

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 in Ordinary Time (Year B)

28th January 2024

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Reflection

Moses was the Law giver. When he promised that God would raise another prophet like himself, it may be interpreted as indicating that this prophet will be the giver of a New Law. This is indeed how we Christians read texts such as this Sunday's first reading (Deut 18:15-20). We manage this also because while the context reveals that more than one prophet is envisaged, probably at different times, the construction is cast in the singular. So, one reading is that there will be a series of prophets, one after another, while the other reading is that there will be a single Prophet, the Christ. There is another christological reading too: the prophet will also be one from among them; he will be born of this people. Technically, according to the Exodus account, Moses was a Hebrew, but being raised by the class of oppressors of his own people, and having fled to a foreign land, he came to the Hebrews as more of an outsider. The new prophet would truly be one of their own. Jesus was born among them, though in a previously unnamed Galilean backwater, and walked among them, drawing followers to himself from his own compatriots, as we heard last Sunday. From the outset he is seen to be charismatic, for those he encountered and called followed him promptly.

In today's gospel (Mark 1:21-28) Jesus and his disciples reach the fishing village Capernaum, and there he teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Here he is presented as one with a teaching that is new. Here also we find one of the characteristically Marcan structures, where an episode is sandwiched between two parts of another construction. In this case, two synonyms indicate the "sandwich" of this device in v.22 and 27, but the first is weakened in our Lectionary's translation: *exēplēssōnto* (from *ekplēssō*) became "made a deep impression on them" rather than the more direct "they were amazed / astounded", with its counterpart *ethambēthēsan* (from *thambeō*), "they were astonished". They are first amazed by his teaching, and their astonishment is confirmed when his authoritative teaching is demonstrated in action, the sandwich's filling. In it is a man with an unclean spirit, and such unclean spirits are the first to recognize Jesus for who he really is. But when the man speaks, it is in the plural, "What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us?" This sometimes trips people up into thinking of the man as one possessed by many demons who fear what Jesus will do to them. But even the order Jesus gave, "Be muzzled!", is in the singular. So, who is the "us" the man speaks for?

We may approach this by way of the clue of Mark's device: the two things are one thing, or, breaking away from the concrete example of the sandwich we eat, it is the unfolding in time of a twofold manifestation of the same process: Jesus comes to set free. The new teaching that sets people free, which throughout the four Gospels is the remission of sin and debt, is manifested in the man set free from the unclean spirit; Jesus has not come to destroy us, certainly not to punish us sinners according to the usual way of law, but to free us. The man is set free from that which causes his social isolation and he is restored to society.

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In our parish this week: January / February 2024

Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 01	Friday 02	Saturday 03	Sunday 04
No Mass	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children No Mass 4.30pm SVDP Meeting 7.30pm Baptismal Info Meeting	St John Bosco No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & No Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i>	The Presentation of the Lord 9.00am Rosary No Mass <i>(1st Fri Healing Mass postponed to next Fri 9th February)</i>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass Cuppa to follow	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. 6.00pm Mass

We welcome Fr David Willis and Fr Bavin Clarke to celebrate Masses with us this weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during 9am Sunday Mass and is suitable for primary school aged children. The children and catechists leave from Mass for about 25 minutes to listen to the Word of God and partake in simple activities designed to give them a clearer understanding of God's Word. Parents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 8am Mass with Children: This Tuesday 30th January Stephanie will lead a Liturgy of the Word with the children at 8am. All are welcome to attend. Our usual **Tuesday Mass with Children** will resume on Tuesday 6th February.

Columban Calendars (\$10) at the SVDP Piety Stall.

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who attended the Safeguarding Training sessions held in October and to those who have done the training online at home. Anyone who missed these training sessions or has not recently viewed the training video will still be required to do the training online at home. Those ministers who must renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years include:

Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, Adult altar servers, Mass Coordinators, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Sacramental Program leaders, Care & Concern Visitation and transport volunteers, Home Communion & Nursing Home Communion Ministers, WOW Senior's Ministry & RCIA team, St Vinnies members, counters, Office admin, musicians & choir members.

The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>.

Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Readings for next weekend:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee: Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 commencing with Mass at 10.30am with Bishop Tim Norton. Please mark this date in your diaries! We would love you to jot down your memories of St Peter's and hunt out any photos you may have of St Peter's parish life over the years. All will be useful in compiling our 50th anniversary book. Please send your memoirs to the Parish Office by email if possible at stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. Many thanks.

Church Closed: The church will be open for weekend Masses and during Parish Office hours only this week. When the church is closed you are always welcome to pray at the Grotto.

