

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 B)

10th March 2024

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Inspire Inclusion: invite, interact and involve!

"I raise up my voice, not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back" Malala Yousafzai

With this in mind, the global community, our local community and the community of St Peter's Parish again celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th. It is a chance to recognise and celebrate women's achievements, to raise awareness about discrimination and to take action to drive gender parity. In 2024, the theme that best matches the challenges of our parish is Inspire Inclusion. When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired and take action to include and to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, empowerment and the chance to move forward together.

We know that throughout history and still today, women have been excluded and effectively treated as second-class citizens. Girls were rarely educated to the same level as boys. Professions or roles that delivered power or money were often barred to women. Any money women might have had often went to their husbands on marriage. They had fewer rights in law and were not permitted to vote. Their primary duties were as wives and mothers and, if employed, women worked in service and caring roles, being excluded from professions where their ideas and talents could have benefited all.

Despite this, many women did exceptional things, living fulfilling lives, and experiencing interesting periods of history. History was almost universally 'his story'. Since women were mostly barred from power, what they did was rarely recorded.

Fortunately, in Australia, women rights are largely upheld. However, the prevalence of domestic and family violence in our communities, plus often subtle and disguised stereotyping, bias and discrimination against women and girls means there is still some way to go.

Over the fifty-year history of our parish, the St Peter's community has been built up and sustained by the unstinting efforts of parishioners, many of whom were women, serving in a wide range of parish Ministry groups. In its early days, most of the parish community were from European Catholic backgrounds- Irish, Italian, Dutch, Scottish, German and more. Many women have used their talents and learnt new skills to serve the parish community with spiritual, social, and practical undertakings. Their faith, commitment, energy, enthusiasm and tenacity have ensured that St Peter's is "a spiritual house that sings God's praises". (Vision Statement, on the rock at the entrance to our Church). In 2024, our parish has a much more culturally diverse assembly. For many, faith development commenced in Asian-Pacific countries such as India, Korea, The Philippines, China, Sri Lanka, and Tonga. Women and girls in our current community have so much to share to enhance and enrich our entire parish.

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St Peter's Social Justice Group

In our parish this week: March 2024

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parent Info Mtg re First Holy Communion Candidates	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm SVDP Mtg	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass with Rite of Acceptance & Election for Linh Huynh	Fifth Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word and Rite of Enrolment for First Holy Communion Candidates 6.00pm Mass Cuppa after Mass

New Lay Ministry Coordinator: We welcome Belmira D'Souza as our new Lay Ministry Coordinator. Belmira has started with us this week. Please make yourself known to Belmira at Mass and make her welcome.

Belmira's email will be layministry.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Project Compassion 09 & 10 March

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training. Those ministers who must renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years include:

Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, Adult altar servers, Mass Coordinators, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Sacramental Program leaders, Care & Concern Visitation and transport volunteers, Home Communion & Nursing Home Communion Ministers, WOW Senior's Ministry & RCIA team, St Vinnies members, counters, Office admin, musicians & choir members.

The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>.

Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Readings for next weekend:

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

The Season of Lent

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. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to run the weekly Reflection and Stations of the Cross.

Lenten book: A Resurrected Life - Daily reflections for Lent \$5

Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation Monday 18th March 7pm



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)

St Patrick's Day Celebrations: Our March gathering for WOW will be on Wednesday 20th March from 10am to 12 noon celebrating St. Patrick's day and all things green, come dressed up if you wish. Morning tea, raffles and lucky door prize. RSVP to the Parish Office.

Vinnies News: We have a new family in our district who needs help. A mum and two girls need a fridge, a washing machine and a large bookcase. If you can help please call Brian 0419 992 294. Thanks.

St Peter's Coffee Get-Together: Our next gathering will be on Easter **Monday 1st April** at 10.00am at "More" at Springwood Mall (near Woolworths). All are welcome. Come and join us.



RCIA update: We are fortunate to have such an active RCIA program. During March we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for 4 people at the 9am Mass this Sunday 10th March and the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Sunday morning for Linh Huynh. Linh will have a Rite of Acceptance and Election at 6pm Mass Saturday 16th March. Please keep all 5 of these people in your prayers.

