

# 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."

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th June 2023

Readings: Exodus 19:2-6 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

### Are you looking for God?

Are you looking for God? That is the challenge and invitation. God invites us to seek the Kingdom. In the past, the work of evangelizing was regarded as belonging only to bishops, priests and religious. The lay people were expected to just say, 'amen' and to 'pray, pay and obey.' One writer compared our Church, many years ago, to a ship. The captain of the ship was the Pope. The officers were the bishops, and the crewmembers were the priests. What was the role of the lay people? The lay people were viewed as paying passengers. They had no active role in the ship which is the Church.

Jesus saw that lots of people are looking for God and want to follow God, Jesus tells us that the harvest is abundant. Jesus has compassion for the crowds. He decides to send out His twelve disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, and proclaim the good news. Jesus instructs His disciples to freely give what they have received, encouraging them to serve others with love and generosity.

Once again in the Gospel we see God's love in Jesus: At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. The great thing about God's love is that it has specificity. God's love is not so general that you cannot see it; God's love for us is expressed in specific ways that we can see. So, when Jesus was moved with pity for the crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd, he appointed twelve apostles and sent them out on mission to cure the sick. The apostles were the specific way in which Jesus showed his love for these people.

One of the many specific ways in which Jesus shows his love for us is through the priesthood, the gift of priests to his Church. One of the distinguishing marks of the Catholic Church through its bishops goes right back to Jesus and the apostles whom he appointed. Bishops, priests, and deacons are specific signs of the love of God for us. They remind us that God has not forgotten us. While the entire Church is called to be "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own," the twelve apostles were ordained by Jesus during the Last Supper to serve the priesthood of the faithful, all the baptized, and the bishops of the Catholic Church with their assistants the priests.

The great sin of the Old Testament was forgetting God's love when a time of hardship came. It is also our sin. God does love us, and God's love for us is expressed in specific ways that we can see—one being the gift of the priesthood to the Church. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

*Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI*

**Next weekend we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day, the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul, at all Masses. Come along to celebrate with us. Stay for cuppa & cake after the 9am Mass. Cake only after the evening Masses - no cuppa.**

### In our parish this week: June 2023

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
<b>8.00am Mass</b>  <b>7.00pm</b> Sacramental Program Parent Info Meeting re Confirmation	<b>8.00am Mass</b> with school children  4.30pm SVDP Meeting	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>  <b>6.30pm</b> Adoration  <b>7.00pm Mass</b>	<b>St John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>  No Mass  <b>5.00pm</b> Young Adults Dinner & chat at Mi Casa Cafe	<b>9.00am</b> Rosary - in the Parish Office Meeting Room  <b>9.30am</b> Whole School Mass for St Peter's Day - all welcome	<b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>  <b>5.00pm</b> Reconciliation  <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>Sts Peter and Paul</b>  <b>9.00am Mass</b>  4.30pm RCIA  <b>6.00pm Mass</b>

**Gerard's Ordination:** All Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Gerard Lai at St Stephen's Cathedral, Thursday 29th June at 7pm, Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend this inspiring ceremony. It looks like we will have sufficient numbers to hire a bus. Please contact the Parish Office so we can make sure we know all who are interested in coming along.

**Next weekend:**

We will be celebrating our parish feast day, the **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**, instead of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings for next weekend:**

**Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19**

Ministers of the Word, please check your inbox this week for the readings to practise for next weekend's Masses.

**Saint Peter's Pence Collection: Next weekend**

The Annual **St Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up as a Retiring Collection next weekend **24 & 25 June** at all Masses. This collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. This collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please come prepared to give generously of what you can afford.



**"Vinnies" Winter Appeal**  
**Sunday 18 June**  
 (after 9am Mass)

- ★ Raffles
- ★ Burgers and Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Lolly Bags
- ★ Quilts & Crafts
- ★ Barista Coffees/Tea
- ★ Cakes & Sweets
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Helium Balloons
- ★ Show Bags
- ★ Lucky Dips
- ★ DJ & Music
- ★ And much more!



**Winter Appeal this Sunday 10am to 2pm**

1. Please note that Cash is preferred for payment, as only limited Eftpos access is available
2. Donations of cakes, slices and sweets for the Cake Stall would be greatly appreciated. Please include a list of ingredients and deliver at **9am Mass on 18 June.**

**School Building:** The refurbishment of B block is finally complete. Craig Acret, principal of St Peter's Primary School will be offering a tour of the newly refurbished building if anyone would like to join in on Sunday during the Winter Appeal Fun Day.

**RIP John Donohue**

John passed away on 9th June and his funeral Mass was held here on 16th June. Whilst John has been ill in recent years, anyone who has spent some time at St Peter's would have met John. He was a true stalwart of the parish giving so much of his time and energy for the benefit of St Peter's in roles too numerous to list.

Thank you John.  
 We will miss you!



