

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."

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 17th September 2023

Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

“To err is human but forgiving is divine.”

We live in a world that is full of conflict, injury, and pain. Crimes against humanity and heinous atrocities make us shudder. Threats of nuclear war and random acts of terrorism are rising. We have struggled throughout history for justice and peace, for fairness and freedom, for tolerance and harmony. Still the suffering goes on: violence breeding more violence and exploitation escalating seemingly beyond remedy.

Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to forgive the other. Peter proposes a reasonable number of seven times. But Jesus replies not just seven times, but 70 times seven. So, if we go by this Gospel, is Christ asking the mother to forgive the drunk driver who killed her child? Is He asking us to forgive every Judas who has ever betrayed us? I would like to distinguish between crime and sin. You punish crime and you forgive sin.

Some years ago, Saint Pope John Paul visited Ali Agca, the man who tried to assassinate him. He held his hand and forgave him, but he did not ask for his release. The Pope forgave the sin within the crime. Now I would ask you to think is there anyone in your life who will not forgive you? What about the people who will not forgive us? The people we may have wounded. We can do one of the two things, we can nurse our guilt, turn into ourselves, and destroy ourselves or else we can turn to Jesus. Jesus steps into the place of those we have hurt, and he tells us – all is forgiven. When people will not forgive, Jesus will. When people cannot forgive, Jesus will. When people are unable to forgive, Jesus will. The Gospel tells us the Shepherd left 99 sheep to look for the lost or, in the Gospel of the Prodigal Son, when the son repented, the Father went to meet him and gave him hugs and kisses and said, “all is forgiven.”

Some of us need to forgive and others need to be forgiven. The beauty of the sacrament of confession is shown here. It is the place Jesus has set up where you and I are reconciled to the Father. “Go in peace, your sins are forgiven.” If you find it hard to forgive, remember the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu who lived with apartheid. He said “sometimes the victim has to forgive in order just to live. You cannot carry around resentment forever, sometimes for our own sake, we just have to let go.”

Our mission is to forgive, and to reveal the forgiveness of God in and through Jesus Christ. We learn to be a forgiving and inclusive Church – a Church that does not marginalise people on account of their estrangement for any reason. It is a Church that dialogues, that accompanies, that encourages, that engages with people’s struggles, wounds, and failings. We do so with respect, empathy, compassion, and humility. Today more than ever, we are called to make this ecclesial inclusiveness for all of our brothers and sisters. Thus, in this time, we should do well to heed the words of our Lord: “What I desire is mercy, not sacrifice. For I have come to call not the righteous, but sinners”.

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In our parish this week: September 2023

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Sunday 24
8.00am Mass 7.00pm PFC meeting	8.00am Mass	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	St Matthew No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i> 6.30pm Care & Concern meeting	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina 10.30am Ministry Leaders meeting 11am Morning Tea to thank Jo 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Multi Cultural Mass followed by morning tea 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

WOW - Wise Owl Wednesdays: for over 65s

Next gathering: **Wednesday 27th Sept 10am**

Book & plant swap



October gathering will be on **Friday 6th October** to the Logan Seniors' "**Big Day Out**" and Judy Garland Tribute show. \$20 covers bus and show. Bookings essential for this event. Pick up a flyer with more info. Please RSVP to the Parish Office asap for both events on 33414421 or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:

We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. Anyone who would like more information on applying for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Ministers roster October - December

This is the **last weekend** for those who minister in any way at weekend Masses to advise any dates you will be unavailable for the next roster which will run from Saturday 30th September to Sunday 31st December. Yellow slips are available at the main doors of the church for you to advise us. Alternately, you may email any dates that you are unavailable to Julie in the Parish Office at stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. Rosters will be finalised and emailed **this week**.

New Ministers needed! Would you like to be a Minister of the Word, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion or help us with the Audio Visual during Mass? Please also contact the Parish Office. Training provided.

Ministry Leaders Meeting and 'Thank You Jo'

Morning Tea: Ministry Group leaders or their representatives are invited to attend a short meeting at 10.30am Saturday 23rd September in the Parish Centre. We will follow this with a morning tea at 11am to give everyone a chance to **thank Jo Cullen** for her years of service as Lay Ministry Coordinator. Others welcome to attend.

Readings for next weekend:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Matthew 20: 1-16

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: All parishioners are invited to take part in the celebration of Migrant and Refugee Sunday at the **9am** Mass, on Sunday 24th September, followed by morning tea. We will be doing our usual entrance procession with our many flags.

What to bring: (If you come from another country)

- Plate of your traditional **food** to share at the morning tea
- A **greeting of welcome** in your traditional language stating your country of origin on A4 paper and decorate it with photos if you can.

Dress: (if you can) in your **traditional cultural costume**.

We are also looking for people to read perhaps one of the readings or a Prayer of the Faithful in your native language. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help with a reading or if you are willing to bring some food. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Peter's Memorial Wall and Gardens: Our Memorial Wall and Gardens upgrade is now complete. To simplify discussion, Fr Johny has decided to name the different areas after saints. The original Memorial Wall is to be known as St Peter's Wall; the new wall is to be known as St Paul's and the Memorial Garden will be the St Francis of Assisi Garden. Reservations can now be made in any of the 3 areas by contacting our Memorial Wall Coordinator, Mark Connolly on 0434147835 or you can contact Julie in the Parish Office. Prices to reserve a niche are as follows: Single niche \$500. Double Niche \$750. Plaques are arranged and paid for separately prior to the inurnment of ashes of the deceased.



