

# 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."

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

21st April 2024

Readings: Acts 4:8-12    1 John 3:1-2    John 10:11-18

## Jesus, The Good Shepherd

Some handicapped children were asked to make a drawing of their idea of God. One girl drew "an open door" because she always felt locked in; God was an open door to friendship. Another child painted "a foot" because he could not walk; he thought of God as joy, being able to walk and touch the grass with his toes. A third person sketched "a flower" for she believed that God is all beauty. Similarly, Christ gives himself the image of a "shepherd."

As our shepherd He knows each of us by name. We are precious to Him. Christ will not allow us to perish, come what may. People may sometimes give up on us, but never the Lord, for whether we live or die, we belong to him.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that we are His flock and that He is giving us eternal life, and no one will snatch us out of the Father's hand. He has promised all of us that we will have a high place in heaven. Jesus tells us just how much He yearns for each one of us. Sit with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and hear Him call your name. Journey within and listen to His soothing voice telling you that you already belong to Jesus: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."

We need to find our inner most place. There we will recognize the unique cadence and texture of God's way of speaking to us and calling us by name. The way into that place in our heart is through the door of our natural gifts. Listen to what our true friends say about us. Which gifts do they most often mention? These gifts express our essence, the "who" of us that cannot be taken away or lost.

The good news is that we belong to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In him we will find our way home. All we must do is listening to the voice of God. There is no question that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The only question that remains at this point is this: Do we know the Good Shepherd?

The good news is that we belong to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. In Him we will find our way home. All we have to do is listening to the voice of God. How we answer that question determines where we can expect to spend eternity. Our answer to that question will make all the difference between Heaven and Hell. If we know the Shepherd, then we can rejoice in the fact that He will ever be with us and that He will ever watch over us. If we do not know Him, then let us all to come to Him right now. We do not have to wait. Delay is dangerous. Come to Jesus today and He will save our souls. He will place us in the flock of God. He will save us and will give us a new life and a new birth. He is our good Shepherd who knows us and we are willing to die for the sheep.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

### In our parish this week: April 2024

Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27	Sunday 28
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with Children  4.30pm SVDP Meeting	10.00am-12.00pm WOW gathering in the Parish Centre  2.00pm School Anzac Day Service  6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	ANZAC DAY  9.00am Mass followed by Morning Tea  <i>Parish Office closed</i>	St Mark 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation  6.00pm Vigil Mass	Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 10.30am Holy Communion Preparation Workshop incorporating 2nd Rite of Reconciliation  6.00pm Mass

## Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



### Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Please mark this date in your diaries!

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the history book. It is with the printers.

### 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 at Mass.

A Trybooking site has been established for this event. To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWJP>

A QR code is also operating. Final RSVP date is 26th April. We will keep you up to date via the weekly newsletter with our plans as they evolve.

We plan to make the Mass a **Multi-cultural Mass** so would love participation from all of the different ethnic groups in our parish. Note your name on the list near the church doors if you would like to carry a flag in the procession. Please contact Fr Johnny or the Parish Office if you would like to be involved further in the Mass.

**Donations:** The cost associated with celebrating our 50th Anniversary, including the lunch and history book will be covered by the Parish, however we would very much appreciate any donations towards helping us cover the costs associated with our celebrations. If you would like to make a donation, options will be available on 19th May (cash or credit card) or you can donate online anytime to Rochedale Parish BSB: 064 786

Account number 100000067. Please note 50th anniversary in the reference. *Thank you.*

**Those who have died:** Claire Manuel

### Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Mary Ann Morris, Joan Potent, Roma Murray, James Gray, Jill Bayliss, Betty Cloherty, Stephen Chin, Anne Smith, Eileen O'Mara, Robert Finn, Benito Vicenzino, Alice Gillen, Apolonio Aguas, Arthur Young, Betty Armstrong, Elizabeth McCall, Hilda Laing.

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

Kevin Fry, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, 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.

## Readings for next weekend:

### Fifth Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

### Calling Parishioners with a Heart for *Laudato Si'* (Integral Ecology)

Are you interested in caring for our beautiful parish environment and exploring ways we can contribute to Pope Francis' call to action? The Archdiocese has a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan and we would love to have a group of people from our Parish to see how we could best follow this plan at St Peter's.

We are not about long meetings, just an hour, six meetings a year. We would also keep in touch with St Peter's Social Justice group and the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you are interested in joining me to form this group, please contact Elizabeth Fort ([elizabeth.fort@icloud.com](mailto:elizabeth.fort@icloud.com)) or see me at Mass! Our first meeting will be negotiated for a time that best suits you. I look forward to working with you to continue making St Peter's a sustainable parish in simple ways. *Thank you, Elizabeth*

### WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)

Our April gathering for WOW will be on 24th April 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please join us for 'Chair Yoga' and a movie, morning tea, lucky door prize and raffles. RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 22nd April. All those over 65 are welcome.



