you for your very generous support of our Parish projects.
Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

Giving

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up before the offertory. Current number of Envelope Givers: 67. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$554
Direct Debit	\$1672
Loose	\$961
Total	\$3187

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 24 \$3437.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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Ph:.....

Email:.....

*Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au
Many thanks for your support.*



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