

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September 2022

Readings: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

Safeguarding Sunday

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on September 11. This Sunday is to reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. Below is the second part of a homily prepared by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ based on the readings for this Sunday. Enjoy reading. Fr Baiyi

The readings of this Sunday are about the attitudes needed in our Church if we are to keep children safe. The First Reading from the Book of Exodus 32:7-14 is part of a story of Israel's lack of seriousness and of God's patience. It stresses the need for constant self-reflection. God had freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and, through Moses, was shaping a community built on worship and awareness. While Moses is with God on the mountain, the people forget God and make a gold idol to worship. Moses then pleads with God not to cancel out the people for their fickleness. On Safeguarding Sunday, the story suggests how great is the sinfulness of a community that allowed the abuse of children to go unaddressed for so long, how seriously we must take the protection of children and how firm God's commitment is to the community despite our sinfulness.

The Second Reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy 1:12-17. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christian community in Ephesus. The letter describes how a faithful life should be conducted in the community. In this passage, Paul stresses the seriousness of following Jesus by describing his own life. His calling took him from being a blasphemer driven by rage to the discovery of God's love in Jesus. He emphasises the importance of attending both to our sinfulness and to the even greater love and forgiveness of God. On Safeguarding Sunday, this reading urges us to keep before our eyes the horror and betrayal of sexual abuse and of our failure to notice and respond to it, while recognising that from repentance we will experience more deeply God's love. Paul's way is the opposite to moving on.

The Gospel reading from Luke 15:1-32 also looks at the way we see God and at the attitudes that should animate us as Christ's community. These attitudes are set against those of Jesus' critics who complain against his eating with sinners. The complaints indicate that the critics believe that they themselves are not sinners. Jesus tells stories that look at the question from God's point of view. The shepherd who goes into the scrub to search for a single lost sheep doesn't ask how the sheep came to be lost. Nor does the father, who longs for the return of a son who has wasted the hard-built security of his father and brother and now returns to find board and lodging, think about his son's guilt. Both shepherd and father simply rejoice in being reunited with what they had lost.

On Safeguarding Sunday, the Gospel reminds us how attentive we should be to people in need, including those who have separated themselves from the community. It indicates, too, the level of care we ought to have for children in the Church and the seriousness with which we should observe the safeguards. The Parable of the Prodigal Son also points to our special responsibility to seek out and welcome people who have been abused as children in the Church. Any financial cost we might bear as a Church in compensating them for the abuse they have suffered in our care is insignificant compared to the gain if they again find a home in Christ's church. The Gospel is about big-heartedness.



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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."



September		In our parish this week
Mon	12th	8.00am Mass 10.00am Coffee Get Together 7.00pm RCIA
Tue	13th	St John Chrysostom 8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting
Wed	14th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 6.30am Mass 7.00pm Pivotal Players - Bartolome de las Casas
Thu	15th	Our Lady of Sorrows No Mass
Fri	16th	Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Sat	17th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	18th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass - Childrens Liturgy 11.30am Tongan Mass 6.00pm Mass

Pivotal Players: The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....**7pm Wed 14th September**

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 12th September at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South



Those who have died: Queen Elizabeth, Wally Vanek Snr, John Drew, Clare Conway, Delle Conway, John Winnacott, Alma Minton, Doreen Towne, Milja Atanatovic, Sr Cecilia Anning

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

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

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Josephine Cullen, Harriet Ling, Erika Meerwald, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye and Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, 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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Readings for next weekend:

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

Memorial Wall Expansion Project: Building work for the construction of the new Memorial Wall and Garden will commence on 19th September. Due to Workplace, Health and Safety requirements, there will be **strictly no access** to the Memorial Wall area and surrounds during the construction period, which is anticipated to end in early October. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Garden Working Bee: In preparation for earthworks for the Memorial Wall expansion project a working bee will be held this Saturday morning 10th September to try to save, pot or relocate many of the plants in the garden. Willing gardeners, please gather from 8am on Saturday.

