

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale 4123

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19th February 2023

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Lent and Ash Wednesday: *"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"*

St. Ignatius of Loyola writes; *"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"* for the greater glory of God, shall be our motto for this lent 2023. The same message is given in the Divine Office where we read: "Let mind and heart be in your song: this is to glorify God with your whole self."

Famous Supreme Court Justice of the United States of America, Oliver Wendell Holmes, had the reputation of being absent minded. One day on a train ride out of Washington, Holmes was studying a pending case when the conductor asked for his ticket. The justice searched each pocket nervously, but to no avail. "Don't be concerned, Mr. Justice Holmes," the conductor said, "we know who you are. When you return to Washington, you can send us the ticket at your convenience." "Thank you, my good man, but you don't seem to understand the problem. It is not a question of whether I will pay the fare. The problem is I need my ticket to know where I am going." In our life too, due to our busy life we sometimes forget the purpose of our life. Lent is the time to re-schedule our life and re-orient it.

In T. S. Eliot's play, Murder in the Cathedral, Thomas Beckett is accosted by a temptation to martyrdom, that is to win fame and glory by death. When he realizes the nature of the temptation, he exclaims, "The last temptation is the greatest treason: to do the right deed for the wrong reason." A servant of God has chances of greater sin and sorrow, than the man who serves a king. For those who serve the greater cause may make the cause serve them. Beckett's words go to the heart of today's spirit. Giving alms, prayer and fasting, all good deeds, may be done for the wrong reason.

Temptations are bound to come. In the Bible we have two clear evidences of temptations: temptations that have changed human history. One taking place in an exotic garden (Genesis Chapter 3) and another in an arid desert (Matthew chapter 4). One in which the victims succumb easily to the tempter and in another the tempter fails miserably in his attempt. Temptation is always a matter of thinking that we can be happier without God's direction or help. It is an attempt to be self-sufficient, needing no one's wisdom or guidance.

We always begin the season of Lent with Jesus in the desert. We all need to go into the desert from time to time. Lent is a kind of little desert as we are encouraged to temporarily back away from a few of life's pleasures, pleasures that distract us from reflecting on the more serious sides of life.

As we smear ourselves with the ash let us remember that we are dust and to dust we will return, and we need to do penance before we go. Let us leave aside pride and self-importance. Let God be the one who is to be glorified through our life and may He be glorified. As St. John the Baptist said: "He must increase, and I must decrease." *"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"*

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

Date Claimer: Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at St Peter's on **Saturday 26th March at 6pm** during which Fr Johny will be installed as our Parish Priest. Please note this important event in your diaries.



PARISH PRIEST

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

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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."



February		In our parish this week
Mon	20th	8.00am Mass
Tue	21st	8.00am Mass with children
Wed	22nd	Ash Wednesday 6.30am Mass 9.00am School Mass 7.00pm Mass
Thu	23rd	No Mass
Fri	24th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Reflective Prayer 7.00pm Youth Lenten group 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat	25th	9.30am Liturgical Ministers formation at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	26th	First Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass

Readings for next weekend:

First Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Lets prepare for **LENT 2023: From Darkness to Light**

Ash Wednesday Masses: 6.30am, 9am which will be a School Mass (though parishioners are welcome to attend) and 7pm. Please note the evening Mass time is earlier than in previous years.

Project Compassion 2023: Pick up a donation box or pack of envelopes at Mass this weekend and support the work of Caritas.



Lenten Books 2023: "Triumph" \$7 each - contains short daily reflections, and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayers. Available now from the church or Parish Office.

Tuesday mornings: Lenten Sessions will be held each Tuesday of Lent at **10am** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Friday Evenings: Reflective Prayer from 7pm and Stations of the Cross from 7.30pm beginning on Friday 24th February. This weekly hour of Prayer, Reflection and Memorial will be held in preparation for the events of Holy Week.

Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 5pm

Pray-As-You-Go: Pathways of Prayer. Sat 25th March 9.30am to 12.30pm You are welcome to gather in the Parish Centre and St Peter's surroundings to consider ways to engage in prayer and reflection. Members of the Faith Enrichment Ministry will explore **Personal Prayer Choices, Times of Prayer and Avenues of Prayer**. There will be an opportunity for guided Personal Prayer in the Open Air. Elizabeth Fort will enrich our prayer experiences with a pathway through **Music and the Presence of God. Closing Blessing.**

A Refreshment Station will fortify your prayerfulness!

Weekday Masses will resume now that Fr Johnny has returned. Mon & Tues 8am, Wed 6.30am & Friday 9.30am.

