

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th July 2022

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13

### Reflection

The most apparent connection of today's first reading to the gospel is Abraham's interceding on behalf of sinners. If a city may be considered an entity capable of sin (and our practice of naming cities does bestow a quasi-personification) then Abraham has interceded for the forgiveness of the city, or of its collective citizenry. But closer scrutiny shows his specific concern is about the proposed destruction of those individuals in the city who are not sinners, called here "the righteous", or "the just" in our translation. He seems alarmed by the thought that these innocents should suffer the same fate as sinners. From this story facets of the character of Abraham developed in Jewish folklore and legends, and in them we find the same sensibilities that led to the general spurning in antiquity of the practice of capital punishment, holding it better for very many guilty to be acquitted than for one innocent to die for a crime he or she did not commit. But God, who alone reads the heart, is a true judge, and does know who is innocent and who is guilty. Without quibbling over the degree of seriousness of each sin, in the Lord's Prayer we simply ask forgiveness of our sins, but bring upon ourselves the obligation of forgiving others too.

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer in today's gospel is not well known for it was Matthew's longer form that was taken into the living tradition. While the few differences between them are interesting, the two nearly identical petitions concerning bread and forgiveness are more so. Saint Augustine testified to the prayer having a place between the Eucharistic Prayer and the reception of Communion in almost every church of his time. Soon afterward its use at this point in the Eucharist achieved universal status, and in all but the Byzantine church an embolism in the petition for deliverance from sin was inserted. This usage appears to have been for either of two reasons, or happily both working together: the petition for bread (to which we will turn shortly), or the growing sense of the need for forgiveness so as not to receive the sacrament unworthily. This second one was further highlighted in the Roman church by fixing the exchange of peace between the prayer and reception of Communion as a demonstration of our forgiving each other before we can receive the sacrament of unity. This Kiss of Peace, as it was originally known, is a mandated feature, not an optional extra in our Eucharist, notwithstanding a misunderstanding having developed in some circles from the rubric that permits the deacon or priest to give a verbal direction if needed (originally intended for people unaccustomed to the restored practice).

Returning to the petition for bread, we find a difficulty; if we are asking for daily food, why should this be associated with the Eucharist, which we distinguish from ordinary food? But there is an ancient tradition that associates this petition with the Eucharist and not with "daily" bread. Even in antiquity there was uncertainty over its meaning in the prayer. The difficulty is that the Greek adjective epiousios, by longstanding practice translated as daily in our prayer, was not a common word; this prayer in both Matthew and Luke is the only time it is used in Scripture, and two centuries later Origen (died c.254) testified that it was not used in ordinary speech. Cyprian of Carthage, Origen's contemporary, knew it in the translation as supersubstantial rather than as daily, and over a century later Jerome testified to a now lost Aramaic (often misnamed Hebrew) gospel that used tomorrow's. The Syriac texts provide two possibilities, of our necessity and perpetual. Jerome's offering points to the possibility that it referred to the second portion of the double ration of manna in Exodus, the portion collected on Fridays and the only one that would last until the morrow, the Sabbath, when harvesting was prohibited (Exodus 16:21-23). If so, then it would be no surprise that early Christians did associate it with the Eucharistic bread, the bread of the journey that sustains for the future life, the Sabbath bread, making the prayer particularly apt for the Eucharist.

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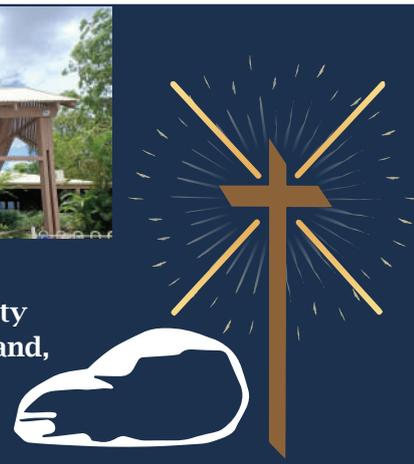
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#### MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



| JULY |      | In our parish this week  |  |
|------|------|--|--|
| Mon  | 25th | <b>Saint James</b><br>8.00am Mass<br>7.00pm RCIA   |  |
| Tue  | 26th | <b>Sts Joachim and Anne</b><br>8.00am Mass with children<br>7.30pm Baptism Information meeting                                       |  |
| Wed  | 27th | 6.30am Mass  |  |
| Thu  | 28th | No Mass  |  |
| Fri  | 29th | <b>Sts Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</b><br>9.00am Rosary<br>9.30am Mass with Gr 6 classes<br>6.00pm Young Adults dinner                |  |
| Sat  | 30th | 5.00pm Reconciliation<br>6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  |  |
| Sun  | 31st | <b>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>9.00am Mass - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i><br>6.00pm Mass<br>7.00pm High School Youth Group |  |

**Church Opening:** The church will be open for private prayer during daylight hours (except Thursdays which will be 8.15am to 1.15pm).

