

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale 4123

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12th February 2023

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Yad Vashem

In January I had the privilege of travelling to Jerusalem to study at Yad Vashem with forty other teachers from around Australia. Yad Vashem is an amazing place of learning and discovery. The words 'Yad Vashem' come from the Book of Isaiah (56:5): "To them will I give in my house and within my walls a memorial and a name. I will give them a Yad Vashem-an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off from memory." So it is both a name and a memorial. The memorial is for the six million Jewish people murdered in The Holocaust. There is an extensive Holocaust Museum onsite as well as an International Studies centre (where I spent my days) and beautiful grounds with many memorials of different types that have been very thoughtfully planned and created. However it was the idea of names that touched my heart most as I undertook my learning journey there.

In the museum there are nearly three million testimonies from people who survived The Holocaust and in these documents there are over five million names. There is a beautiful hall of names in the museum with images of men, women and children, and surrounding the walls are folders with their testimonies. Throughout Yad Vashem, names are on each artwork, each building, each memorial and on many buildings throughout wider Jerusalem. The honour given to names, family and remembrance is most outstanding.

I was reflecting often on how important names are to each of us. The care that parents take when naming children is something that we can relate to as each of us has a name. I am sure that many parents have explained to children why their particular name was given to them. In families there are often names that run through generations. In Baptism, the priest names the person as they are baptised with water. So as I learned about The Holocaust, I thought of the importance of the sacredness of people, each with a name lovingly given to them and the saddest part of the experience was reflecting on those whose names disappeared, whose whole villages were destroyed, without any family left to remember them as a unique and loved human being. That is where Yad Vashem has a vital role to play in remembering and honouring all people. And we, too, can choose to remember and honour all people in the choices we make each day.



We come to this weekend's readings where the First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The readings help us reflect on true wisdom which calls us to the right course of action. True wisdom inspires us to make choices that are life giving and enriching. We are called to live justly with integrity and dedication. It is in this learning that my studies at Yad Vashem and my faith intersect.

Elizabeth Fort

Yad Vashem International Studies Centre



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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."



February		In our parish this week
Mon 13th	No Mass 10.00am Morning tea get together at Moonlight Bandit Cafe	
Tue 14th	Sts Cyril & Methodius 8.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word 4.30pm SVDP Meeting	
Wed 15th	6.30am Mass	
Thu 16th	No Mass 6.30pm Care & Concern Meeting	
Fri 17th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.15am School year Opening Mass 7pm PPC Meeting	
Sat 18th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 19th	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass	

Readings for next weekend:
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Masses this week: Fr Johny returns to us this week on Tuesday, hopefully much rested after his holiday. Weekday morning Masses will resume on Wednesday.
Tuesday 8am Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue this Tuesday 14th February. This will revert to the usual Mass with Children on 21st February on Fr Johny's return.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - during the 9am Mass each Sunday during school terms, is suitable for primary school aged children. The children and catechists leave from Mass for about 25 minutes to listen to the Word of God and partake in simple activities designed to give them a clearer understanding of God's Word. Parents are welcome to attend.



Lenten Books 2023: "Triumph" Short daily reflections, and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayers. Available now from the church or Parish Office \$7 each. More information later on Lenten Group Reflection meetings.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 13th February at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South. All are welcome.



Books for sale in the church or Parish Office
Break Open the Word 2023 - \$20 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.
Lenten Books: \$7 each
The Catholic Leader - February Edition available \$4



OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME
Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023: We will be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages from the 4th to 20th October 2023. If you'd like to receive an itinerary with indicative prices please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com As we need to provide registration forms and deposits to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.

