

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."



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

2nd April 2023

Readings: *Entrance into Jerusalem*: Matthew 21:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: (*The Passion*) Matthew 27:11-54

Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Easter)

Holy Week is observed with special solemnity as a time of devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ. During Holy Week, Christians recall the events leading up to Jesus' death by crucifixion and his Resurrection. The week includes five days of special significance.

1. Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which is also the last day of Lent. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' humble entry on a donkey into Jerusalem to observe Passover. According to the Gospel account, he was greeted by crowds of people who spread their cloaks and laid palm leaves on his path and proclaimed him the Son of David (Matthew 21:5). It is also called Passion Sunday in which we tell the world that there was a man named Jesus of Nazareth, who stepped forward from the line, and took the assassin's bullet so his friends would not have to die. Why? Because he taught us these famous words that described His life: "No greater love has a person than this, that he is willing to lay down his life for his friends."

2. Triduum: The Triduum consists of three days to pray and remember three essential days in Christ's passion. The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday and ends on the Easter Vigil celebration, which happens on Holy Saturday.

3. Holy Thursday: It is also called Maundy Thursday. During Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper and the washing of the feet of the 12 Apostles by Jesus. The celebration of the mass happens on sundown, then a procession of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commences as the priest places it on the Altar of Repose. Out of love for his disciples, Jesus was ready to share his status with his disciples and called them friends, washed their feet and to be with them for ever instituted the Eucharist.

4. Good Friday: We commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Today, we do not celebrate mass; however, we observe three things: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Communion. We are asked to observe fasting and abstinence on Good Friday. God chose what is foolish in the world to share the wise and what is weak in the world to confound the strong.

5. Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday marks the last day of Holy Week and Lent. On this day we celebrate the Easter Vigil at sundown. On this day the new water and the new fire are blessed as a symbolic representation of the New Life in Resurrection. The Paschal candle is a large, white candle lit during the Easter service. The candle is often decorated with symbols of Christ's resurrection, such as a cross or an image of the resurrected Christ. The Paschal candle also represents Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death and is a symbol of hope and new life. Baptisms are conducted on this day.

6. Easter Sunday: We celebrate the resurrection of the Lord today. The empty tomb is God's way of saying to us, relax, my child, I took the sting and death can't hurt you anymore. You too can have eternal life. Let us observe the Holy Week meaningfully. I invite you to observe the Holy Week meaningfully according to our faith.

Fr Johny

In our parish this week: April 2023

Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th	Saturday 8th	Sunday 9th
8.00am Mass 11.00 Funeral Len Torrens 5pm - 7pm First Rite of Reconciliation available with Fr Johny	8.00am Mass 5pm - 7pm First Rite of Reconciliation available with Fr Johny	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Choir Practice for Easter	Thursday of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm Mass Adoration till 10pm	Friday of the Passion of the Lord 10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross 3.00pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	Easter Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm Reconciliation (or by appointment) 7.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass only Note: No 6pm Mass

Installation Mass:

Thanks to Archbishop Mark Coleridge for joining us last Saturday for Fr John's installation Mass. It was a wonderful celebration. Many thanks also to all those who set up, prepared and brought food and did the cleaning up.



HOLY WEEK 2023

Last weekend to bring in **grocery items** for those doing it tough in the local area.

Fr Johny will be available for **Reconciliation on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April from 5pm to 7pm.**

Holy Thursday: Volunteers needed for the washing of the feet at Mass. Please email the Parish Office if you would be willing to be involved.

Please come prepared to give to the **Holy Land Collection** at the 3pm Passion service on **Good Friday Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm.** Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday Mass 9.00am only. No evening Mass.

Pray-As-You-Go: pathways of prayer. Saturday 15th April 9 am to 12.30pm

You are welcome to gather in the Parish Centre and St Peter's surroundings to consider ways to engage in prayer and reflection. Elizabeth Fort will enrich our prayer experiences with a pathway through Music and the Presence of God. Members of the Faith Enrichment Ministry will explore, Times, Avenues and Places of Prayer. There will be an opportunity for guided Personal Prayer in the Open Air or in our Church. A Refreshment Station will fortify your prayerfulness! **Express your Interest:** Please leave your name with Julie at the Parish Office 3341 4421

Readings for next weekend:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Yr A)

Vigil Mass: Genesis 1:1-2 2 or 1:1,26-31 Genesis 22:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday Mass: Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Palm Cross Folding: Saturday morning 1st April from 8.30am on the verandah in front of the Church. Please come along; even for a part of the time. Learn a craft, talk and share time with others, listen to great music. Enjoy morning tea together. All are welcome. Thank you, this is a lovely tradition in our parish. **Procession with palms** at 9am Mass Sunday 2nd April.

'Pass the Pastor' Home visits: Fr Johny would love to come to visit the homes of parishioners for a chat. This will be a great way for Fr Johny to get to know us and for us to get to know him. Fr Johny would be willing to bless your house at the same time if you wish. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time for Fr Johny to visit.