St Peter's Cofee Get-Together: Our first Coffee Gathering for the New Year will be held on MONDAY 5th February at 10.00am at a new venue called "More" at Springwood Mall (near Woolworths). Please note the change of Day and change of Venue. All are welcome. Come and join us.



Healing Mass: Our first Friday Adoration and Healing Mass will be postponed in February to Friday 9th February. Please join us on 9th February for 8.30am Rosary, 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 9.30am Healing Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day: Please join us for Rosary and prayers following the 9am Mass on Sunday 11th February.

Books for Sale from the Church or Parish Office:

Break Open the Word 2024 - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word at weekend Masses but is also great for anyone to better understand the Sunday readings.

Thank you to all who donated cash, gift cards or food to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023. Thank you also to all who gave cash at the collection for St Vinnies during the Christmas Masses. Together at Christmas Masses we raised \$1548.45 which will allow our wonderful St Vinnies Conference members help those in need in our local area. Wonderful effort!

Those who have died: Gladys Hines-Smith, Michael Burns (*Bob's brother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, Alan Camp, Sheila O'Neil, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin, Sr Margaret O'Brien, Hope Wiltshire, Jim O'Donnell, Wolfgang Kurth, Robert Mallon, Monica Wing, Harold Potent, Mary St George, Fred Timkoe, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters, Len Carmody, Kevin Garland, Patrick Hanlan, Daniel Ryan, Donna Tiderman, Brian Menz.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Phillip Thelan, Philomene Crowley, Darrell Lusk, 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.



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FAITH MATTERS: St John Bosco, a simple Saint

Born of simple farming labourers, he was raised by his mother after his father's death when he was two. He learns magic tricks and acrobatics from passing troupes as a young lad. Drawn to the priesthood but lacking the education, he would gather groups of children by entertaining them with his magic tricks and acrobatics concluding his performances with recitations of prayers, hymns and simple homilies. He is forced to leave home by the hostility of his brother who did not approve of his vocation to the priesthood.

Don Bosco was ordained a priest in 1841 and began work to alleviate the plight of the poor and neglected boys who came seeking work in Turin. Bosco provides them with education, religious instruction, and recreation. He goes on to found the Salesians Order and later with St Mary Mazzarello he founds the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. These Orders spread to England, France, Spain, and South America.

Don Bosco encouraged his followers to become saints by living simply and to "build solid holiness by practicing small acts of virtue". He discourages his followers from prolonged prayers or unusual acts of penance.

Major teachings of Don Bosco

- Never postpone the good you can do today to tomorrow;
- Let us treat others with kindness, with courtesy, with charity;
- Faith opens a path through humble and concrete steps;
- Do good to everyone, harm no one;
- He who is humble and loving will always be loved by all;
- Do the good that you can anonymously.

May we apply these simple steps to sainthood ourselves.

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



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: 3rd & 4th Feb.	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Callista Jesuthasan	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. Pauline Angus 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Megan Philpott	C. David Roati 1. Anne Fry 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Joseph Varkey Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis	Malcolm Carroll Ann Maree Collier Sharon Fong
Musicians	Roger Ta'ale & Family	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Following the Saturday 6pm Mass 3rd February - Care & Concern			
This week 28th Jan - 3rd Feb.		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

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. For more information or to apply for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

The Catholic Leader: We still have several copies of the Christmas edition of the Catholic Leader available for sale in the church for \$4 per copy. These are the last copies we will have for sale. In 2024 The Catholic Leader is moving to an individual subscription distribution model. Parishes will no longer receive a bulk delivery of the paper. The production of the digital online edition of the paper will also stop at this time. Readers will need to take out individual subscriptions and will receive the newspaper delivered to their door. A Yearly Subscription will be \$65. Subscription envelopes available on the table near the doors in the church where you will find the last copies of the Christmas edition..

Around the Archdiocese

Fundraising Dance invitation: Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated (PCI) trading as Pregnancy Support Requests, Queensland. PCI is a Catholic not-for-profit comprised of men and women who volunteer to serve women and girls with crisis pregnancies and their unborn babies and any other children they may have. Support PCI by attending a **dance on Friday, 9th February, 6:30 - 11:00pm** at Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church Hall, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley, Queensland, 4103

\$35pp includes a glass of wine upon arrival, \$20pp for ages 10-17, and ages 0-9 are complimentary. All ages; youth and young adults, families, and seniors are most welcome.

Please see this booking link for further information, such as dress theme: <https://www.trybooking.com/COEVT>

Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday
1st February 2024

9.30am - 1:00pm
Hanly Room,
Francis Rush Centre.

Refreshments provided.

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen



RSVP: 25 Jan 2024 ☎ 3324 3030 ✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

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