

# 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."

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**24th September 2023** Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9    Philippians 1:20-24, 27    Matthew 20: 1-16

## The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2023

### Free to choose whether to migrate or stay

For the World Day of Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis has written a letter under the title : "**Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay.**" According to our Pope, the decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases it is not. Forced migration is an ancient phenomenon. Pope Francis refers to the Book of Genesis when Jacob, during a great famine, had to migrate with his entire family to Egypt. Also, the flight of the Holy Family was not a free decision but made out of fear of the persecution by Herod.

Today, wars, civil unrests, persecutions as well as natural disasters make it impossible for millions of people to live a dignified life in one's native homeland. According to the UNHCR ( United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees), as of May 2023, more than 108.4 million people were forcibly displaced. This number represents men, women and children who brave long, desperate journeys to safety. The Pope reminds us to see in the migrant and refugee not simply a brother or sister but Christ himself, who knocks at our door. These are Jesus' words from the Gospel of Matthew 25:35: " For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ....."

For migrants and refugees, whenever they reach a place of safety, it is important to find a community ready to welcome, to promote and to intergrate them. However, the unending waves of refugees pose enormous challenges. Many nations are no longer able to provide the help and assistance needed. Pope Francis suggests far reaching changes in our world but they take time. In the meantime we are asked to manage migration as best as we can and to build bridges not walls.

The central place in the entire migrant and refugee debate is for prayer to reflect on what we can do. First of all Australia has and is welcoming people from many different nationalities. Today, it is home to the oldest culture in the world and to more than 270 ancestries. Since 1945 seven million people have migrated to Australia. We can continue to build our Australian society upon the principle of inclusion of people of all cultural backgrounds. Here, each and everyone of us has a role to play in our suburbs, in our workplace, in our church and in our nation. We can also financially support the work of the UNHCR that works in many world trouble spots. Money cannot buy happiness but just a little can radically change someone's life. The Mercy Community Romero Centre in Dutton Park, in Brisbane, also deserves our assistance as it supports asylum seekers. We cannot help everyone but everyone can help someone. Pope Francis concludes his letter with this thought: "**Only by walking together will we be able to go far and reach the common goal of our journey.**"

*Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th Day of Migrants and Refugees 2023 (24 September, 2023)*

### In our parish this week: September / October 2023

Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30	Sunday 01
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass  4.30pm SVDP Meeting  7.30pm Baptismal Info Meeting	St Vincent de Paul  10.00am WOW Book & plant swap & cuppa  6.30pm Adoration  7.00pm Mass	No Mass  <i>Parish Office closed</i>  6.30pm Care & Concern meeting	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael  9.00am Rosary  9.30am Mass	St Jerome  5.00pm Reconciliation  6.00pm Vigil Mass	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  9.00am Mass  4.30pm RCIA  6.00pm Mass

**WOW - Wise Owl Wednesdays:** for over 65s  
Next gathering: **Wednesday 27th Sept 10am**  
**Book & plant swap**



**October gathering** will be on **Friday 6th October** to the Logan Seniors' **"Big Day Out"** and Judy Garland Tribute show. \$20 covers bus and show. Bookings essential for this event. Pick up a flyer with more info. Please RSVP to the Parish Office asap for both events on 33414421 or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

**Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:**

We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. Anyone who would like more information on applying for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

**Mass Ministers roster October - December**

The new rosters which will run from Saturday 30th September to Sunday 31st December are now available and have been emailed. Please check your inbox.

**New Ministers needed!** Would you like to be a Minister of the Word, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion or help us with the Audio Visual during Mass? Please contact the Parish Office. Training provided.

**Ministry Leaders Meeting and 'Thank You Jo'**

**Morning Tea:** Ministry Group leaders or their representatives are invited to attend a short meeting at 10.30am Saturday 23rd September in the Parish Centre. We will follow this with a **morning tea at 11am** to give everyone a chance to **thank Jo Cullen** for her years of service as Lay Ministry Coordinator. Other parishioners are most welcome to attend the morning tea.