**Urgent:** A Catholic family in our parish is in need of **cheap housing locally** - contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**Those who have died:** Neville Capra, Maureen Flynn, John Donohue, Meryl Elliot Mitchell (*Raylee Burns' sister*), Kathy Seymour, Robert Fuchs, Alix Lesur

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Hector McLaughlin, H Wiltshire, Ann McKenna, Peter Nemesi, Lena Luton, Eileen Carter, Robert Kelly, Veronica Caligari, Beryl Hofmeister, Barry Swanson, Sr Catherine Cutliffe, Stuart Sarich, Sally Inglis, Margaret Gray, James Powis, Gregory Earle, Joan Bray, Vincent Luton, Ken White, Filippo Patane, Beryl Annie Camp, Raymond Bishop, John Fletcher, Stan Bennett, Mary Ann Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Jeanne Gallagher, Vince Henderson, Mary Tallon, David J.E. Harris, Agnes Brady, Joe Harry Holden, James Toy, & Valma Genn .

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:**

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), Harriet Ling, 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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## FAITH MATTERS: I Am Praying For You

Offering to pray for someone is not uncommon among those who share the Christian faith. It can be a great source of comfort to know that someone is taking the time to pray to God for you, especially in times of distress or at the loss of a loved one. When natural disasters or other tragedies strike, it is not uncommon to even hear politicians and civic leaders publicly declare they are keeping the affected people in their prayers.

But do you believe in the power of prayer? If you do pray, how do you feel when prayers seem to go unanswered? These are reasonable questions, and even people of great faith have difficulty in understanding God's will when their prayers aren't answered in the way they would hope.

The reality is that even when we are doing our best to keep our lines of communication open with God – through prayer – we are still sometimes unable to fathom why God does what God does! And at other times, in hindsight, God's plan becomes beautifully clear, and we grasp the why of what God has allowed to happen.

*Catholic Enquiry Centre (2023)*

*Excerpt from 'I am praying for you, please pray for me'*

*If you are on the journey of discovering more about prayer and God's will for you, we invite you to explore the **Discovering Prayer** section of our new website, *Becoming Catholic* <https://becoming.catholic.au/s/>. On this site you can also read about the person of Jesus, life in the Catholic community and find answers to frequently asked questions.*

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ [youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au) 📷 [@rochedaleyouth](https://www.instagram.com/rochedaleyouth)

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

**High School Youth Group** - Sunday nights 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Fun, food, friendship....Next gathering this Sunday 18th June.

**Primary School Youth Group** Sunday 2nd July 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass.

**Young Adults** - St Vinnies Winter Appeal this Sunday 18th then Dinner and chat on Thursday 22nd June at Mi Casa Cafe at 5pm.



### 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: 24th & 25th June	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Jo Cullen	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Sam Chamberlain
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	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Carl de Mello Joyce Lyster	Stephanie Lenihan Joan D'Netto Alan Vigor	Anne Fry Vickie Routledge Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Tina Nguyen			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No Cuppa this weekend.			
This week 18th - 24th June		Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Marco'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:

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ 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

## OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

### Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th-20th Oct 2023:

For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) asap.



**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.

Special promotion to celebrate Entertainment Publications 29th Birthday! Until 11:59 pm, Wednesday 21st June 2023 get \$29 off Multi City Memberships

St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

## Around the Archdiocese

### Engaged Encounter - Marriage Preparation Course - July 2023.

Engaged Encounter will have a live out weekend July 15 & 16, 2023 for couples at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognized Marriage Preparation Course within the Catholic Church. For more information kindly go to [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au)

or email [cee.brisbane@gmail.com](mailto:cee.brisbane@gmail.com) or call 0481 307 821

### Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration:

Register now for the National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September. It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place for three days of focussed input. In addition to 6 keynote presentations and over 50 workshops, there will be opportunities to engage in facilitated discussions, and to participate in the Conference Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer.

Register at <https://mysteryandmission.com.au>.

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**Queensland Care Alliance:** The Queensland Care Alliance are a non-religious volunteer group. We have members of diverse religious faiths, and members with no religious faith. Current members include experienced doctors and palliative care nurses. We think it is inevitable that VAD will reduce the quality of palliative care in relieving the suffering of most dying people, unless we take action.

Queensland Care Alliance is working towards the vision that every Queenslanders with a life-limiting illnesses will be valued, protected and able to receive high quality palliative care to relieve suffering.

We ask that people joining our group share our vision, and attend regular online meetings. More and more people are joining the Queensland Care Alliance, with a range of skills welcomed, including legal, IT, fundraising, organisational and health professional skills. If you are interested to help improve palliative care to ease the suffering of Queenslanders at the end of their life, please join our group.

Please contact via email [secretaryqldcarealliance@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryqldcarealliance@gmail.com) for more information.

## Grocery donations:

When you are able, please bring non perishable grocery items and place them in the baskets in front of the altar at Mass so that Fr Johny & St Vinnies can help families in need in our parish.

## Advertise Your Business Here

If you are interested in promoting your business in our community via our newsletter, please contact the Parish Office for pricing and more details.

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