

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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MISSION STATEMENT

"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) 19th March 2023

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

IV Sunday of Lent: Suffering Serves A Divine Purpose

Any sickness, disease, physical deformity, or abnormality, even a minor suffering like a headache, can serve a divine purpose.

In her autobiography, Hellen Keller described her own experience of liberation. A childhood illness left her deaf and blind at 19 months, and her next few years were filled with angry outbursts and frustrated fits of violence against those who were at a loss as to how they could best help her. Said Keller: "I got used to the silence and the darkness that surrounded me and forgot that it had ever been different until she met my teacher who was to set my spirit free. Thus, I came out of Egypt and stood before Sinai and a power of divine touched my spirit and gave it life. From that sacred moment, I heard a voice which said, 'knowledge is love, light and vision!' Although Keller never regained her sight or her hearing, she went on to experience the beauties and mysteries of life with such clarity that she was able to share what she called her soul's sudden awakening with others. In her blindness, she has helped many to see; in her deafness, she has enabled many to hear.

Like the man born blind featured in St. John's Gospel 9:1-41, Keller's life experience continues to witness to the One by whose words and works every darkness can be illuminated. The blind man too came out of Egypt, or the exile to which his blindness had relegated him. At Jesus' word, he began to know a dignity and a freedom that had previously eluded him. He saw, he believed, and he emerged from his physical blindness as well as his spiritual darkness. His experience, as well as that of Helen Keller, invite us to turn with renewed trust to the One whose coming, whose dying and whose rising can illumine our darkness. Jesus' anointing of the blind man in the Gospel brought light and renewed hope into the man's darkened life. Liberated from his blindness, the man began to see and to believe in Jesus. His seeing and his believing challenge us to leave behind our personal darkness and live in the light of Christ. Such a decision is not without risk. When the man was blind, he was pitied by many and ignored by others; in his "helplessness" he posed no threat. But the gift of sight and his willingness to use it made him both a target and a threat in the eyes of those who refused to see and believe in Jesus. Are we willing to follow Jesus into the light?

Jesus tells us that the man's blindness was not the result of sin but had a purpose that "God's works might be revealed in him." In short it provided the context in which God's healing grace could be manifested. When we make a big deal out of our small sufferings, we can become a burden to others. The less we inflict our ailments upon others, the more we are healed of our tendency to complain about them. Also, our choice to suffer in silence shows forth the work of God.

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In our parish this week: March 2023

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th	Saturday 25th	Sunday 26th
St Joseph 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parent Info Mtg re 1st Holy Communion	8.00am Mass with children 10.00am Lenten Session	6.30am Mass	No Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 4 students 7.00pm Reflective Prayer 7.00pm Youth Lenten group 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	The Annunciation of the Lord 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Fr Johny's Installation by Archbishop Mark Coleridge	Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 10.30am Young Adults Catechesis 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Installation Mass Invitation: All parishioners are invited to attend as Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at St Peter's this Saturday 25th March at 6pm during which Fr Johny will be installed as our Parish Priest.

**Readings for next weekend:
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Yr A)**
Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

LENT 2023: From Darkness to Light

Project Compassion 2023: Donate to support the work of Caritas.

Donate a non-perishable grocery item: Buy an extra can of food or some other non-perishable grocery item, each week for those doing it tough in our local area. Bring your donation to weekend Masses during Lent and place it in the basket in front of the altar.

Tuesday mornings: Lenten Sessions will be held each Tuesday of Lent at **10am** in the Parish Office meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

Friday Evenings: Reflective Prayer from 7pm and Stations of the Cross from 7.30pm. Please join us for this weekly hour of Prayer, Reflection and Memorial in the Parish Centre and church. **Youth and Young adults** will also gather at 7pm for a **Lenten discussion group** in the Parish Office meeting room.

Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 5pm throughout the year. There will also be a **Communal Second Rite of Reconciliation** on Monday 27th March at 7pm with several priests available. During Holy Week, Fr Johny will be available for Reconciliation on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April from 5pm to 7pm.

Pray-As-You-Go: Pathways of Prayer. Please note this event has been **postponed** to **Saturday 15th April 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

Hospitality Volunteers Needed: Please consider joining the roster for our Sunday 9am Cuppa as we are in need of at least 2 more people to keep the popular cuppa going every 2nd week. Being on the roster means approx 6 times a year. This is a great way to meet new people in our church family. Please contact Stephanie (salenihan@hotmail.com 0413268860) if you are willing.

Gardening Working Bee:

Thank you to all those who helped to make our gardens beautiful for the Installation Mass next weekend and for Easter. Your hard work is much appreciated.



Calling for Musicians and Singers: Dear Parishioners, as you know, at St Peter's we are always encouraging people to sing! St Augustine is often quoted as saying that 'one who sings prays twice.' I would like to encourage any parishioners who would be able to assist the congregation to sing at Mass, by singing at the microphone, to please contact me or just ask one of the organists at Mass. We love to have singers assisting. We would also love to hear from anyone who plays a musical instrument. Perhaps your child is learning one and would be able to start learning some parts of the Mass or simple hymns? Our group would love to support them in playing at Mass. Perhaps you know how to play an instrument and could help us. Please consider this vital role in our Parish!

