

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."

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

13th August 2023

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

Why did you doubt?

Faith is a leap into darkness is a very common saying in many places. "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.". After Jesus had gone indoors, the two blind men came up to him. He asked them, "Do you believe I can make you well?" "Yes, Lord," they answered. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

After feeding the five thousand people Jesus asked His disciples to get into the boat. He certainly has a clear purpose in His mind. He wants to further strengthen the faith of the disciples. What might have gone into the mind of Peter as he started walking on the water. He begins to sink the moment a doubt enters his mind. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus keeps emphasizing the importance and usefulness of having faith. All these point to the power of faith.

Why did you doubt? is the question Jesus asked Peter. The same question is being asked to us at various times, especially when we are passing through difficult moments and when we cannot find immediate solutions to our problems. We then begin to doubt both in the power of prayer and the mighty hand of God. Even in those moments, if we can just keep our ears and hearts open, we will hear Jesus telling us, "Why do you doubt?"

It is unfortunate that many of us spend so much time worrying and being anxious about things over which we have no control. Jesus has made things so easy for us by not only repeatedly telling us about the importance of faith but by constantly demonstrating what faith can achieve. My experience tells that it is far easier to preach about faith than to put it into practice. Although God has never failed me or many friends who approach Him in faith, when I was faced with the sufferings of my mother, my faith began to give in. The good news is that God being God, whether we approach Him directly in Jesus or the Holy Spirit or indirectly through the intercessions of Mother Mary, He never lets us down. He does things in His own time and in His own way. Are we not told in the Bible clearly, God's ways are not our ways.

Just as Jesus stretches out His hand to rescue Peter, His hand is always stretched out for us. He does the same for doubting Thomas. Please note that He will rescue us in spite of our doubts or unfaithfulness. That is God's nature. That is why Paul in his letter to the Romans writes, "who can separate us from the love of Christ?" As Jesus gave opportunities to his disciples to strengthen their faith in Him, He continues to do that with us every day. Let us not miss out on those beautiful moments.

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In our parish this week: August 2023

Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19	Sunday 20
St Maximillian Mary Kolbe 8.00am Mass	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00am Mass led by the schoolchildren 4.30pm SVDP Meeting 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed for Ekka Public Holiday 5.30pm Crossroads 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	No Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Care & Concern Meeting	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass Annual Catholic Campaign Collection at all Masses this weekend	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Youth Led Mass 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass Annual Catholic Campaign Collection at all Masses this weekend

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am on Wednesday 6th September at 120 Kate Court, Rochedale (Rochedale Estates).



Please note the change of day and venue.

Confirmation: 22 children from the Sacramental Program and 4 teenagers from the Crossroads RCIA received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Tim Norton SVD on Friday 11th August. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy: We are looking for some people to help on Sundays with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Mass. Training and resources are easy and we will provide this.

Parish Dinner: Saturday 2nd September from 7.15pm at Club Southside. **Living in Faith Together:** this is a great night to get to know each other from the different Masses in our parish. A night of fun filled friendship. Tickets are \$50 per person and include 2 course meal. Free lucky door prize. Tickets on sale after Mass. Please book as early as possible. Numbers must be finalised and payments made by 25th August.



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.



New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Fr Johny has purchased a new monstrance and a set of Nativity figures for our outside crib - total cost is around \$1500. Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated to help with the cost to the parish for these items. Cash donations should be placed in a clearly labelled envelope in the weekend Mass collection or brought to the Parish Office. Electronic payments also welcome. Thank you to those who have already made generous donations!

Those who have died: Audrey Parratt, Anna Alsters

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Elizabeth Ritchie, Malcolm Pereira, Margaret Fagan, Giovanni Gottardo, Joseph Tsang, Stanley Burgess, Daniel O'Brien, Moya Carter, Marie Peters, Margaret Fagan, Giovanni Gottardo, Joseph Tsang, Stanley Burgess, Daniel O'Brien, Stanley Marais, Moya Carter, Marie Peters, Margaret Smith, Maria Wlodarczyk, Ambrose Sullivan, Stanley Marias, Margaret Elliott, Alonzo Lynch, Gregory Chin, Colleen Craike, Catherine O'Brien, Luke Barber, Leslie Vincent Doyle, Laura May Gow, Lil Atkinson, Jim McKenna, John Kennedy, Alma Minton, Milja Atanovic, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Joan Routledge.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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, P.J. Paul, 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.



