

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

29th January 2023

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

I think those who write self-help books and work as life coaches would find today's gospel passage baffling and ridiculous. Today we hear from chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel, the first of the discourses or preaching of Jesus, which is known as the Sermon on the Mount, and in these nine sayings of Jesus, the nine Beatitudes, we have a summary of what it is to be Christian. A life coach, for those who want to spend the money, tries to help you to identify areas of your life you want to change, to develop your goals and an action plan, to develop new skills to achieve those goals and overcome blockages that prevent you from reaching your potential, and to make you feel happier and more content. As Christians, we already have our life coach; we already have our path to happiness, and these nine Beatitudes are it.

Yet for those of us who believe that happiness comes from what we earn or what we own, that self-worth comes from what we achieve and from being a success, then the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes are hard to swallow. Who wants to be a peacemaker when it is easier to fight back? Who wants to be gentle and stepped on? Who wants to stand up for what is right when it is easier to go with the flow? Who wants to be sad? Who wants to be abused? Who wants to be merciful and forgiving when our natural instinct is to get even and punish someone who has hurt us? Who wants to be persecuted? Who wants to be pure in heart when there is too much fun to be had? Who wants to be poor?

The great fifth-century North African bishop, Augustine of Hippo, realised the paradox of the Christian life. Fulfilment comes not from filling up our lives but from emptying them. The new life that Jesus brings comes from dying to self, not buying 'to' self. This is what Augustine said (Sermo 53A): 'Why are you afraid of being poor? Think of the wealth of the kingdom of heaven. People are afraid of poverty; let them be afraid, rather, of iniquity. After the poverty of the just, in any case, will come great prosperity, because there will be complete security; here, on the other hand, the more you increase what are called riches but are really not so, you also increase fear, and you don't put an end to greed. You can find me many rich people, can you find me one who has no worries? He's in a fever to go on getting, he's in a sweat about losing. When can such a slave ever be free?'

Today we are thankful that God loves us who are poor and weak. We are thankful that God loves us who are humble and foolish. We are thankful that God loves us who are common and ignored. We are thankful that God loves us who endure the unendurable, who forgive the unforgivable, who protect the unprotected, who are faithful to the faithless, who are just to the unjust, who shelter the homeless, who find the good in the bad, who encourage the dispirited, who love the unlovable. We thank God who loves us for those who build up rather than tear down, who bring together rather than divide, who give rather than take, who share rather than hoard, who understand rather than judge. Let us thank God that God is our wisdom and virtue, that God is our holiness and freedom. To us who follow Jesus through the power of the Spirit, to us who allow our bodies to be broken thanks to this broken bread that we eat, and to us who allow our lives to be poured out in service for others, thanks to this wine poured out that we drink, God promises the happiness and blessedness of the kingdom of heaven. For this we give God thanks and praise.

Text: Geoffrey D Dunn - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A. With permission of Liturgia, Archdiocese of Brisbane.



PARISH PRIEST

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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."



Jan/Feb		In our parish this week
Mon	30th	No Mass
Tue	31st	St John Bosco 8.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word 4.30pm SVDP Meeting 7.30pm Baptismal Information Mtg
Wed	1st Feb	The Conversion of St Paul No Mass
Thu	2nd	The Presentation of the Lord No Mass
Fri	3rd	9.00am Rosary No Mass
Sat	4th	5.30pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Celebrant: Fr John Gillen)
Sun	5th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass (Celebrant for both Masses: Fr John Gillen)

Readings for next weekend:
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)
Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

Masses this week: There will be no weekday morning Masses whilst Fr Johny is away. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. This weekend, Fr Frank Jones will celebrate 6pm Saturday Mass, Fr Gerard Hall will celebrate Sunday 9am Mass and Fr John Gillen will celebrate Sunday 6pm Mass. Please make these priests welcome this weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will recommence during the 9am Mass this Sunday 29th January. Children's Liturgy, which runs during school terms, 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 Children's Liturgy of the Word will commence this Tuesday 31st January. This will revert to the usual Mass with Children when Fr Johny returns.

Attention Young Men in our parish! Exodus 90 Program: a number of young men from the Parish Youth Group will be engaging with the Exodus 90 Program - a Catholic Program of Prayer, Asceticism and Fraternity. Any men under the age of 30, if you are interested please get in touch with Sam Chamberlain via email: schamberlain431@gmail.com.

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office
Break Open the Word 2023 - \$20 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.
The Catholic Leader - Christmas Edition still available \$4 Many great stories to read!!



OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME
Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023: We will be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages from the 4th to 20th October 2023. If you'd like to receive an itinerary with indicative prices please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com As we need to provide registration forms and deposits to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.

