



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale 4123

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

15th January 2023

Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Behold the Lamb of God

Today is the beginning of the public life of Jesus. Christmas is over, the child is grown up, the child becomes a man, and the man is baptised in the waters by John the Baptist, a sign of his oneness with all of humanity, that he is indeed the Messiah but he is true God and true man.

Today, we see John the Baptist testifying that Jesus indeed is the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus is walking by him, and John, seeing him pass by, says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." He doesn't say, "Behold, the Messiah" or "Behold, the Son of God" but he says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Lambs are very important to a shepherded people and, of course, we think of the lamb most of all when Jesus says that he is the shepherd, and the lambs hear his voice and follow him. But this is not what John has in mind. What John has in mind is something much deeper, something much more important.

He is telling his disciples that this is the sacrificial lamb, offered at the time when the people were under the slavery of Egypt. And the lamb was offered that terrible night and its blood was placed upon the doorposts of all the children of Israel and the lamb became the sacrifice by which all of them were freed. This is the lamb who is the sacrificial lamb. This is the Messiah who does not come with great armies. This is the Messiah who comes to us as a sacrificial lamb and, as John says, who offers his whole life that sins might be forgiven.

Jesus tells us today that he is the Lamb of God. It means... of course he is the shepherd, and we are the lambs. And that's what it means: that we too become the Lamb of God. We become the sons and daughters of God or, as it says in the readings today, the children of God. And that means that our lives have been changed, for there's no such thing as a lack of forgiveness in understanding God. God is only understood by love, and that is why the theologians teach us to sin is not to do something, it is to fail to do something.

And the one thing that God calls us, each day, and we live with Jesus who teaches us how, each day, the one thing is that there is only love and, if we sin, we take ourselves out of the one thing that is necessary for our heart and our soul and our lives, which is the fullness of God's love, flowing through us and to each other.

Finally, I am very grateful to each one of you for celebrating my Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee last week and the warm welcome that you gave to me. It was wonderful. I will be going to India for holidays from 12 January to 14 February.

Let us continue to pray for each other. May God bless us.

Fr Johny Ouseph Edapulavan CMI, Parish Priest



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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."



January		In our parish this week
Mon	16th	No Mass
Tue	17th	No Mass St Anthony
Wed	18th	No Mass
Thu	19th	No Mass
Fri	20th	9.00am Rosary No Mass
Sat	21st	St Agnes 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Celebrant: Fr Frank Jones)
Sun	22nd	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass (Celebrant for both Masses: Fr John Gillen)

Readings for next weekend:
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)
 Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23


Fr Johny: Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI, our new parish priest, has joined us though he has now headed off on his holidays. Fr Johny will return to St Peter's in mid February, well rested. Please keep him in your prayers.

There will be no weekday morning Masses whilst Fr Johny is away. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our regular weekday Mass goers.

We welcome and thank Fr Frank Jones, Fr Ashley Warbrooke and Fr John Gillen who will between them be celebrating the weekend Masses whilst Fr Johny is away.

This weekend, Fr Frank Jones will celebrate 6pm Saturday Mass and Fr Ashley will celebrate both of the Sunday Masses. Please make these priests welcome this weekend.

Help needed to pack up the church Christmas lights & decorations from **9.30am this Saturday 14th January**. We have the crib, lights, tree and tinsel to pack up and store for next year! Many hands make light work, so we hope to see you there! Some people with ladder confidence required for the Christmas lights. Please come along and lend a hand.



Australia Day: This year our Australia Day celebrations on Thursday 26th January will be a Liturgy of the Word celebrated by Deacon Gerard Lai at 9am. We thank Deacon Gerard for coming to St Peter's to celebrate this Liturgy with us. We will follow the Liturgy with our usual Aussie themed morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Attention young men in our parish! Exodus 90 Program: a number of young men from the Parish Youth Group will be engaging with the Exodus 90 Program - a Catholic Program of Prayer, Asceticism and Fraternity. Any men under the age of 30, if you are interested please get in touch with Sam Chamberlain via email: schamberlain431@g-mail.com.