Wedding Anniversary Mass: The PPC has arranged that all married couples will receive a special blessing at all three Masses this weekend. Please join us at the Masses and for a cuppa after each Mass. Please remember these couples in your prayers that they may enjoy many more happy and healthy years together.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9am Mass this Sunday but will then will take a break for the school holidays.

Date Claimer: Bishop Tim Norton SVD will pay an episcopal visit to our parish on 7th, 8th and 9th October. Bishop Tim will celebrate weekend Masses and meet with various parish ministry groups. Details to be advised. During that weekend, on Saturday 8th Oct, we will have a **blessing of pets** at 3pm on the lawn beside the church.

Safeguarding Children & Adults-at-risk: On this Safeguarding Sunday we reprint the QR codes for the Archdiocesan Surveys. If you have not already completed the survey, we encourage you to do so.

Online Child Safeguarding Survey (5 – 12 years) Parents and Guardians may wish to assist children in completing the survey and explore their responses if needed.



Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults) This survey is seeking information from parish workers and parish congregations/communities, and should take less than 1 minute to complete.



Faith Matters – Prayers

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace." Mother Teresa

Through prayer we acknowledge God's power and goodness along with our own need and dependence. Prayer is an essential ingredient in all our efforts for a better world and for our own inner peace.

Reflecting in prayer empowers us to grow in confidence that whatever life may bring we are loved unconditionally by our Creator.

For Catholics, praying together clarifies our relationship with one another within the bigger context of our relationship with God. By gathering together to pray 'in the name of Jesus' we are part of 'the body of Christ'. This links us to others beyond those physically assembled in the one place.

Prayer of Serenity

O God, give me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Glory be to God

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/prayer/prayers/>

Faith Enrichment Ministry

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. You can purchase a single city (\$69.99) or Multi City subscription (\$119.99) which gives access to 21 cities across Australia and New Zealand. Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/-fundraiser/2224e97>

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Adoration will be on in the church at 6pm on Friday night, **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Young adults, after adoration we will be heading out for a free dinner! Venue TBA.

High schoolers, youth group is back on SUNDAY at 7pm in the Parish Centre! This week we will be focusing on social justice! Come along for free food and a great time!



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: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 17th & 18th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alina George 1. Feba Baji 2. Alan Vigor	C. Bob Burns 1. Marissa Boyles 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Ann Maree Collier	Jim Nathan Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan	Cesarina Gigante Diane McKeone Jo Cullen
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Ihsan
Cleaning Group 3: Julie and Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after Sunday 6pm Mass: Jodie Baigent, Lynn White.			
This week 12th - 18th Sept		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: 0412 267 337

♥ Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

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♥ Evangelisation Task Group Facebook

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

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Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

Safe and Supported

**SAFEGUARDING
SUNDAY 2022
SEPTEMBER 11**



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 where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support,

so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Season of Creation 2022 - Listen to the Voice of Creation *The Season of Creation, from 1st Sept - 4th Oct, is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.*

For the followers of Christ in particular, this luminous experience reinforces our awareness that "all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being" (Jn 1:3). In this Season of Creation, we pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the "grandiose cosmic choir" made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God.



Let us join Saint Francis of Assisi in singing: "Praise be to you, my Lord, for all your creatures" (cf. Canticle of Brother Sun).

Let us join the psalmist in singing, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" (Ps 150:6).

(from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation on September 1)

Around the Archdiocese

Golden Weddings Mass - 2022: The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 24th September @ 11:30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more, are invited to attend, together with your family and friends. The Cathedral car park will be available. RSVP: Wednesday 21st September, 2022

email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; or telephone: 3324 3030

Multi Cultural Mass Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass. The Mass will commence at 2.30pm on **Sunday 25th September** at St Stephen's Cathedral in observance of World Day of Migrant and Refugees (25 September), highlighting this year's theme, *Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow. For more information or to register, head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM22>

The Cathedral Seminars: A Church of Saints & Sinners What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience in this seminar as we explore why and how we look to the saints and the significance that they have on our lives as Catholics. Thursday 29th September from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane). Cost: \$10pp RSVP: Tuesday 27 September

Parking will be available under the Cathedral (access via Charlotte St) and refreshments will be provided on arrival to help those who came straight from work.

Register now at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-September>

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