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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."

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) 21st March 2021

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

Reconciliation: Experiencing God's unconditional love and mercy

History: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance or Confession) is one of the seven Sacraments and has evolved since the Early Church. It stems from both Scripture and Tradition where we recall Jesus appearing to his disciples after the resurrection in John 20:21-23, "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*" Early historical documents explain that Confessions used to occur in a public fashion and were facilitated by the local liturgical leader (bishop). However, around the 6th Century, the Church gradually adopted private confessions with a priest and its original public form slowly disappeared from local churches. By the 13th Century, the Church formally declared private confessions with a priest as the standard practice at the Fourth Lateran Council.

Rites: After the Second Vatican Council in 1962, three Rites of Reconciliation were instituted: **The First Rite of Reconciliation** is an individual ritual consisting of individual preparation, individual confession, and individual absolution. **The Second Rite of Reconciliation** is a communal ritual consisting of communal preparation, individual confession and individual absolution. **The Third Rite of Reconciliation** is only to be used in extreme circumstances such as right before battle in war, or perhaps as a plane is going down and consists of a communal ritual, followed by general absolution without confession. The conditions for the sacrament of Reconciliation are: real contrition for sin, confessing of the sins you are conscious of, a sincere intention not to sin again, and willingness to complete the penance prescribed by the priest.

At St Peter's this coming Monday at 7pm, we have an opportunity to be reconciled with God at our Second Rite of Reconciliation. Canon Law explains that "having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year" (CIC, 989). And what better time to be reconciled before Easter? Just as we heard a few weeks ago of Jesus' Transfiguration and Cleansing of the Temple, we too are encouraged to transfigure and cleanse our hearts to God. We encounter God through the Sacraments, God the creator of the universe, God who knows us better than we know ourselves and loves us better than we love ourselves. This great God of ours wants to love you and be in personal relationship with you and we know this through the Person of Jesus Christ. This amazing sacrament of healing and forgiveness offers God's tender mercy and atonement "at-one-ment" with God, others and ourselves. Just like the grain of wheat in today's Gospel (John 12:20-33), we will not bear much fruit unless we die to ourselves. We must die to those parts we know we need to change, those pesky bad habits we've been holding onto for all this time, and those parts of us which push God aside to do what we want even though deep down we know it is contrary to what God wants. We, the Church, are the body of Christ and through Reconciliation, we can transform this broken and wounded body of Christ into redeemed trophies of triumph, just like Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

God's love is greater than our biggest sin. Just like the story of the Prodigal Son, God the Father stands at the front door waiting for you come home to yourself, gently knocking on the door of your heart. Will you let him in?

Yours in Christ, Gerard Lai

March	In our parish this week
Mon 22 nd	8.00am Mass 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Tue 23 rd	8.00am Mass with children 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting
Wed 24 th	6.30am Mass 7.00pm Choir & Musicians' practice
Thu 25 th	The Annunciation of the Lord No Mass
Fri 26 th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Year 1 Liturgy of the Word 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 27 th	8.00am Weaving of Palm Crosses 10.00am Lenten Prayer & Discussion Group 5.00pm Reconciliation (or by appointment) 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun 28 th	Palm Sunday 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Archdiocesan Look To Jesus Lenten Program

- **Weekly Young Adult Discussion Group, 18-35s** Monday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre
- **Weekly Lenten Reflections** Friday 7pm at the Parish Centre
- **Weekly Stations of the Cross** Friday 7.30pm in the Church
- **Weekly Prayer & Discussion Group** 10am in the Parish Centre

Calling all Easter Musicians and Singers

You are invited to rehearse the music for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday liturgies. Please come along at 7pm to St Peter's Church on Wednesday 24th March. We look forward to having you as a vital part of the liturgies. Thank you! For any queries please phone Elizabeth Fort on 3341 0852.

Youth Update:

High School Youth Group: Sunday nights from 7.00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Centre. Next gathering on 21st March. Holiday events and Term 2 Dates coming soon.

Young Adults:

Movie Night at the Presbytery (behind the Church) commencing after 2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Monday 22nd March.

Final YA Lenten Discussion Group: Monday 29th March 7:30pm in the Parish Centre

New members always welcome!

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact our youth coordinator, Olivia Email:

youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Instagram: @rochedaleyouth

God Bless, *Olivia*

Readings for next weekend:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr B)
Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

Booking in to attend weekend Masses: Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BJZHS>.