St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:

Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 commencing with Mass at 10.30am with Bishop Tim Norton. Please mark this date in your diaries! A big thank you to all those who contributed to this book. Submissions have now closed. Looking forward to reading all our history and memoirs in May.

Those who have died: Peter Ribaldone, Phillip Thelan, Margaret Masters, Marie Foley, Kerr Richards

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Carol Stewart, Edward McCormick, May Timkoe, Ray Bennett, Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith, Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerlake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

William Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Mel Singh, Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Kathy Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello.

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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**FAITH MATTERS: Fourth Sunday in Lent –
Laetare Sunday – Mothering Sunday**

During Lent, the colour of the priest's vestments and the altar cloths is purple – except on the Fourth Sunday in Lent. On this day the church pauses the somber tone of Lent for a day of celebration and joy. The priest's vestments and the altar are Rose in colour (sometimes mistaken as pink, but Christ aRose from the dead at Easter!) The day's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting on Isaiah 66:10-11: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

The joy of Easter being around the corner is symbolized in a few other interesting liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar. But on Laetare Sunday (as well as solemnities and feasts within the season), there's a temporary halt to these penitential observations! Similarly, marriages were traditionally forbidden during Lent, but Laetare Sunday is still a fitting day for those wishing to be married before Eastertide.

Laetare Sunday is sometimes also called "Mothering Sunday" when Christians have historically visited their mother church — the church where they were baptized.

"Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. Psalm: I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 @rochedaleyouth

Seeking volunteers or beneficial ideas on growing our youth ministry: Do you have a passion for promoting the Catholic faith to our young people? Do you have any great ideas for ways to engage our primary school, high school and young adults? Are you a parent or grandparent or a young adult yourself who would like to be involved?

Please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au



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: 16th&17th March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Anne Fry
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Jonathan Vigor	David Crowley
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Megan Philpott 2. Pauline Angus	C. Megan Carroll 1. Bob Burns 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Sharon Fong	Anne Scanlon Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Joan D'Netto Stephanie Lenihan	Vicki Routidge Kate Guy Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5: Janice Mason, Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis & Jackie Leema.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 17th March 6pm Mass: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White.			
This week 10th -16th Mar.		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	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:**

Mark Connolly 0434 147 835

♥ **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

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In order to Inspire Inclusion, we first must invite inclusion. We need to get to know each other by name, to share stories and build ties. Only in this way can we move forward, assured that our parish is not only viable but a place that nurtures and sustains us. By coming together at Mass and for other gatherings, we have a chance to interact so that we can embrace our commonalities, understand our differences, and build new ways to move forward together. There is an old African saying "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together". When the invitation comes to include others and to be included in the "Open Circle of Friends", step forward eagerly to come and see, in the knowledge that, together, *we can "do good, and do it well"* *Mary Ward* *Social Justice Group.*

Entertainment Memberships: You can purchase a 3, 12 or 24 month Entertainment Membership for Brisbane or for multiple cities. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Logan Deanery Fun Day 1st Sept: 2 parish volunteers needed for the organising committee. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

The Catholic Leader: In 2024 The Catholic Leader has moved to an individual subscription distribution model. Readers will need to take out individual subscriptions and will receive the newspaper delivered to their door. A Yearly Subscription will be \$65. Subscription envelopes available on the table near the doors in the church where you will find the last copies of the Christmas edition.

Grocery donations: Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.

Around the Archdiocese

Lent 2024 with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes: Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>. Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Lenten Concert Series: The Cathedral of St Stephen, Thursdays at noon 14th & 21st March. Free admission

Living Liturgy: Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents *Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*. Wednesday 13 March 2024 7:00pm – 8:45pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral) 60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat, 20 minute Q&A \$10pp (or \$8pp for bookings of five people or more) For more information and to register, contact Liturgy Brisbane W: www.liturgybrisbane.net.au E: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au P: 07 3324 331

The Sacraments: Module 3 of the two year Catholic Formation Program, *The Sacraments*, is to commence on Monday 15th April. Once again St Declan's hall at Daisy Hill Parish will be the Hub for the Logan Deanery. Each of the four Modules is a stand-alone Module and so you do not have to have completed Modules 1 and 2 to do Module 3. There is a cost involved but please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

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