Tuesday 8am Mass with children - children participate in the readings, prayers & singing. Parents & parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - during the 9am Sunday Mass is suitable for primary school aged children. The children and catechists leave from Mass for about 25 mins to listen to the Word of God and partake in simple activities designed to give them a clearer understanding of God's Word. Parents are welcome to attend.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023: We will be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages from the 4th to 20th October 2023.

If you'd like to receive an itinerary with indicative prices please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com As we need to provide registration forms and deposits to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.



Those who have died: Alan Camp, Lino Robazza, Mike Rothnie

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Tom 'Joe' Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards, Gwladys Wicks, Dick Quan, Mark Christensen, Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy, Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Brian Hallewell, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Step & 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.



PARISH OFFICE

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Faith Matters: Sunday before Ash Wednesday

This Sunday commences the week of Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. For Christians, the Ash Wednesday observance serves to remind us of the transience of all things of this world. In the end everything we have in this world comes to dust. We are marked with the ashes of the burnt palm branches which were blessed for Palm Sunday last year. It serves also to remind us that our Lord Jesus was once received with palm branches as Messiah only to be reviled and crucified by many of those same people within the week.

Carrying on our foreheads the mark of the ashes can provide us with a rich opportunity for witnessing to our faith in Jesus as others who do not understand the significance perhaps mention that we have a dirty smudge on our face. It should not be a moment of embarrassment but an opportunity to gently tell others of their significance and our belief in our Lord Jesus and the Good News he has for the world.

The season of Lent which follows then signifies a time of deep reflection which is enhanced by observance of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. It is a time to reorient and prepare ourselves to walk the road to Jerusalem and the cross with Jesus and subsequently to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. It is a solemn season but filled with hope because we know the end of the story already.

We pray, that we may draw closer to Christ in this coming season of Lent through our fasting, prayer and reflection as we walk with Jesus to the cross.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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

Youth Lenten discussion group: 7pm on Friday nights during Lent starting 24th February in the Parish Office meeting room - open to anyone from high school age to young adults.

Job Vacancy: Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office for a job description asap.

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 the Parish Office 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: 25th & 26th Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. David Crowley 2. Brisha Jesuthansan	C. Del Reynolds 1. Eric Quan 2. Jada Nathan	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jo Cullen Shelagh Ballment Sharon Fong	Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor Julie Hondroudakis	Vickie Routledge Jo Cullen Diane McKeone
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ihsan Laksmana	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Diane McKeone.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sunday 6pm: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk & Malcolm Carroll.			
This week 19th - 25th Feb:		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	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:

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♥ 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



Logan Deanery

Formation Morning for all Lay Ministers:

Every couple of years the Archdiocese requests that Lay Ministers, both new and existing, attend an in-service/formation. On **Saturday, 25th February 2023** there will be a morning facilitated by Michael Mangan, the director of Liturgy Brisbane, for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, liturgy teams and music teams. The morning commences at 9am for a 9.30am sharp start, concluding at 12 noon and will be held at Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 26 Macarthy Rd, Marsden. This is a great opportunity for all the parishes in the Logan Deanery to take advantage of this formation. Michael has a wealth of knowledge in music, liturgy and aspects of ministry and makes the session so engaging. I hope you will all be able to make it on this morning. **Car Pooling** from St Peter's can be arranged. Please contact Jo Cullen if you are attending.

Crossroads RCIA: Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet?

We have a fabulous program called **Crossroads**, starting in May, which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information.

Project Compassion Sunday: Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through the donation boxes and envelopes or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Invitation: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank will be hosting Bruce Downes (The Catholic Guy) from 2nd to 7th March for Lent Parish Mission and we would like to invite parishioners from nearby parishes to attend. There will be 2 session times each of the 4 days, 9.15am & 7.00pm. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for more information or contact Sunnybank Parish Office on 3345 3766 or via email sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic Foundations module 1: Catholic Theology in Context

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. This module introduces some key principles of the Catholic faith as we seek to understand more deeply who God is and who we are called to be in response to God. It will cover themes including: The person of Jesus Christ Understanding our baptism A Catholic response to Scripture Our life in the Trinity Living our faith today The Eucharist Prayer To find out more, head to catholicformation.au

**** These modules can also be done online via a **Hub at St Edward's Parish at Daisy Hill**. Contact Jo Cullen if you are interested.

Around the Archdiocese

Aboriginal Catholic Mass: Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.

To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm. The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration. Please join us for this occasion.

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Bonus offer: from 5pm Thurs 23rd February until 4pm Sat 25th February get **4 months free** membership added to any 12 or 24 month subscription purchased.

St Peter's Online Order Page

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



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