**Pivotal Players:** The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....**7pm Wed 3rd August - St John Henry Newman**

**Those who have died:** Warren Nicholl, Bea Winter

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:**

May Winter, Jack Bates, Frank Denaro, John Manuel, Jim Marrinan, Ted Carter, Ken Thomas, Helena Kostecka, Mina Sartori, Norm Richards, Faber Armstrong, Bonnie Armstrong, Catherine Sullivan, Bridget Weeks, Philomena Joyce, Anne Bates, Bill Graham, Lester de Mello, Graham Bourke, Bill Bray, Yvonne Mesalic, Jean Lilburne, Helena Scott, Lesley Winter, Irena Wlodarczyk, Tom Lyng, James Durham, Fr Bill Taylor, Michael Allen, Margaret Lewis.

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

Hariet Ling, Erika Meerwald, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Mick Denton, Helen Viola, Milja Atanovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, 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.*



**Readings for next weekend:**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Yr C)**  
**Ecclesiastes 1:2 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21**

**Sacramental Program 2022:** Preparation has begun for **Confirmation** in August. The Parent Information meeting has been held but it's not too late to enrol your child! If your child is in Grade 3 or above and has been baptised but not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office asap on 3341 4421 or email [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au).

**Altar Servers Day:** Thank you to all those who attended the Altar Servers Day recently. If you have a child who is interested in Altar Serving but didn't attend that training day please contact Lauren, Coordinator of the Altar Server Support Group, for more information on 0432095185.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** during 9am Mass on Sundays.

**Signs of our Times:** The Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese has embraced a challenging project, "*Signs of our Times.*" It encourages a culture of encounter in Catholic, social action. Some fabulous resources can be found on the website: <https://signstimes.net> *Social Justice Group*

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday:** Thank you to all who helped us to celebrate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday last weekend. Special thanks to Ravina, Marlon and Thomas from the Murri Ministry who made our 9am Mass so special. Thanks to all of you who donated to the retiring collection. We raised \$1000 to help support the work of the Murri Ministry especially with their funerals. Check out their thank you card on the noticeboard. *The SJG*

**Seniors Ministry Survey:** Please return any outstanding surveys so we can start planning activities for our Seniors.

**Help needed:** A parishioner needs someone to help with gardening and weeding on Rochedale acreage up to 4 hours every 2 months. Contact Alex on 0412722681 to discuss details and rate of pay.

**St Vinnies Free Migrant Advice Service:** Please call the St Vinnies Help Line 1800846643 to register for an appointment with qualified Migrant Agents who offer advice to any nationality or cultural background. This service is provided free of charge.

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## Faith Matters: Feast of St Mary Magdalene - 22nd July

Little is known about Mary Magdalene, but that she was actively present throughout the ministry of Jesus, being one of three women mentioned as providing for Jesus and his followers out of their own resources: indicating that she was probably a woman of some standing who was well-to-do. There is no sound basis for associating her with the woman caught in adultery, or who wiped Jesus' feet with her hair. She was one among several Marys mentioned in the Gospels.

Born in the Galilean town of Magdala, she seems to have devoted herself to her ministry after being set free of "seven demons" – which may have even been seven demonically-based ailments. It is not clear. What is clear, is that she devotedly and wholeheartedly followed her Lord and Saviour, being present with Jesus' mother at the foot of the cross, and one of the first to visit the tomb before dawn after the Jewish Sabbath, where she was spoken to by angels.

Mary of Magdala is typically listed first among other women in Jesus' company, except for Jesus' mother, indicating her prominence, and is distinguished as one of few women actually named in the Bible, being mentioned in every Gospel, and several times. She was one of the first to know of Jesus' resurrection - commissioned to carry the good news to the others - and then honoured by being the first to encounter the risen Jesus in a very tenderly uplifting scene in the garden by the tomb. She would have shared in the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost.

Mary would undoubtedly have been at the forefront in living and proclaiming the Gospel after Jesus ascended, as a strong, devoted believer who would thus have had a powerful influence in helping non-believers to come to faith, and helping all believers to strengthen their faith through her own witness.

So, we can confidently say that no matter what challenged background Mary came from, she was transformed into a true child of God, wholly committed to Jesus and his teaching, to the extent of pouring her time and her life into his mission. Thus, Mary is a model of life-transformation through faith in, and dedication to, Jesus. May she intercede for us to have the same loving generosity in our own response to Jesus.

*Faith Enrichment Group*

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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The **Young Adult** social dinner is coming up on Friday 29th of July, 6:00pm in the Parish Centre!

