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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.”

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23rd January 2022

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4: 14-21

Farewell Olivia

Last weekend, we farewelled Olivia, our Youth Ministry coordinator. Olivia started working here before Easter, 2019. Before then, our Parish had never employed a paid youth worker. Nearly three years has passed. Now we can see very clearly, how important a good youth minister is to a Catholic parish, and how much he/she can contribute to the building of the parish. Because we have all seen this success, our parish will continue to keep this position and try to employ a new Youth Minister. Please pray for our parish that we will have a new youth ministry coordinator as good as Olivia has been.

Again, I would like to encourage all our youth to join youth groups and for parents and grandparents to please encourage your children and/or grandchildren to join the youth groups and attend the activities. As I have said before, many Catholics have shared in the same experiences of growing up in a Catholic church community. As younger children, they always went to church with their parents. However, as they grew older, they started to drift away, often leaving the church. Why? There are at least two main reasons: 1. They haven't really understood their faith well enough; 2. They don't have friends of their own age in the church.

By joining the parish-based youth groups, younger parishioners can discuss among themselves any questions that they may have about the faith. Discussing and questioning may help them to have a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. At the same time, they can make friends there and form their support system in the church. They can benefit from their participation in many different ways for their lifetime. Please continue to support our youth ministry in any possible ways.

Olivia has left the parish for Canberra. Let us pray for her and wish her a bright future. Below are her farewell words for us. Enjoy reading.

Fr Baiyi

Almost three years ago I started in my position here as Youth Coordinator, I was unsure of what the future looked like or how God was going to work but I trusted he would. He did not disappoint.

Three years on as I say farewell we have two groups that are growing in number and deepening in faith, we have attended local and national events together, become friends and created a community. I am so blessed to have experienced God working through this parish and can't wait to see all that he has planned over the next three years and beyond.

This parish has taught me so much about what it means to be a community of faith and continues to teach me about how to grow closer to God.

I want to thank you all for the trust, opportunity and love you have given me, I see God working through you in every encounter I have had.

Continue to trust God, love one another and invest in this beautiful community you have. Hopefully I will see you when I visit.

*God Bless,
Olivia*



January	In our parish this week	<p>Booking in to attend weekend Masses: We have created a new Trybooking link to help boost the speed of the booking process. Please go to https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/parish or use the QR code here to book tickets for all who wish to attend. Please bring your phone with you to Mass so you can also register with the Check In Qld app. Please be advised that you must wear a mask to Mass.</p> 
Mon 24 th	<p align="center">Saint Francis de Sales</p> 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Bible Sharing	<p>Lay Ministers Wanted: Would you be interested in joining one of our 30 plus Ministry Groups? There really is a Ministry to suit everyone in our parish. Contact Josephine Cullen, our Lay-Ministry Co-ordinator, before or after Mass or in the Parish Office to hear about the many ministries we have on offer and how you can join in building our parish family. It's a fabulous way to meet new people and to really feel like you belong. Phone 3341 4421 or email Jo at lm.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.</p> <p>Safeguarding Commitment: The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of</p>
Tue 25 th	<p align="center">The Conversion of St Paul</p> 8.00am Mass 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting	<p>Appeal for Tonga: Caritas Australia is currently working to restore communications with our local partner, Caritas Tonga, to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs. Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga. Visit https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.</p>
Wed 26 th	<p align="center">Australia Day</p> 9.00am Mass <i>Please note change of Mass time today</i> <i>Public Holiday – Parish Office closed</i>	<p>Books for sale in the church or Parish Office</p> <p>Break Open the Word 2022 - \$20 – for those who are Ministers of the Word. Final copy!</p> <p>The Catholic Leader Christmas / Jan issue. \$4.</p>
Thu 27 th	No Mass	<p>Entertainment Memberships: Get access to thousands of dollars' worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals with an Entertainment Membership and support St Peter's fundraising. Limited time offer: get savings across Australia and New Zealand with the FREE upgrade from Single City to Multi City Membership! Bonus exciting HelloFresh gift with purchase. Get up to \$120 off your first six HelloFresh boxes with the purchase of a Membership. The HelloFresh offer entitles \$50 off the first box (including standard delivery), \$30 off the second box and \$10 off the third, fourth, fifth and sixth boxes. Both special offers end 11:59pm 6th February 2022 AEDT Great for the school holidays. Go to www.entbook.com.au/2224e97</p>
Fri 28 th	<p align="center">Saint Thomas Aquinas</p> 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	<p>Vinnies News: For sale at the piety shop: Columban Calendars for 2022 Now \$8 each</p> <p>Vinnies needs donations of toiletries, personal care and cleaning items for needy families. Please drop donations into the specially marked box at the back of the Church. Thank You!</p>  
Sat 29 th	2.00pm Wedding Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 30 th	<p align="center">Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	
<p align="center">Readings for next weekend: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30</p>		
<p>The Archdiocese has advised that in the current situation with COVID, hospitality events and gatherings be suspended so there will be no cuppas after Mass nor our regular monthly Coffee Gathering at the local coffee shop.</p>		
<p>Mass on Australia Day: Please join us to celebrate Australia Day with Mass at 9am this Wednesday 26th January. Please note that there will be no 6.30am Mass this day.</p> <p>Crossroads RCIA: Do you know any young person (12-18 years old) who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion & Penance. They can travel through a special youth version of the RCIA program called Crossroads Please contact Jo Cullen in the Parish Office for more information.</p>		
<p>Watch Mass online: You can watch Mass livestreamed from the Cathedral of St Stephen at 11.30am Saturday, 8am and 10am Sunday and 8am Monday to Friday at www.archbne.org/bzw.</p> <p>Or watch Mass on TV: Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6am on Channel 10 and WIN. Let family and friends know that they can pray along at home if they are unable to attend their local parish. Find out more at www.massforyou.com.au</p>		
<p>Youth Update: New members always welcome!</p> <p>We are taking a break from activities and will be back soon. God Bless, <i>Olivia</i></p> <p>✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au  @rochedaleyouth</p>		