The TryBooking page is open until each relevant Mass time so that you can book in anytime, even when you arrive at Mass, via the new QR code. However, Mass booking lists are printed at 11am on Friday before the weekend Mass so if you book after that, please be able to provide a ticket either on paper or on your mobile phone screen to show that you have registered.

Please book for all attendees, even babies.

On arrival at Mass, have your name checked off the list by the Marshall at the main church doors, or show them your ticket if you booked after 11am on Friday.



Weekday Masses: do not usually require pre-booking. Please register upon arrival at Mass.

Second Rite of Reconciliation for Lent: This **Monday 22nd March at 7pm**. Book on the normal weekend Mass link <https://www.trybooking.com/BJZHS>

Palm Cross Folding. – Covid Safe.

Saturday morning 27th March from 8am to 10am on the verandah in front of the Church.

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

Learn a craft, talk and share time with others, listen to great music. Enjoy morning tea together. All are welcome. Thank you, this is a lovely tradition in our parish.



Holy Week and Easter Masses: In order to achieve capacity seating for these important Masses, we have created a new TryBooking link where you can select individual seats. This complies with COVID-19 regulations. Please book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BPPWH>

Project Compassion – Fifth Sunday of Lent



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training.

Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Sacramental Program 2021

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation
Enrolment at Masses this weekend.

Confirmation: Parent Information Night:
Wednesday June 16, 7pm.

For enrolment forms, please contact the Parish Office at stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3341 4421

Faith Matters:**LENT: Solemnity of St Joseph patron of the Universal Church.**

St Joseph, as head of the Holy Family had to face concrete problems in challenging times; because of his great faith and trust in God - he accepted Mary as his wife, upon advice received in a dream he lead Mary and baby Jesus back to Jerusalem via Egypt in the dead of night to escape Herod.

Joseph had the courage to believe in and act upon God's advice.

Do I listen to what God is asking of me?

Inspiration from Pope Francis 'We must remember that prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen; to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. Only if we are prepared to listen, do we have the freedom to set aside our own partial and insufficient ideas, our usual habits, and ways of seeing things.'

We Pray: Gracious God, you lead us, sometimes in surprising ways. Still our hearts so we may hear your voice and give us the courage to follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Adapted from *Look to Jesus* p.80 Evangelisation Brisbane, 2021
Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" of the Holy Father Pope Francis, 2020
St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

Do you know a young person who would like to receive the Sacraments? If you know of someone aged **12 to 16** years who would like to journey through the Crossroads Sacramental Program, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

Help Needed: Any parishioners who have experience in WHS Management, please contact Julie or Jo in the Parish Office

St Peter's Planned Giving: Since March, our income from collections at Mass and Planned Giving is down by over 24%. We would be very grateful, if you are able, to please continue to support the Parish financially.

Via Direct Bank Transfer: If you would like 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.

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: Try our new donation terminal in the church: \$5 donation to St Peter's per swipe.

To help with seminarian costs:
Account Name: Vocations Support
BSB: 064-786 Acct #: 100026892

Gerard Lai: laig@bne.catholic.net.au
(Seminarian)

Roster: 27 th – 28 th March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Sam Chamberlain	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Jo Cullen	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Megan Philpott 2. Zach Smith	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Lynn White
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joseph Varkey Joyce Lyster	Bob Devere Del Reynolds	Deacon Mike Jones Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5:	Neil Mone, Dona Thomas, Telesia Naupoto, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield, Kathy Winter		
Cuppa & Chat - after 6pm Mass, Sunday 28th March:	Jodie Baigent, Lynn White		
This week, 21st – 27th March:	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Mike's Group	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Brian Hallowell, Bill Justo (*Sylvia Privitera's father*), Clodagh O'Connor, Gwladys Wicks,

Book of Life & Mass Requests: John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitz-Gibbon, Robbie Movick, May Neilsen, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Betty Settree, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Alice Chin

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Jane Akomolafe, Elma Adamson, Kevin Fry, Carole Hester, Tony Price, Marie Mitchell, Kathy Jensen, Cecilia Lai, Sharon Peisley, Colin and Maria Dixon, Angeline Ta'ale

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.

Are you new to our Parish? 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:

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Social Justice Group Facebook:

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

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