**High School Youth Group** is re-launching on the 31st of July after Mass at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre! Free food will be provided for both!

Anyone interested in attending **Ignite Conference** this year, please contact Chloe via email or Instagram. Ignite Conference is a 4 day event filled with explosive rallies, powerful sacraments, inspiring workshops and lots of fun. Ignite Conference will run 22nd - 25th September at St Laurence's College, Brisbane.



### 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: 30th & 31st July  | Saturday 6pm Mass   | Sunday 9am Mass  | Sunday 6pm Mass  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Mass Co-ordinator   | Carl de Mello   | Baji Itteera   | Kate Guy   |
| AV Operator   | David Crowley   | Eric Quan  | Ryan Lin   |
| Readers   | C. Neil Ballment<br>1. Shelagh Ballment<br>2. Honora Wong | C. Pauline Angus<br>1. Alan Vigor<br>2. Megan Philpott | C. Marissa Boyles<br>1. Bob Burns<br>2. Vickie Routledge |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion                                    | Sharon Fong<br>Joseph Varkey<br>Lyndal Bray-Claridge      | Jo Cullen<br>Jim Nathan<br>Julie Hondroudakis          | Helen Graczyk<br>John Blake<br>Diane McKeone             |
| Musicians   | Volunteer   | Rita Bishop  | Elizabeth Fort   |
| Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Diane McKeone. |   |  |  |
| Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No evening Cuppas during the Winter months.  |   |  |  |
| This week 25th- 31st July   | Sacristan: Suma Joseph                                    |  | 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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

### OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337

♥ 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)

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775



**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on July 24 this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Pope Francis has chosen this theme to awaken our collective sense of gratitude and respect for the elderly and to seek new ways of making the elderly a living part of our community.

Not only are young people called upon to show their respect for the lives of older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith. Each of us, whether single or married, religious or priest, share in this mission. Let's reflect on some particular ways in which it is lived out by grandparents and the elderly. Bearing fruit through time, presence, memories, tenderness and blessing. Find prayer and liturgical resources and Pope Francis' message at [www.catholic.org.au/grandparents](http://www.catholic.org.au/grandparents)

**PLENARY COUNCIL:** The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia took place from July 3rd to 9th. Go to [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) to catch up on all the news from the Plenary Council. Full details on all the motions and voting outcomes from across the week can be found on the Motions and Voting page of the Plenary Council website.

**The Catholic Leader - July issue** available this weekend. \$4

- Taking time to reconnect with the sacred in life is truly priceless.
- Shaping the Church's future.
- Parish team linking poor and migrants through computers.
- Community volunteers top the list for the Queen's honours.
- Rain or shine, **Logan Deanery festival** draws families together.
- Fr Ken guides on praying with the heart of Jesus.
- Pope chooses cardinal for Timor.
- Young saint a model for all.
- Every journey changes us says Mt Isa parishioner.
- Book and film reviews, Sudoku, trivia and more.

### 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. You can purchase a single city (\$69.99) or Multi City subscription (\$119.99) which gives access to 21 cities across Australia and New Zealand. For the month of July get 2 bonus months on new memberships - that is 14 months for the same price. Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

## Around the Archdiocese

**Call for Catholic Mission Ambassadors:** Join us as a Catholic Mission Ambassador. You will be our voice and presence this World Mission Month, October 2022 for our appeal in a Brisbane parish. You will:

- Engage in mission through prayer, advocacy and fundraising.
- Raise awareness of the work of Catholic Mission in 160 countries around the world, including Australia.
- Raise funds for mission projects supporting children, communities and church leaders.

Email us on [brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au) for more information.

**Going Deeper** is a ten-session online series about the loving relationship with God at the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Going Deeper is \$75. To find out more and register head to: <https://www.going-deeper.org.au/>

**Going Deeper - The Podcast:** There's so much to know about the Catholic faith that it's easy to get caught up in catechizing ourselves while we forget about what it means to implement the faith in our daily lives. In this new Catholic podcast, join Shane Dwyer (from Evangelisation Brisbane) and a special monthly guest in an organic discussion about Catholicism, theology and life. If you're interested in learning more, experiencing more or just getting some perspective on Catholicism, tune in for a weekly chat! The Going Deeper Podcast can be found on all mainstream podcasting services.

**Women of the Way Retreat** - August 26th – 28th: Ladies, would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge? Treat yourself to some quality time with God at The Women of The Way Retreat. Come to Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite your faith.

Theme: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Retreat Leader: Rebecca Crouch, an inspirational speaker, worship leader and Spiritual Director will lead the Retreat.

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship. For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando ph 0400755516 email: [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com)

Registrations close 31st July.

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