

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."

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 10th September 2023

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Justice System to Follow

The Justice system is very difficult to handle. It tries to bring justice to people as quickly as possible but sometimes it is very difficult to follow. While courts certainly provide one way of settling our conflicts, Jesus provided nearly two thousand years ago another set of simple rules to settle conflicts, which we find in today's Gospel. I notice that his very first advice, i.e., "if your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over," is rarely followed. In our case, whenever there is a conflict or someone has wronged us, our first reaction is to either get angry or get hurt, and then find ways to get even with that person or group. And the next thing we are found doing is criticising and speaking against that person or group to everyone we meet. Instead of solving the problem, it makes the situation worse for both sides. But if, at least as Christians, we were to follow, with openness and truthfulness, the simple piece of advice Jesus is offering in the Gospel, our conflicts can be solved right then and there. And indeed, how nice it would be to have it all done in private without the whole world getting to know about it.

But supposing that does not work, Jesus then proposes a second simple step, which is, "if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" Of course, as mentioned above, openness and truthfulness are the two most important things to be remembered while settling issues, and one often faces a real problem here. Each party thinks that his/her side is right and that it is the other person who is wrong. The person who has already committed the wrong might even take a stand that the two or three witnesses, the wronged party is brining with him/her are going to support the opposite side.

And therefore, Jesus cleverly offers a third simple step to resolve our conflicts. He says, "if they still refuse to listen, tell it to the Church; and if they refuse to listen even to the Church, treat them as you would treat a pagan or a tax collector."

Jesus is offering us wise and practical advice to deal with our interpersonal relationship problems or even other issues like property and wealth. But how many of us care to take these simple steps to settle our family or neighbourhood, or other types of problems? Jesus' advice of telling it to the Church" does not necessarily mean that we need to go to the Bishop or the Parish Priests, religious and retired elders or members of the parish Council who can and should play this role on behalf of the Church.

Reflecting as Christians about the world, which has already so many problems of its own and where objects are valued more than persons, our effort and indeed our role should be that of healers and peacemakers. "Blessed are the Peacemakers...." said Jesus during His sermon on the mount. But, before being healers and peacemakers, we need to be healed and be at peace with ourselves.

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In our parish this week: September 2023

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
8.00am Mass 7.00pm PPC meeting	8.00am Mass led by the school children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting	St John Chrysostom 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross No Mass Parish Office closed	Our Lady of Sorrows 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 3 Schoolchildren	St Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Cuppa & chat while you wait on the Church Verandah – for all school & parish mums & dads, grandparents & anyone picking up children from school this **Thursday 14th September from 2.30pm.**

Looking forward to seeing you then.
St Peter's Care & Concern Ministry



Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:

We wish Josephine Cullen all the very best in her new adventure and thank her for all of her tireless efforts to build up our Lay Ministry Groups.

We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. Anyone who would like more information on applying for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Ministers roster October - December

Those who minister in any way at weekend Masses, please advise any dates you will be unavailable for the next roster which will run from Saturday 30th September to Sunday 31st December. Yellow slips are available at the main doors of the church for you to advise us.

Alternately, you may email any dates that you are unavailable to Julie in the Parish Office at stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

New Ministers needed! Would you like to be a Minister of the Word, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion or help us with the Audio Visual during Mass? Please also contact the Parish Office. Training provided.

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed on Thursdays.**

New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Thank you to those who have made generous donations to help with the \$1500 cost of these purchases for the parish. The entire cost has now been covered!! Thank you all!!

Readings for next weekend:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

Annual Catholic Campaign: Thank you to all those who have contributed. If you would still like to donate, bring the envelope back to Mass or use the online options on the envelope.

Safeguarding Sunday: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Safeguarding Commitment: The Archdiocese of Brisbane has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: All parishioners are invited to take part in the celebration of Migrant and Refugee Sunday at the **9am** Mass, on Sunday 24th September, followed by morning tea. We will be doing our usual entrance procession with our many flags.

What to bring: (If you come from another country)

- Plate of your traditional **food** to share at the morning tea
- A **greeting of welcome** in your traditional language stating your country of origin on A4 paper and decorate it with photos if you can.

Dress: (if you can) in your **traditional cultural costume**.

We are also looking for people to read perhaps one of the readings or a Prayer of the Faithful in your native language.