**ANZAC DAY** is a day when we remember and honour those who fought and died for freedom. We gather not to glorify war but to remember those who have served our country during times of crisis and to reflect upon their selfless sacrifice as we commemorate Jesus' great sacrifice. We recognise that there are many men and women around the world still working for peace and we pray and hold fast to the powerful hope that peace can exist in our world today. Please join us as we honour the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps through our prayer for peace in our world at **Mass on Thursday 25 April, beginning at 9 am**. In the spirit of friendship that existed among the soldiers, we join together for **morning tea** after Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share if you are able.

**Project Compassion:** Please bring back your box or envelopes **asap** or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or call 1800024 413



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## FAITH MATTERS: A Story

A man was standing near the edge of a steep cliff, overlooking the sea, with waves crashing far below against the rocks. He was enjoying the wonderful view out to sea, with a near-cloudless sky, alive with penguins flying gracefully overhead, singing ... when suddenly ... the piece of rock he was standing on moved beneath him.

He started to lose balance, and as he tried to right himself, he felt the rock give way completely. As if in slow motion, he saw his feet slip past the edge of the cliff as he began an inevitable descent toward the scene beneath him. Wildly, he flailed around him, trying to grab onto something.

His descent was suddenly interrupted by a sturdy tree growing out from the face of the cliff, and he lashed out to grab at the leafy lifeline.

Breathing heavily, and holding on with all his might, he looked down at the hungry waves below, then up at the edge of the cliff, which was tantalisingly close, but impossible to reach.

Knowing he could not hold on for long, he yelled as loud as he could to call for help. He did so several times, to no avail, and finally, strained his voice to yell, "Is anybody up there!!!!???"

A deep, calm voice came in answer, saying, "I'm here."

The man, feeling so relieved, enquired urgently, "Who are you?"

The voice came back, "I am God".

With a mixture of urgency and awe, the man said, "Please help me!"

God said, encouragingly, "No worries."

"What do you want me to do?" requested the dangling dude.

"Let go", replied the calm voice.

A number of seconds went by, then the man finally called out, "IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE UP THERE!!!!???"

Faith is a CHOICE to believe that God's love is always with us, no matter what.

*St Peter's 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

**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.



### 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: 27th & 28th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Caitlin Marfil	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Anne Fry 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Joan D'Netto + 1 Volunteer Alan Vigor; Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan	Sharon Fong John Blake Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherit		Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass After Sunday 9am Mass 28th April - Peter Hondroudakis, Joan D'Netto & Sharita Lobo.			
This week 21st - 27th April	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:

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](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: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782



**Bible-sharing Group:** We are offering the opportunity for anyone interested in a Bible-reading/sharing group to advise their interest and preferences to Alan Vigor as soon as possible: Mob: 0407 962 342, or email: nalarogiv.1@gmail.com. It would be a relaxed sharing-group, familiarising us with God's love for us, along with a chance to share prayer.

**Permanent Endowment:** We are extremely grateful to a very generous parishioner who has made a donation of \$50 000 as a permanent endowment. The fund has been named 'St Peter's Rochedale Family Fund' from which St Peter's will receive an annual payment. You are welcome to add to this permanent endowment fund, which will benefit the ministries and programs of St Peter's into the future.

**Notice regarding parking in the paddock** next door to the Church and school property: The paddock where many of the school families and some parishioners park is the property of the Brisbane City Council. Neither St Peter's Parish nor School have any authority over the land and no ability to upgrade the facilities to the standard you would associate with parking in a church, school or business entity. Further to this, it is vital for community members to understand that parking in the paddock is at your own risk. Neither St Peter's Parish nor School can take any responsibility for Council land. We encourage you to use the main car parking facilities in the church and school grounds. If you choose to park in the paddock, please do so at your own risk. We have **padlocked the gate** between the paddock and church grounds, closest to the Parish Office, for safety. The gate further down the driveway in the school grounds will still be open. This will be a safer access point for pedestrians.

**The Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi):** Sunday 2nd June. We will begin this day with our Sacramental children receiving their First Holy Communion at 9am Mass. We will then have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 5pm. Please fill in your name on the roster near the church doors for each half hour timeslot.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen beginning at 2pm on Sunday 2nd June. Pick up a flyer if you are interested.

**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://brisbane-catholic.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.

**Entertainment Memberships:** Limited time offer - **Free upgrade to a Multi city membership** when you purchase a single city membership. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Great gift idea for Mother's Day!! Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

### Around the Archdiocese

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** 21-23 June is a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend getaway". It is an opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries and more deeply explore the precious nature of your relationship. It gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from the pressures and distractions of daily living. Where: The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes Contact: Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen Phone: 0481 307 821 or Email: [qldbokings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbokings@wwme.org.au) For more information: <https://www.wwme.org.au/dates>

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