

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH



Rochedale Springwood

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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."



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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17th March 2024

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33

A Call to Dying to Self and Others

Right from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday, the Church reminds us of all profound truths of life and death, leading us ultimately to eternal life. The great philosophers, like Plato, Aristotle, Socrates were Greeks. Greece was then known to be the centre of knowledge and wisdom. Paul was keen on preaching to the Greeks and that is why he went to Athens and preached not only at the Areopagus but also in Corinth, Galatia, Thessalonica and so on. Interestingly, it is from this great world that we find people approaching Jesus' disciples to see Jesus. This certainly indicates that something great is in the offing though nothing more is heard of their meeting with Jesus. One wonders then why John introduces the Greeks in today's Gospel, except to say that they have come to celebrate the Passover feast, the most important Jewish festival.

What is worth noting is that, instead of meeting the said Greeks, Jesus bursts into something quite serious, and begins to speak about the dying of a seed to produce fruit. Jesus says that my hour has come and I am troubled now. These are rather strange words, considering the Passover is a joyful festival to celebrate freedom from Egyptian slavery.

The dying of the seed to bear fruit is simply a reference to Jesus' own death, and means His hearers understand that only dying can produce fruit. While revealing that about Himself, Jesus tells His hearers about the futility of trying to preserve one's life. That is why He adds immediately, whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. It is indeed important for us to understand that, when a grain is not planted, it remains alone. It has practically no use, except for its own existence. But if it must produce fruit, it has no choice but to die first. Let us remember that God could have surely saved the world by other means than letting His Son die. Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, will save it."

Denying oneself seems one of the most difficult things for us, because all the time we want more and better things that we think give us status, comfort, and pleasure. And Jesus' call goes beyond merely denying oneself but like the grain, a call to dying. This profound truth about death and dying also disturbs Jesus at first. He says, "I am troubled now", and in another place, He prays, "Father, if it is possible, take away this cup from Me..." But what makes Jesus go ahead is the confirmation He and all the others received after He has prayed, "Father, glorify Your name." The voice comes from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. It is as good a time as any to reflect and see how we have spent nearly five weeks of Lent. What new insights did we get? What does denying ourselves or losing or preserving one's life really mean?

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In our parish this week: March 2024

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Sunday 24
St Patrick 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation	St Joseph 8.00am Mass with children	10.00am-12.00pm WOW - St Patrick's Day Celebrations 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 4 children 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	8.30am Folding Palm Crosses 10.30am Ministry Coordinators' meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9.00am Mass with Palm procession and Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>Cuppa after Mass</i> 6.00pm Mass

Project Compassion 16 & 17 March

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

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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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Final Friday of Lent 22nd March:

Lenten Reflection 7pm & Stations of the Cross 7.30pm.

Communal Second Rite of Reconciliation this **Monday 18th March at 7pm** with 2 priests.

Palm Sunday 24th March

Palm Cross Folding: Saturday morning 23rd March from 8.30am on the verandah in front of the Church.

Please come along, even for a part of the time.

All are welcome. Thank you, this is a lovely tradition in our parish.

Procession with palms at 9am Mass Sunday 24th.

Musicians & choir practice Mon 25th March at 7pm.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 28th March Mass **7.00pm**. *Please note this is an earlier time than in previous years.*

Good Friday 29th March

10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil Saturday 30th March Mass **7.00pm**

Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday 31st March Mass **9.00am** only
Volunteers needed for all Easter Masses, especially the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass. Please email the Parish Office if you can be involved.



Readings for next weekend:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

Entrance into Jerusalem: Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

New Lay Ministry Coordinator: We welcome Belmira D'Souza as our new Lay Ministry Coordinator. Belmira started with us on 4th March. Please make yourself known to Belmira at Mass and make her welcome. Belmira's email address is layministry.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. Ministry coordinators will have a chance to meet Belmira at morning tea on Saturday 23rd March 10.30am



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)

St Patrick's Day Celebrations: Our March gathering for WOW will be on this Wednesday 20th March from 10am to 12 noon celebrating St. Patrick's day and all things green, come dressed up if you wish. Morning tea, raffles and lucky door prize. RSVP to the Parish Office.

Vinnies News: We have a new family in our district who needs help. A mum and two girls need a washing machine, curtains and a blind. If you can help please call Brian 0419 992 294. Thanks.

St Peter's Coffee Get-Together: Our next gathering will be on Easter **Monday 1st April** at 10.00am at "More" at Springwood Mall (near Woolworths). All are welcome. Come and join us.



RCIA update: We are fortunate to have such an active RCIA program. Last weekend we celebrated the Confirmation of 4 people. At 6pm Mass this Saturday 16th March Linh Huynh will celebrate a Rite of Acceptance and Election in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Sunday morning. Please keep all of these people in your prayers.

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Those who have died: Peter Ribaldone, Phillip Thelan, Margaret Masters, Marie Foley

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

May Neilsen, Len Torrens, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Mary Nicholl, Betty Settler, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Bill Crowley, John & Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Alice Chin, Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Oliver Bunn, William Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Mel Singh, Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Kathy Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello.