Those who have died: Lino Robazza, Mike Rothnie, Ray Kelley, Cardinal George Pell, Bernadette Connolly (*Mark's mother*), Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Book of Life & Mass Requests:
 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, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters, Len Carmody, Kevin Garland, Patrick Hanlan, Daniel Ryan, Donna Tideman, Brian Menz, Carmel Cox.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:
 Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Margaret Woltmann, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, 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.



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Faith Matters: Pope Francis - Human Dignity

NO physical limitation or setback can diminish the value of any human being because each person is a unique and beloved child of God, Pope Francis said.

“We are not anonymous, we are not photocopies, we are all originals!. And this is how we should be – originals, not photocopies,” he said during an audience at the Vatican on January 14 with members of the Pope John XXIII Community association.

“God knows us one by one, with our name and our face, which is unique.

“Certainly, we also have our limitations; some of us unfortunately have heavy limitations to bear.

“But this detracts nothing from the value of a person: each one is unique, a son or daughter of God, each one is a brother or sister of Jesus.”

“A Christian community that welcomes the person as he or she is thus helps to see them as God does,” which is with a look of love, he said.

“God also sees our limitations, it is true, and helps us to bear them,” he said. “

“But God looks above all at the heart and sees every person in his or her entirety. God sees us as an image of Jesus, his only begotten son, and with his love he helps us to become more and more like him.”

A young person, the Pope said, “like many teenagers,” wrote about the “struggle to perceive the beauty of Mass.” But the Pope responded, “Do not fear; at the right moment, the living Jesus will let you feel his presence.”

Pope Francis also thanked a “little friend, who remembers the innocents who are killed in the womb.”

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Youth will be taking a short break over the Christmas holidays, but we will be back on 4th and 5th February for young adults and high schoolers!

Happy New Year everyone! Have a safe and happy holidays!
God Bless, Chloe

St Peter's has 2 youth groups: One for High School students and one for young adults aged 18 to 35 and both groups meet fortnightly for a variety of activities. Contact Chloe if you are interested in more information about Rochedale Youth.



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: 4th & 5th Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Jo Cullen	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	David Crowley
Readers	C. Marissa Boyles 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Sharon Fong	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Alina George	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Megan Carroll 2. Chloe Chivers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Shelagh Ballment Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey	Del Reynolds Joan D'Netto Stephanie Lenihan	Helen Graczyk John Blake Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Dona Thomas, Telesia Naupoto, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield & Kathy Winter.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : 9.00am Sunday 5th Feb: Joan D'Netto, Cristy Vecchio & Bernie Vecchio.			
This week 29th Jan - 4th Feb:		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	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**

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0450 287 902

♥ 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
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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

Catholic Foundations module 1: Catholic Theology in Context

At the heart of the new Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's offerings are the four core modules entitled Catholic Foundations. Catholic Foundations is designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. The modules will be spread across four semesters in 2023 and 2024.

The first module, Catholic Theology in Context, led by Shane Dwyer (*Evangelisation Brisbane Associate Director, Adult Formation*) will commence on Monday night 20 February 2023 at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary. This module introduces some key principles of the Catholic faith as we seek to understand more deeply who God is and who we are called to be in response to God. It will cover themes including:

- The person of Jesus Christ
- A Catholic response to Scripture
- Living our faith today
- Prayer
- Understanding our baptism
- Our life in the Trinity
- The Eucharist

To find out more, head to catholicformation.au
See Jo Cullen if you are interested.

Last weekend to make an offer on items in the LOST PROPERTY BOX

The items in the Lost Property Box in the church are up **FOR SALE**.
The proceeds will be given to St Vinnies.
No reasonable offer refused. Please check out the items for sale on the table on the verandah at Mass this weekend. Next week, any remaining items will be donated to St Vinnies.

Around the Archdiocese

Sr Kari Heatherell osu has been appointed Provincial of the Australian Ursulines, effective March 2023. As Sr Kari worked with many people across the Archdiocese, a farewell has been organised. You are invited to attend a farewell to Sr Kari from the Archdiocese at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 14th February - 6pm for Evening Prayer followed by refreshments in the Hanly Room. RSVP by Wed 8th February via email rsvpcathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone to 3324 3030. The Cathedral carpark will be available.

Podcast Series - Great Characters of the Bible: This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. Subscribe to our podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

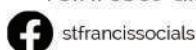


7:30pm Saturday 4 February 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

Inspired by the Catholic parish dances held around Brisbane during the 1950s-1970s (ask your parents and grandparents about them!), the St Francis Social will be a good ol' fashion dance/social mixer for young adults in their 20s and 30s, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure.

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Don't Miss out!! Business advertising.
This is a great opportunity for any parishioners in our congregation who would like to advertise their business or workplace in the Parish Newsletter. Your business will be showcased on our website, facebook, emails to parishioners as well as hard copies available at the church each week. If you are interested in promoting your business in our community and new estate please contact Jo in the Parish office for pricing and more details.

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