You may like to start your singing or playing journey at choir practice for Holy Week and Easter! This will be held on **Wednesday 5 April at 7pm** in the Church. Musicians on different instruments are also strongly encouraged to come along to this practice. You will all be warmly welcomed!

Hope to hear from you as we would love to have you in the Music Ministry team! Thank you for your support. Elizabeth Fort (07 3341 0852) Leave a message if I am not home and I will get back to you.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th to 20th Oct 2023:

For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com asap.



Those who have died: Denise Gordon, Jesai Anthony George

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitz-Gibbon, Robbie Movick, May Neilsen, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Betty Settler, Cecil Allen, John Carlton.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Ray Parker, Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Rhonda Lawson, Step & Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Margaret Wolmann, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Mel Singh, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen.

*Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick.
Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.*



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'Pass the Pastor' Home visits: Fr Johny would love to come to visit the homes of parishioners for a chat. This will be a great way for Fr Johny to get to know us and for us to get to know him. Fr Johny would be willing to bless your house at the same time if you wish. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time for Fr Johny to visit.

Your Generous Contribution for St Peter's Church Lighting Upgrade to be done from 17-21 April 2023 will be much appreciated.

It has become increasingly evident that over the years the lighting in our church has become inadequate. More than 30 years have passed since the last upgrade.

We would be very grateful if out of your generosity we might receive donations however large or small to fund this upgrade.

Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Lighting Upgrade" and place in the normal Parish Mass collection or use any of our Electronic transfer systems or hand them in to the Parish Office. Many thanks. The Total Cost will be \$32,000.



Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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New Youth Ministry Coordinators: Congratulations to Feba Baji & Shenelle Nelson, who have been appointed to share the role of St Peter's Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Youth Lenten discussion group: 7pm on Friday nights during Lent in the Parish Office meeting room - open to anyone from high school age to young adults.

Young Adults: Coffee & Catechesis

An initiative of the Young Adults: Have a coffee with your friends in the Parish Office meeting room while Fr Johny explains aspects of the Catechism. Next week's (26th March) topic: "Jesus entered into Hell"



St Peter's Planned Giving:

We would be very grateful, if you are able, to support the Parish financially. There are several options.



Via Direct Bank Transfer: To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 100000067. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit: Please contact the Office to set these up.

'Parish Giving' App: The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'.

Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$10 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 25th & 26th Mar	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Malcolm Carroll	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Peta Grandin 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Megan Philpott 2. Eric Quan	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. Megan Carroll
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan Joan D'Netto Alan Vigor	Anne Fry Vickie Routledge Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Volunteer	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 6: Julie and Basil Britto.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Sat 26th 6pm Mass: Supper to share. Please bring a plate. Sun 6pm: Kate Guy Helen Graczyk & M Carroll			
This week 19th - 25th Mar:		Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Bob's group



Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! WELCOME!!

We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on **3341 4421** or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0450 287 902

♥ Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ Memorial Wall & Gardens:

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ Evangelisation Task Group Facebook

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

STOpline: 1300 304 550

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

St Vincent de Paul Easter Raffle. Tickets will be on sale over the coming weeks. Please support their wonderful work in helping those in need in our local area.

Crossroads RCIA: Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet? We have a fabulous program called **Crossroads**, starting in May, which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information.

Project Compassion: Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Entertainment Memberships: Support St Peter's Parish Fundraising and get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals at a huge number of dining, retail, tourism and accommodation businesses. Bonus offer till 5th April get a **free multi-city upgrade** for 3, 12 month and 24-month single-city memberships! St Peter's Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Date Claimer: Marian Valley Retreat
Saturday 6th May.
Leaving Parish at 8.30am and returning at 12pm.
BYO Lunch
A Bus may be available if we have enough people wanting to travel by bus OR Car Pooling may be an option.
Please let Jo Cullen know if you are interested by phoning the Parish Office.

Around the Archdiocese



The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023
SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

The Summit is a key moment in the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council. Though we do not yet have papal approval, there is much we can do. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vision for the Archdiocese alongside a number of other leading voices, including Sherry Weddell (*author of Forming Intentional Disciples*). The Summit will create a place where each person can encounter Christ, be formed in faith, and equipped for the mission we are called to.

When: 6pm Thursday 18th May - 3pm Saturday 20th May
Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks)
Cost: \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+
We would love to encourage our parishioners to attend. Please see Jo where a payment plan can be provided if necessary. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.
Find out more and register at brisbanesummit.com

Advertise Your Business Here
Do YOU KNOW? Don't Miss out!! This is a great opportunity for any parishioners in our congregation who would like to advertise their business or workplace in the Parish Newsletter. Your business will be showcased on our website, facebook, emails to parishioners as well as hard copies available at the church each week.
If you are interested in promoting your business in our community please contact the Parish Office for pricing and more details.

These businesses support our parish, please support them.

VISITORS' DAY
WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023
3.45PM
MacKillop Theatre followed by college tours.
The Thomas More Café will be open for afternoon tea.
Register at JTA.link/STMC

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