

# 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."

**Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

**12th March 2023**

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7    Romans 5:1-2, 5-8    John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

## International Women's Day 2023

Every year, on the 8th March, International Women's Day is observed. In some parts of the world women celebrate their achievements in social, economic and political spheres. In many other parts, women remain unacknowledged, side-lined or even enslaved, and must struggle for their dignity.

In 1995, the United Nations' 4th Conference on Women, held in Beijing, examined the status of women and mapped a path for a better future. The aim was to remove obstacles limiting female participation in all areas of life, so that they have an equal and full share in economic, social, cultural and political decision making. Thirty thousand women from 189 countries attended. For this occasion, Pope St. John Paul II wrote an amazing "Letter to Women". It began with thanks to all women because "Through the insight, which is so much part of your womanhood, you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic." However, the Pope acknowledged that Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged... they have been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude... resulting in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity. When it comes to setting women free from every kind of exploitation ... we have to go back to the attitude of Jesus himself.... Jesus treated women with openness, respect, acceptance and tenderness." The meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan woman in today's gospel, vividly portrays his attitude. (*John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42*) How have we heard and acted upon the example of Jesus today?

It is 28 years since the conference and the Pope's Letter. Yet social attitudes towards women have not changed significantly, if at all, in some parts of the world. Gender inequality remains one of the most pervasive forms of inequality worldwide. It denies women their voices, devalues their work and makes women's position unequal in every domain – in households, communities, nationally and globally. In January 2023, the World Economic Forum confirmed that women are disproportionately represented among the world's poor. The global gender pay gap is 68.1%. It might take up to 132 years to reach gender parity. And so, the theme for International Women's Day 2023 is Embrace Equity. Equity recognises that women and men often do not have the same starting point in many of life's activities. Adjustments need to be made with tailored resources and opportunities to overcome imbalance and deliver equality, fairness and justice.

Education is a basic human right. Yet only 49% of countries have gender equality in education. 129 million girls are excluded from schooling for a variety of reasons such as government restrictions, grinding poverty, violence and harassment in schools and a raft of dangers, including kidnapping, on the way to school. An alarming world-wide problem is the growing culture of violence towards women at home, at work and in public places. Even in our own country Australia, 50 women were killed by violence in 2022. Consider how family members and friends will be affected for the rest of their lives by these senseless killings. Furthermore, we need to think of our sisters in countries like Afghanistan and Iran. In Afghanistan women have lost all their rights to education, to the choice of work, to personal determination. They simply have to obey the commands of the male members of their families. Women in Iran are being arrested and punished for freedoms that we take for granted.

The challenges are enormous, the need for prayer and action undeniable. What part can you play?

*The Social Justice Group*

### In our parish this week: March 2023

Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th	Saturday 18th	Sunday 19th
<b>8.00am</b> Mass  <b>10.00am</b> Coffee Get together  <b>7.00pm</b> PPC Meeting	<b>8.00am</b> Mass with children  <b>10.00am</b> Lenten Session  <b>12.00pm</b> Home Communion Ministers meeting  <b>4.30pm</b> SVDP Meeting	<b>6.30am</b> Mass	No Mass  <b>Parish Office Closed today</b>  <b>6.30pm</b> Care & Concern Meeting	<b>St Patrick</b> <b>9.00am</b> Rosary <b>9.30am</b> Mass with Grade 6 students <b>11.30am</b> Funeral of Denise Gordon <b>7.00pm</b> Reflective Prayer <b>7.00pm</b> Youth Lenten group <b>7.30pm</b> Stations of the Cross	<b>7.30am</b> Gardening Working Bee  <b>5.00pm</b> Reconciliation  <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass for Sunday	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>9.00am</b> Mass with Children's Liturgy  <b>4.30pm</b> RCIA  <b>6.00pm</b> Mass

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

## 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.**

**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](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) asap.



## Readings for next weekend: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

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

Please note the **Parish Office will be closed** this Thursday 16th

**St Peter's Coffee Get Together:** Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 13th March at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Rd, Rochedale South



**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. Please contact Stephanie ([salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) 0413268860) if you are willing.

**Gardening Working Bee:** Saturday 18th March 7.30am - 9.30am. The Gardens need a tidy up, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. (Shovels, rakes, powered pruning tools etc.) Even if you can only attend for a short time your presence would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea will be provided. See you there



**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.

**Those who have died:** Denise Gordon, Raewyn O'Grady

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith, Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerslake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright.

**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 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.*



## PARISH OFFICE

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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

**'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.

♥ **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. This week's (12th March) topic: Reconciliation



**Faith Matters: Third Sunday of Lent**

Human life depends on water. If we think about the significance of water in our own lives we may be struck by the generosity of water: immersing, cleansing, refreshing, thirst quenching, life-sustaining. In our Christian tradition, water is a life-giving symbol of our baptism.

Reading John's gospel, it is almost as if the Samaritan woman and Jesus had a planned appointment at the well of Sychar. Pope Francis writes of their encounter as part of their need, their searching for more than thirst quenching water:

The outcome of that encounter by the well was the woman's transformation: "the woman left her water jar" (v. 28) and ran to the city to tell people about her extraordinary experience. "I found a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" She had found another kind of water, the living water of mercy from which gushes forth eternal life.

**As we make our Lenten journey we pray ...**

That we become free to witness to Christ in our prayer, our fasting and our alms-giving.

That we are encouraged to 'leave behind our inner water jar, the symbol of everything that is seemingly important, but loses all its value before the love of God'.

That we recognise Jesus as the living water who transforms us 'to worship in spirit and in truth.'

*Pope Francis Homilies Angelus 3 March 2014*

*Mother Hilda Scott OSB 'Triumph 2023' p37*

*John 4: 5-15, 19-26, 39-42*

*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: 18th & 19th March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Calista Jesuthasan	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alina George 1. Feba Baji 2. Sheree Mae Marfil	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. Chloe Chivers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Shelagh Ballment	Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis Anne Scanlon	Cesarina Gigante Diane McKeone Anne Fry
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ishan Laksmana	Rita Bishop
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Moore, Dona Thomas, Telesia Naupoto, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield & Kathy Winter.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sunday 19th March 9am: Anne Scanlon, Rachele Johnson & Tram Nguyen.			
This week 12th - 18th Mar:		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	Counting: Carl'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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

**OTHER PARISH CONTACTS**

**Care & Concern: Transport:** 0450 287 902

♥ **Co-ordinator:** Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ **Memorial Wall & Gardens:**

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♥ **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](mailto: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](https://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>



**Congratulations Josephine Cullen**, the guest speaker at the International Women's Day event organised by Catholic Mission.



## 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: Early bird is \$170pp | \$150pp for groups of 10+ (ends 12 March)**

After early bird is \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+ Find out more and register at [brisbanesummit.com](https://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.*

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# VISITORS' DAY

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023  
3.45PM

MacKillop Theatre followed by college tours.  
*The Thomas More Café will be open for afternoon tea.*

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