Thank you very much to all those who kindly volunteered to assist the **Care & Concern Ministry** at the weekend. We are most grateful. May God Bless you all. You will be contacted in due course. Volunteer forms are available in a yellow folder on the table at the back of the church for those of you who may wish to volunteer. Please place completed forms in the grey post box (inside beside the main church doors.)'
Lynn White

Those who have died: Fukuichi Hirakawa (*Kevin McMahon's father-in-law*), David Robinson, Stuart Layt

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Rodrigo Jebamalai, Harry McKenna, Frist Jansen, Sean McCormick, Walter Donohue, Kathleen Pettiford, Ben Steffens, Kenneth Breuer, Christine Weverink, Gwendoline Gough, John Probert, Sylvia Rappensberg, Charles Murray, Kathleen Davis, Valmai Waterson, Jack Fox, Les Dwyer, Audrey Hussey, Elizabeth Severein, Roy Boyland, Wilfred Howell, Marilyn Croft, Ricquard Lyster, Ann Ryan, Gus Mitchell, Walter Blattman, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, 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, 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.



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

Grocery donations: Thank you to those who have been bringing in your donations of non perishable grocery items to help those less fortunate in our local area. St Vinnies have helped 12 households with 19 children in the past fortnight alone! Some suggestions: long life milk, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, pasta, sauce, cleaning products, toiletries.

♥ **Youth Update** ♥
New members always welcome!

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St Peter's Parish values our young people and for several years has supported a paid position of Youth Ministry Coordinator to facilitate the growth of this important area. Parish resources have been spent on Youth Ministry Coordinators' wages, but the desired growth has not been seen, although the Youth Coordinators have been trying different things to make it more effective. Therefore, we announce the termination of the paid ministry of Feba and Shenelle as Youth Ministry Coordinators. The parish is grateful to them for all the efforts that they have put in trying to invigorate the youth in the parish. The parish will look for a new model of youth engagement. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any beneficial ideas.

FAITH MATTERS: St Matthew

Saint Matthew, also known as Levi, holds a significant place in Christian tradition as one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus Christ to spread his teachings. Matthew's life and ministry are primarily chronicled in the New Testament of the Bible, particularly in the Gospel of Matthew, which has been attributed to him.

While the Gospel of Matthew has traditionally been attributed to the Apostle Matthew, modern scholarship leans toward the view that it was written by an anonymous author from the late 1st century. The question of authorship remains a subject of scholarly debate.

Traditionally believed to be a tax collector before he became an apostle, Matthew's encounter with Jesus marked a profound turning point in his life. He heeded the call of Jesus, leaving behind his tax-collecting duties to follow the path of discipleship. This transformation symbolizes the transformative power of faith and the message of redemption central to Christianity.

Tradition notes his ministry in Judea after which he supposedly missioned to the East, suggesting Ethiopia and Persia. Legend differs as to the scene of his missions and as to whether he died a natural death or a martyr's. Matthew's relics were reputedly discovered in Salerno (Italy) in 1080. His symbol is an angel, and he is a patron saint of tax collectors and accountants.

His feast day is celebrated on September 21st in the Western Christian tradition.

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: 23rd & 24th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Peta Grandin 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Megan Philpott 2. Eric Quan	C. Megan Carroll 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Carl de Mello	Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis Alan Vigor, Del Reynolds Stephanie Lenihan	Vickie Routledge Malcolm Carroll Anne Fry
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Jackie Leena, Brian & Janice Mason			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after 6pm Sunday Mass 24th Sept: Jodie Baigent, Lynn White			
This week 17th - 23rd Sept.		Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	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

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



Our Lady's Grotto: Fr Johny would like to know parishioners' thoughts on relocating the grotto with the statue of Our Lady to the front of the church to make it more visible.

Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) Needs YOU!

Do you have a heart for local mission – reaching those literally in your own backyard? Why not consider going back to school in 2024? In Queensland State Schools we have the wonderful privilege of being able to volunteer to teach children within the Christian Religious Instruction program. Volunteers from many different Christian denominations form a team to teach CRI at Rochedale State School. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible and share the gospel message clearly through our curriculum which has full lesson plans, student workbooks and online resources. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, 3 online training modules, a Blue Card and a letter from our parish priest.

We always need and welcome new volunteers of all ages and all walks of life to our group and I can confirm that it is such a rewarding outreach ministry of our church. Maybe you would consider joining us?

If you would like more information please contact our CRI coordinator Sonia Kenny or myself, Rita Bishop.

Sonia Kenny soniajkenny@gmail.com or 0422 068552

Rita Bishop ritajbishop@yahoo.com or 0408154751

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. If you would like, we can specially remember your family or loved ones in prayer during the Mass.



The Catholic Leader September issue available in the church this weekend. \$4 each

Columban Calendars for 2024 have arrived. You can purchase your copy from the SVDP Piety Stall for \$10.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held on **Wednesday** 4th October at 10.00am. **Please note the change of day and venue.** The cafe is called the **Flying Pepper Cafe** at 120 Kate Court, Rochedale (Rochedale Estates).



Around the Archdiocese

Going Deeper is a ten-session online series of video discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we will dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Going Deeper can be undertaken at any time and at the pace of each participant and will run for several months at a time. Going Deeper has a new feel in 2023 with each session running at approx. 30 mins. To register for the course, go to <https://www.goingdeeper.org.au/> Registrations will remain open until the end of September.

Multi Cultural Mass: 2.30pm Sunday 24th September at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow. RSVP: app.ticket-ets.org.au/eb/MCM23. All are invited and all are welcome!

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples along with family and friends are invited to Mass at 11.30am on Saturday 30th September at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. RSVP by 22nd September to 3324 3030 or cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

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St Peter's Online Order Page is

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

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