Those who have died: Alan Camp, Lino Robazza, Mike Rothnie, Ray Kelley

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Peter Sparks, Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Rixon, Mary Woodhead, Dean Anderson, Allan Hopkins, Mary Gredden, Edna Mildren, Cyril Lamberth, M Luszczyk, Steve Hooiveld, Ken Chapman, Les Dawson, Josephine Cooney, George Hardy, Ricci Stein, Luke Timbs, Mohan Varghese, Tom 'Joe' Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards, Gwladys Wicks.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Margaret Woltmann, 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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Faith Matters:

During this week some of the readings talk about faith - the woman who only touched the cloak of Jesus and was cured, Jesus said "your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free of your complaint." Mark 5:24

The official whose daughter was dying. Jesus comforted him saying "Do not be afraid; only have faith." Jesus went on to restore his daughter to life. Mark 5:36

We are told if we have faith the size of a mustard seed that this is enough to move a mountain.

Pray about your own faith and ask God to increase your faith and to trust in Him.

Place your faith in the God who loves you unconditionally and will be there for you in your life.

There are people in your life who have faith in you. Think about how that makes you feel and how that empowers you to act. How does their belief in you affect the way you face life's troubles?

Have faith in yourself. Often not easy. Yet, with God's help this can enable you to *Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.* Micah 6:8

Prayer

Dear Lord. Help me to have faith in the God who loves me.

Help me to have faith in the people I encounter in my life.

Lord help me to have faith in myself. Amen

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Job Vacancy: Our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator Chloe has resigned. We thank Chloe for her efforts building the Youth Groups in our parish and wish her well for the future. We now have a vacancy for a Youth Co-ordinator. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office for a job description.

St Peter's has 2 youth groups: One for High School students and one for young adults aged 18 to 35 and both groups meet fortnightly for a variety of activities. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in more information about Rochedale Youth.



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: 18th & 19th Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Eric Quan	Megan Carroll
Readers	C. Brisha Jesuthansan 1. Peta Grandin 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Alina George 1. Megan Philpott 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. David Crowley 1. John Blake 2. Chloe Chivers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Anne Maree Collier	Alan Vigor Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Jo Cullen Helen Graczyk Diane McKeone
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk, Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sunday 9am 19th Feb: PPC			
This week 12th - 18th Feb:		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	Counting: Mike'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

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.



Logan Deanery Formation Morning for all Lay Ministers:

Every couple of years the Archdiocese requests that Lay Ministers, both new and existing, attend an in-service/formation. On **Saturday, 25th February 2023** there will be a morning facilitated by Michael Mangan, the director of Liturgy Brisbane, for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, liturgy teams and music teams. The morning commences at 9am for a 9.30am sharp start, concluding at 12 noon and will be held at Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden. This is a great opportunity for all the parishes in the Logan Deanery to take advantage of this formation. Michael has a wealth of knowledge in music, liturgy and aspects of ministry and makes the session so engaging. I hope you will all be able to make it on this morning. Please contact Jo Cullen if you are attending.

Invitation: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank will be hosting Bruce Downes (The Catholic Guy) from 2nd to 7th March for Lent Parish Mission and we would like to invite parishioners from nearby parishes to attend. There will be 2 session times each of the 4 days, 9.15am & 7.00pm. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for more information or contact Sunnybank Parish Office on 3345 3766 or via email sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic Foundations module 1: Catholic Theology in Context

At the heart of the new Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's offerings are the four core modules entitled Catholic Foundations. Catholic Foundations is designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. The modules will be spread across four semesters in 2023 and 2024.

The first module, Catholic Theology in Context, led by Shane Dwyer (*Evangelisation Brisbane Associate Director, Adult Formation*) will commence on Monday night 20 February 2023 at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary. This module introduces some key principles of the Catholic faith as we seek to understand more deeply who God is and who we are called to be in response to God. It will cover themes including:

The person of Jesus Christ	Understanding our baptism
A Catholic response to Scripture	Our life in the Trinity
Living our faith today	The Eucharist
Prayer	

To find out more, head to catholicformation.au
See Jo Cullen if you are interested.

Around the Archdiocese

Aboriginal Catholic Mass: Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm. The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

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