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.

God's Word 2023 - \$15 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2023 plus daily reflections. Only 2 copies left!!

The Catholic Leader - The Christmas Edition has finally arrived! \$4 Many great stories to read, even if it is a little late for Christmas!!

One final copy of the December edition still available - \$4 (Gerard is on the cover!)

Those who have died: Cardinal George Pell, Bernadette Connolly (*Mark's mother*), Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Li Shaofang (*Fr Baiyi's aunt*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan, Valda Long, Stan O'Gorman, Rita Poynting, Brendan Fagan, Thelma Armstrong, Thomas Hamill, Alfred Warwas, Clara Heckelman, Marie Spinks, Donald Irwin, Mary Clive, Charlotte Campbell, Bill Hawkins, Pamella Brown, Jessie Bess, Bert Flanagan, Hilary Maloney, Sr Agnes Lyng, Elso Ghidella, Tim O'Neil, Mary Bakker, Christopher Harding, Muriel Tonneli, Hetty Kloeckers, Wayne Webb, John Moy, Sharron McKenna.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Ray Kelley, 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: Do you jump to conclusions?

One thing I have to repeatedly pull myself up for is the tendency to make assumptions about other people, based on their appearance, attitude, words or actions.

When someone cuts me off on the road or merges without giving way, I tend to see them not only as a bad driver, but as a bad person, with a bad, selfish attitude. It's obvious, isn't it?

However, if I draw on God's grace to review my reactions, I have to admit that I really know nothing about the **driver** except that he/she did something I considered wrong. The trouble is, even if I am completely right about the legality or safety of the driver's actions, I have no idea what **caused** the person to do what they did. I don't know their circumstances or motivation. It may even have been the only time that person ever did such a thing. I have to admit **I just don't know**. It is not my place to condemn another. I don't have the necessary insight, never mind the right. I need to give them the benefit of the doubt, forgive them, hold nothing against them, and ask God to bless and draw them to himself. That's what God's heart calls us to do: forgive others as he has forgiven us.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Saints with Feast Days this week:

St Anthony: Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

St Agnes: Died at Rome, perhaps in the early fourth century. One of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. According to early accounts, she gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ.

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Youth will be taking a short break over the Christmas holidays, but we will be back on 4th and 5th February for young adults and high schoolers!

Happy New Year everyone! Have a safe and happy holidays!
God Bless, Chloe

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 Chloe 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: 21st & 22nd Jan	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Arthur Leow	Jo Cullen
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Helen Graczyk 1. Cecilia Lai 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Julie Hondroudakis	Megan Carroll John Blake Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Ihsan Laksmana	Carmel	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Julie & Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After 6pm Sunday Mass 22nd January: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White			
This week 15th - 21st January: Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam 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

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♥ Evangelisation Task Group Facebook

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

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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

RIP Cardinal George Pell: Cardinal George Pell passed away in Rome this week. You can read the article "Vale Cardinal George Pell" by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on the Archdiocesan website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/vale-cardinal-george-pell/>

Catholic Foundations module 1: Catholic Theology in Context
The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's four core modules entitled 'Catholic Foundations' are 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 and cover theology, scripture, sacraments and mission.

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.

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

St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands October 2023:

If you would like to join us or to receive more information, please contact **Stephanie Lenihan** at salenihan@hotmail.com or mobile: 0413 268 860. Numbers need to be finalised so please contact Stephanie asap.

Make and offer on items in the LOST PROPERTY BOX

The items in the Lost Property Box in the church are up **FOR SALE**.

The proceeds will be given to St Vinnies.

No reasonable offer refused. Please check out the multiple umbrellas, water bottles, platters and containers now for sale on the table on the verandah at Mass this weekend.

Around the Archdiocese

Podcast Series on Great Characters of the Bible: This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture.

Subscribe to the podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

Episodes available now: 1. Abraham 2. Moses 3. David
4. Jeremiah 5. Peter

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We invite you to share your thoughts on how you access Catholic content in our survey.



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