**Invitations from St Edward the Confessor Parish,**

**Daisy Hill:** Public rosary Saturday 14th October 10.30am.

Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday 9.30am to 9.30pm. See the noticeboard for more information.

**Those who have died:** Luis Ernesto Tomala Mujica, Fukuichi Hirakawa (*Kevin McMahon's father-in-law*), David Robinson, Stuart Layt

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Ann Ryan, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara, Barbara Gleeson, Joan Jebamalai, Bernard Bevan, Ante "Tony" Bekavac, Mary Cecilia Taurino, William Howard, Cecilia Carlton, Louisa Swan, Melville Donohue, Mary Josephine Lynch, George Grundy, Mostyn Morgan, Dorothy Wright, Robert Smith, Ian Derbyshire, Margaret Homas, Don Dewar, Colin Pettiford, Joan Stevens, Tom Stevens, Yat-Fung Choi, Shum Kong, Andrija Slivka, Ronald Paten, Sarah Denton, Sergio Viola.

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Ray Parker, Kerriane Meulman, Dawn Evans, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Lien Pham (Maria), Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Steph & Les O'Gorman, 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.

**Readings for next weekend:**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**  
Ezekiel 10:25-28    Philippians 2:1-11    Matthew 21:28-32

**Migrant and Refugee Sunday:** All parishioners are invited to take part in the celebration of Migrant and Refugee Sunday at the **9am Mass**, this Sunday 24th September, followed by **morning tea**. We will be doing our usual entrance procession with our many flags, so we will be recruiting flag bearers on the verandah before Mass. Come along and volunteer!

What to bring: (If you come from another country)

- Plate of your traditional **food** to share at the morning tea
- A **greeting of welcome** in your traditional language stating your country of origin on A4 paper and decorate it with photos or pictures if you can.

**Dress:** (if you can) in your **traditional cultural costume**.

We look forward to seeing you there.



**St Peter's Memorial Wall and Gardens:** Our Memorial Wall and Gardens upgrade is now complete. To simplify discussion, Fr Johny has decided to name the different areas after saints. The original Memorial Wall is to be known as St Peter's Wall; the new wall is to be known as St Paul's and the Memorial Garden will be the St Francis of Assisi Garden. Reservations can now be made in any of the 3 areas by contacting our Memorial Wall Coordinator, Mark Connolly on 0434147835 or you can contact Julie in the Parish Office. Prices to reserve a niche are as follows: Single niche \$500. Double Niche \$750. Plaques are arranged and paid for separately prior to the inurnment of ashes of the deceased.



**St Peter's Coffee Get Together:** Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held on **Wednesday 4th October** at 10.00am. **Please note the change of day and venue.** The cafe is called the **Flying Pepper Cafe** at 120 Kate Court, Rochedale (Rochedale Estates).



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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE**

Phone: 1800 846 643

**Grocery donations:** Thank you to those who have been bringing in your donations of non perishable grocery items to help those less fortunate in our local area. St Vinnies have helped 12 households with 19 children in a 2 week period alone! Some suggestions: long life milk, rice, cereals, tea, coffee, pasta, sauce, cleaning products, toiletries.

♥ **Youth Update** ♥  
**New members always welcome!**

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**FAITH MATTERS: St Vincent de Paul (27th Sept)**

St. Vincent de Paul, born in 1581 in France, is celebrated as a revered figure in Catholicism and humanitarianism. His life's work has left an indelible mark on the world, embodying the principles of compassion, service, and charity.

Vincent de Paul's journey began as a humble priest, but his dedication to helping the marginalized and impoverished transformed him into a prominent social reformer. He co-founded the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity, organizations that focused on ministering to the poor and vulnerable. Through these groups, he established hospitals, orphanages, and shelters across France, providing solace to countless individuals.