Please contact the Parish Office if you can help with this.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Catholic Leader September issue available in the church this weekend. \$4 each

Those who have died: Fukuichi Hirakawa (*Kevin McMahon's father-in-law*), David Robinson, Stuart Layt, P.J.Paul (*Rani's father*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham, Mercia Rance, Barry James Elmes, Frank Neilsen, John Potts, Hilda McCormick, Terry Gallagher, Julia Jordan, John Brownlee, George Jonas, Phil Kerslake, Stephen O'Brien, Rodrigo Jebamalai, Harry McKenna, Frist Jansen, Sean McCormick, Walter Donohue, Kathleen Pettiford, Ben Steffens, Kenneth Breuer, Christine Weverink.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Ray Parker, Kerriane Meulman, Dawn Evans, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Lien Pham(Maria), Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Steph & Les O'Gorman, 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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WOW - Wise Owl Wednesdays: St Peter's group for over 65s
 Next gathering: **Wed 27th Sept 10am - Book & plant swap**
 October gathering will be on **Friday 6th October** to the Logan Seniors' **"Big Day Out"** and Judy Garland Tribute show. Bookings essential for this event. Please RSVP to the Parish Office asap for both events on 33414421 or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

♥ **Youth Update** ♥
New members always welcome!

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St Peter's Parish values our young people and for several years has supported a paid position of Youth Ministry Coordinator to facilitate the growth of this important area of our parish. Parish resources have been spent on Youth Ministry Coordinators' wages, but the desired growth has not been seen, although the Youth Coordinators have been trying different things to make it more effective. Therefore, we announce the termination of the paid ministry of Feba and Shenelle as Youth Ministry Coordinators. The parish is indebted to them for all the efforts that they have put in. We thank both of them for all the works that they have done trying to reinvigorate the youth in the parish.

FAITH MATTERS: The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

The 15th of September marks the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, (sometimes referred to as Our Lady of Dolours) and on which we participate in the Catholic devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

The heart that resembles that of Christ more than any other is without doubt the heart of his mother, Mary. Traditionally in art, the heart of Mary is depicted in a wide variety of ways. Probably the most poignant way is when Mary is depicted with the seven wounds or seven swords, in remembrance of her seven sorrows. It highlights the pain which Mary felt at various stages throughout her life. Pain is indeed very hard to cope with. It can come from many sources, but it is perhaps most punishing when it attacks us through a loved one. For Mary, to see her beloved son suffer and die in front of her eyes was the deepest of pain any human can experience.

Though the scenes of the Seven Sorrows vary slightly, the seven most commonly depicted are: the prophecy of Simeon foretelling Mary's suffering; the flight into Egypt to escape the killing of the infants; the loss of the child Jesus in the Temple, in which Mary and Joseph lose Christ for three days; Mary's meeting with Christ carrying the cross to Mount Calvary; the crucifixion itself; Mary taking the body of Christ down from the cross; and finally placing the body of Christ in the tomb.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

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 Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Jonathan Vigor	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alina George 1. Volunteer 2. Sheree Mae Marfil	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. Edmund Lai
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Shelagh Ballment	Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis Anne Scanlon, Del Reynolds Deseree Quan	Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier Anne Fry
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Volunteer	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, John Viola, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after 9am Sunday Mass 17th Sept: Rashelle Johnson, Anne Scanlon & Rosie Bertolacci.			
This week 10th - 16th Sept.		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	Counting: Marcos' 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

Flowers to decorate the church: If any individuals or families would like to donate flowers to decorate the church especially for weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office. One or 2 bunches of flowers please, would be lovely each week. If you would like, we can specially remember your family or loved ones in prayer during the Mass.



Columban Calendars for 2024 have arrived. You can purchase your copy from the SVDP Piety Stall for \$10.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held on **Wednesday 4th October** at 10.00am. **Please note the change of day and venue.** The cafe is called the **Flying Pepper Cafe** at 120 Kate Court, Rochedale (Rochedale Estates).



Around the Archdiocese

Season of Creation Mass and Discussion: Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC), are hosting a Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen this Saturday, 9th September, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass is followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre) from 7pm to 8pm.

Going Deeper is a ten-session online series of video discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we will dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?'

Going Deeper can be undertaken at any time and at the pace of each participant and will run for several months at a time. Going Deeper has a new feel in 2023 with each session running at approx. 30 mins.

To register for the course, go to <https://www.goingdeeper.org.au/> Registrations will remain open until the end of September.

Call to Global Mission with Palms Australia: Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

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RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

Calling all Singers: Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be part of a massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral on Friday 29 September at 5:30pm as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane. Archbishop Mark will preside at this special Mass which will be attended by bishops, clergy, religious and lay conference delegates from around the country. Please complete the registration form at <https://lbsurvey.weebly.com/conference-cho-risters.html> where you will be able to download the list of music tracks. For enquiries phone Liturgy Brisbane on 3324 3321.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples along with family and friends are invited to Mass at 11.30am on Saturday 30th September at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. RSVP by 22nd September to 3324 3030 or cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

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. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

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