Faith Matters: Australia Day & Conversion of St Paul

As we approach Australia Day and the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, we might well remind ourselves that before the colonization and occupation of this land in 1788 God had nurtured and sustained its First Peoples since time immemorial. The First Peoples had encountered God, and the Spirit was already in this land revealing God through law, custom and ceremony.

Whilst many of the colonisers, approached First Peoples with good intentions, many approached them with paternalism, racism, and a failure to listen which our Archbishop Mark Coleridge has called "Australia's original sin".

It took more than 200 years from the first European settlement for acknowledgement of the First Peoples' dispossession and the denial of their proper place in this country. On 17th November 2020 the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane instituted its Reconciliation Action Plan for the Archdiocese.

In the same way as Saul was confronted by God on the Road to Damascus, for his persecution of the early Church, God confronts us all to recognise past paternalism, racism, and failure to listen to First Peoples and requires us to seek reconciliation with these our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge prays, "My ardent hope and prayer is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be encouraged, empowered and supported in every way, so that the entire People of God will be enriched by the gifts which they alone can bring." ¹

¹ Archbishop Mark Coleridge Message: Archdiocese of Brisbane Reconciliation Action Plan 17 November 2020
Faith Enrichment Group

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: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 29 th & 30 th Jan	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Baji Itteera	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Brisha Jesuthasan	Mick Denton	Lindsay Edison
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Honora Wong	C. Pauline Angus 1. Alan Vigor 2. Megan Philpott	C. Eza Jom 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joseph Varkey Lyndal Bray-Claridge Joyce Lyster	Jo Cullen Jim Nathan Julie Hondroudakis	Ann Maree Collier Diane McKeone Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 6:	Julie & Basil Britto		
Cuppa & Chats after Mass have been cancelled until the current Covid situation improves			
This week, 23 rd – 29 th Jan: Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam		Counting: Bob's Group	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Danusa Svarcova (*Marek's mother*), Jim McErlean

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Wayne Webb, John Moy, Sharron McKenna, Brian Christensen, Daisy Bucklar, Robert Irwin, Ron Tasker, Derek Sharp, Paula Mulderry, Vince Dibella, Julie Apted, Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello, Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Kevin Fry, Kimberley Kanages, Liz Hill, Karen Johnston, Des Baptist, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, 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.

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: Transport: 0412 267 337

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:

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St Vincent de Paul:

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