Vincent de Paul's teachings emphasized empathy and active engagement with the suffering, making him a patron saint of charitable organizations. His commitment to alleviating poverty and advocating for social justice inspired generations of individuals to follow in his footsteps. The Vincentian spirit continues to thrive today, with numerous institutions and initiatives worldwide dedicated to his mission.

St. Vincent de Paul's legacy endures as a reminder that compassion and service can profoundly impact the lives of those in need. His selfless devotion to uplifting the less fortunate serves as a timeless example of the transformative power of humanitarianism.

We at St Peters have an active Society of St Vincent de Paul which carries on that saint's tradition. Let us renew our own active support for this worthy work of being Christ to the world.

*Faith Enrichment Ministry*

**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



**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: 30th Sept & 1st Oct	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Julie Hondroudakis	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. David Crowley 1. Sharon Fong 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Megan Philpott 1. Alina George 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Megan Carroll 1. David Roati 2. Helen Graczyk
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Shelagh Ballment	Stephanie Lenishan Jo Cullen, Alan Vigor Anne Scanlon Del Reynolds	Cesarina Gigante Anne Fry Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after 9am Sunday Mass 1st Oct: Cristy & Bernie Vecchio.			
This week 24th - 30th Sept.		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	Counting: Bob'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:**

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

**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



### Our Lady's Grotto:

Fr Johny would like to know parishioners' thoughts on relocating the grotto with the statue of Our Lady to the front of the church to make it more visible.

### Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) Needs YOU!

**Do you have a heart for local mission – reaching those literally in your own backyard? Why not consider going back to school in 2024?** In Queensland State Schools we have the wonderful privilege of being able to volunteer to teach children within the Christian Religious Instruction program. Volunteers from many different Christian denominations form a team to teach CRI at Rochedale State School. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible and share the gospel message clearly through our curriculum which has full lesson plans, student workbooks and online resources. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, 3 online training modules, a Blue Card and a letter from our parish priest.

We always need and welcome new volunteers of all ages and all walks of life to our group and I can confirm that it is such a rewarding outreach ministry of our church. Maybe you would consider joining us?

If you would like more information please contact our CRI coordinator Sonia Kenny or myself, Rita Bishop.

Sonia Kenny [soniajkenny@gmail.com](mailto:soniajkenny@gmail.com) or 0422 068552

Rita Bishop [ritajbishop@yahoo.com](mailto:ritajbishop@yahoo.com) or 0408154751

**Flowers to decorate the church:** If any individuals or families would like to donate flowers to decorate the church especially for weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office. If you would like, we can specially remember your family or loved ones in prayer during the Mass.



**The Catholic Leader** September issue available in the church this weekend. \$4 each

**Columban Calendars for 2024** have arrived. You can purchase your copy from the SVDP Piety Stall for \$10.

### Around the Archdiocese

**Going Deeper** is a ten-session online series of video discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we will dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Going Deeper can be undertaken at any time and at the pace of each participant and will run for several months at a time. Going Deeper has a new feel in 2023 with each session running at approx. 30 mins. To register for the course, go to <https://www.goingdeeper.org.au/> Registrations will remain open until the end of September.

**Rosary:** Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit [www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren](http://www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren).

### 2024 Study Tour: Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece:

20 September – 6 October 2024.

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan.

Online Information Sessions: Saturday 23rd September, or 7th October 2023 at 2pm. Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with Catholic Theological College in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award.

RSVP & further information: [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)

### Entertainment Memberships: Bonus Holiday Pack Until 4th

October purchase a 12 or 24 month Single City Membership and receive \$275 worth of bonus holiday vouchers – hotel, cruise, cinema, tour & ferry vouchers. And a **Free Upgrade** to a Multi-City Membership (bonus value up to \$110)! Plus, every Membership purchased goes into the draw to win a **cruise** holiday on the azure waters of Fiji, valued at over \$7,282! St Peter's Online Order Page is

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

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