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: Fifth Sunday in Lent – Reflection on the Dying Seed

Today's Gospel relates to Jesus telling his audience of Greek visitors amongst other things that the seed needs to die so that it may flower again and produce a rich harvest. Of course, it is Jesus referring to his own death and resurrection but there is a good message in that picture for us personally as well.

In this passage Jesus tells us that anyone who clings on to this worldly life as we know it, will lose their life in eternity with Him. He promises that God the Father will honour those who serve Jesus and follow Him.

Despite His own very soul being troubled by what was ahead, Jesus tells us that his coming death being "lifted up" on the cross was to save us and glorify God's name. God the Father responds with a loud voice and clap of thunder affirming Jesus.

We must ask ourselves, what in our lives needs to die so that God may be glorified. What of the world's life do we need to die to, so that we might serve our Saviour and gain the life that will mean eternal life with the Father Son and Holy Spirit in glory.

We are promised that in dying to the world we will spring up to produce a rich harvest for the Kingdom.

We Pray, that we may have the discernment to know what in our lives must die, so that God may be glorified and we may produce a rich harvest of other lives knowing the saving grace of Jesus.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 @rochedaleyouth

Seeking volunteers or beneficial ideas on growing our youth ministry: Do you have a passion for promoting the Catholic faith to our young people? Do you have any great ideas for ways to engage our primary school, high school and young adults? Are you a parent or grandparent or a young adult yourself who would like to be involved? Please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au



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: 23rd & 24th Mar	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alina George 1. Caitlin Marfil 2. Sheree Mae Marfil	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Anne Scanlon Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Alan Vigor Stephanie Lenihan	Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier Anne Fry
Musicians	Tim Hondroudakis	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 24th March 9am Mass: Cristy Vecchio & Bernie Vecchio.			
This week 17th -23rd Mar.		Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Marco's'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

Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:

Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024. Please mark this date in your diaries! A big thank you to all those who contributed to this book. Submissions have now closed.

Plans for the big day:

- * Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton.
- * Followed by a light lunch in the Simon Peter Centre.
- * The lunch, provided by the Parish, will be catered.
- * We need to identify the number of people attending both the Mass and the lunch. Mass numbers will determine where we hold the Mass, either in the church or the Simon Peter Centre in the school grounds.

Lunch numbers are required for catering purposes.

A number of options for this purpose includes an Orange coloured book located at the front door of the church.

A Trybooking site has been established for this event.

T book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWJP>

A QR code will also be operating for the formal invitations.

We will keep you up to date via the weekly newsletter with our plans as they evolve.

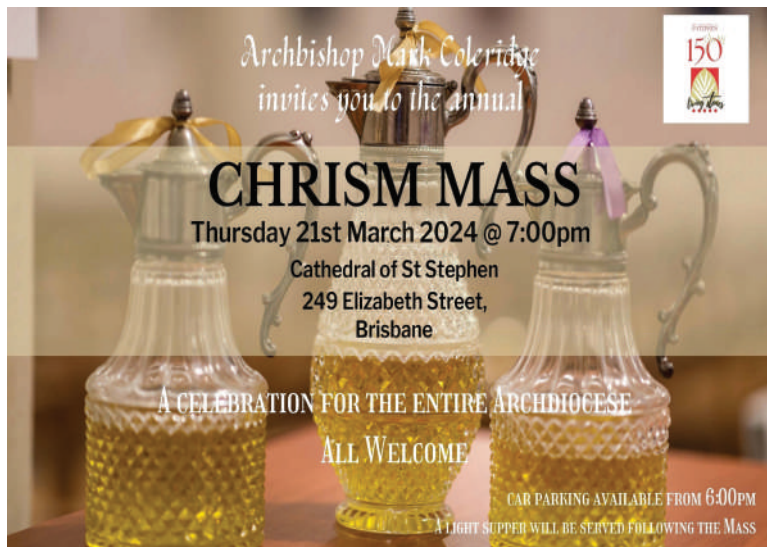
Bob Burns

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<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Logan Deanery Fun Day 1st Sept: 2 parish volunteers needed for the organising committee. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

Grocery donations: Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

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CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

150

Around the Archdiocese

Lenten Concert Series: The Cathedral of St Stephen, Thursday at noon 21st March. Free admission

The Sacraments: Module 3 of the two year Catholic Formation Program, *The Sacraments*, is to commence on Monday 15th April. Once again St Declan's hall at Daisy Hill Parish will be the Hub for the Logan Deanery. Each of the four Modules is a stand-alone Module and so you do not have to have completed Modules 1 and 2 to do Module 3. There is a cost involved but please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

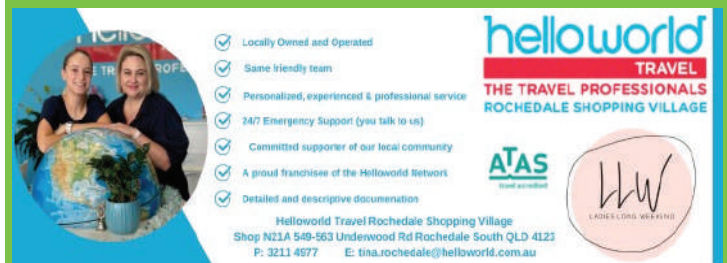
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