Readings for next weekend:

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

RCIA- Rite of Welcome: This Sunday 13th August at 9am Mass we will celebrate a Rite of Welcome for Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen. In October 2022 Jessie and Ken began their RCIA journey towards full communion with the Catholic church. Jessie and Ken came to our parish seeking a Christian community. They attended the Alpha Program in 2022 and expressed a desire to participate more closely in our community. Jessie and Ken have faithfully participated in the RCIA process, attending Mass regularly with their daughters. We welcome Jessie and Ken as they continue their faith journey in preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15th August:

There will be 2 Masses this day to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation: 8am which will be a Mass led by the children and 7pm. All welcome.



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)

Next WOW gathering will be on Wednesday 30th August 10am in the Parish Centre for BINGO! Mark this in your diaries. Open to all those over 65. Bring a friend.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 19 - 20 August: We all play a vital part in supporting the critical, local Catholic ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign. Thank you! This one annual collection replaces multiple collections in the past. This campaign supports The Priests Foundation looking after our retired priests, the Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare Pastoral Ministries and the Mary MacKillop Learning Fund. Please prepare yourself to give generously next weekend, 19th and 20th August.

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♥ Youth Update ♥

New members always welcome !

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Please contact our Youth Ministry Coordinators, Feba & Shenelle using the contact info above, for information about Rochedale Youth.

Primary School Youth Group On most Sundays 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass. Next gathering this Sunday 13th August.

Youth Led Mass: Next Sunday 20th August 9am Mass. Please let our Youth Ministry Coordinators, Feba and Shenelle, know if you would like to take an active role in this Mass.

Young Adults - Q&A with Fr Johny after the Youth Mass

FAITH MATTERS:

Why Celebrate the Lowly Wife of a Tradie?

Miriam, who bore a son who was to be named Yeshua, in the distant town of Bethlehem, must have had a beautiful heart, deeply immersed in God.

Unlike many other accounts of people who had encounters with angels, Miriam was not scared at the appearance of Gabriel - indicating such a deep spiritual awareness and closeness to God that she seemed almost to take it in her stride. Scripture's only mention of her being perturbed was at the mention of her having a child, apparently with a haste that did not accord with her unmarried state.

Yet she did not, even in her youthfulness, tell the angel to come back in a couple of weeks' time, when she would have had time to take in more of what it would mean for her life, and have an answer ready.

No, she flowed straight into her acceptance of what Gabriel said was God's plan for her life, readily taking on the role of a very humble and very loving servant of God, even though she must have been somewhat bewildered in the midst of this dramatic event.

Miriam's heart had to have been so caught up in God's Spirit that she was able to allow that Spirit to lift her up and carry her forward into an amazing adventure, though fraught with so many unknown challenges.

Her response contrasts immensely with that of the First Woman, Eve, in honouring God's will; and her mothering of the young Yeshua must have been filled not only with wonderful, self-less love, but with a great ability to communicate God's heart to her son; and knowing Yeshua's heart, to be confident in saying, "Do whatever he tells you." Is it any wonder that God would take her earthly body straight to heaven?

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: 19th & 20th Aug	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Jo Cullen	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Eric Quan	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Marissa Boyles 1. Neil Ballment 2. David Crowley	C. Alina George 1. Megan Philpott 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Sharon Fong 1. John Blake 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Shelagh Ballment Lyndal Bray-Claridge Deseree Quan	Alan Vigor, Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan	Megan Carroll, Helen Graczyk Jo Cullen & Kate Guy
Musicians	Ihsan	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield, John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass on the 20th: Helena Cha, Marnier & Stephanie Lenihan.			
This week 13th - 19th August		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

Scam warning There is a scam going where people receive text messages or emails from various priests, including Fr Johny, asking for money urgently. **Do not respond or follow any links in these messages.** These are malicious messages. Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 19 - 20 August:



CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness, to those in prison, and to hospital chaplaincy. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.

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Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.

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Around the Archdiocese

Catholic Foundation Modules: The second module of the Archdiocesan Centre for Formation, *Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures*, is open for registrations. The first unit is not a pre-requisite for the second, so all are welcome to register for module two even if they haven't yet completed module one.

For those who live beyond the Brisbane region, there is an option to register as a regional hub where you can gather locally and participate together via an online link.

When: 7pm, Mondays starting 21st August

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo

Cost: Individual \$250 | \$150pp for groups of 5+

Find out more and register at catholicformation.au

Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement Launch 2023: The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday, 23rd August.

Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Date: 7pm, 23 August 2023

Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023

Information Session on Marriage Annulments:

There will be an information session on marriage annulments in the Catholic Church, given by staff of the Regional Tribunal for Queensland. What is an annulment? Who needs one? What's involved? FAQ's answered and the chance to have your own questions answered.

Tuesday 22 August 2023, Mary Immaculate Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley (parking adjacent), 7:45pm.

Enquiries to tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3033.

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VISITORS' DAY COLLEGE TOURS

SATURDAY
19 AUGUST 2023
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The Thomas More Café will be open for morning tea.

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