St Vinnies Easter Raffle: Tickets on sale after Masses this weekend. Help Vinnies help others. Raffle drawn on Monday.

Calling for Musicians and Singers: Dear Parishioners, as you know, at St Peter's we are always encouraging people to sing!

St Augustine is often quoted as saying that 'one who sings prays twice.' I would like to encourage any parishioners who would be able to assist the congregation to sing at Mass, by singing at the microphone, to please contact me or just ask one of the organists at Mass. We love to have singers assisting. We would also love to hear from anyone who plays a musical instrument. Perhaps your child is learning one and would be able to start learning some parts of the Mass or simple hymns? Our group would love to support them in playing at Mass. Perhaps you know how to play an instrument and could help us. Please consider this vital role in our Parish!

You may like to start your singing or playing journey at **choir practice for Holy Week and Easter!** This will be held on **Wednesday 5th April at 7pm** in the Church. Musicians on different instruments are also strongly encouraged to come along to this practice. You will all be warmly welcomed!

Hope to hear from you as we would love to have you in the Music Ministry team! Thank you for your support. Elizabeth Fort (07 3341 0852) Leave a message if I am not home and I will get back to you.

Those who have died: Mary Nicholl, (Gabrielle Connolly's Mother) Len Torrens, Jesai George, Denise Gordon

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana, Matthew Cogliati, Matthew Cogliati, Nicholas Chin, Cyril O'Brien, Dudley Maloney, Margot Vizmanos-Tovera, Jessie White, Elaine Fitzgibbons, Philomena Herrmann, George White, Ellen 'Nell' Elliott, Kenneth Morris, Kevin Thorley, Kerry Routledge, Lyn Murray.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Kerriane Meulman, Ray Parker, 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, Rhonda Lawson, Step & Les O'Gorman, Kaye Torrens, 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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Church Lighting Upgrade 17th - 21st April: It has become increasingly evident that the lighting in our church has become inadequate. We would be very grateful if out of your generosity we might receive donations however large or small to fund this upgrade. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Lighting Upgrade" and place them in the normal Parish Mass collection or use any of our Electronic transfer systems or hand them in to the Parish Office. Many thanks.



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

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Please contact our Youth Ministry Coordinators, Feba & Shenelle using the contact info above, for information about Rochedale Youth

This weekend we have 2 Youth Groups meeting.

High School Youth Group Saturday 1st April after Mass from 7pm in the Parish Centre.


Primary School Youth Group Sunday 2nd April after Mass from 10.15am to 11:15am also in the Parish Centre.

FAITH MATTERS: The Passion Have you ever come to a point in your life where you felt so overwhelmed with all that was going wrong, that you thought, "What is my life all about?" and "Where is God in all of this?" It happened to me once, when I was overseas for study, living in a non-Christian environment, and feeling both my studies and my host-family relationships collapsing around me. It seemed like the culmination of many situations in which I seemed to fail to achieve a positive goal. What sort of a Christian witness was I amidst all of this?

The weight of events and memories triggered me to fall on my knees, saying to God, "Why don't I seem to achieve anything worthwhile? Where is Jesus in all of this? Isn't he supposed to have died to win victory in my life?" That's when I started playing a movie in my head, with my eyes wide open: except I wasn't merely in the audience, watching: I was one of the 'extras', participating in the events – even to the point that I often became the 'stand-in' for the main character – Jesus. My intimately detailed awareness of what Jesus suffered and endured, especially when I changed places with him, all the way from his internal battles in Gethsemane to facing false accusations, being severely thrashed, ridiculed and spat upon as 'king', dragging himself against human weakness to Golgotha, being nailed to the cross, hanging for hours in pain while again being mocked, to finally, when nearly all life was drained, showing tender and fervent love for the repentant thief and for his mother. All crowned by "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Death finally ends his pain, and seals his victory.

That victory was for me - **in purest love!** If God loves me **that** much, surely, he wants to lift my spirit up wonderfully, beyond the clinging mire of this world, if only I place my life trustingly in his hands!

Faith Enrichment Ministry



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: 8th & 9th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator			
AV Operator			
Readers	Special Rosters for Easter Please check your emails to see where and when you are rostered.	Special Rosters for Easter	No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Thank you to all of our Mass Ministers.		
Musicians			
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Diane McKeone.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :No Cuppa - Easter			
This week 2nd - 9th Apr:		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**

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
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

Project Compassion: Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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. Bonus offer till 5th April get a **free multi-city upgrade** for 3, 12 month and 24-month single-city memberships! St Peter's Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Date Claimer: Marian Valley Retreat Saturday 6th May. Leaving Parish at 8.30am and leaving Marian Valley at 1.30pm. BYO Lunch. A bus may be available if we have enough people wanting to travel by bus OR Car Pooling may be an option. Please let Jo Cullen know if you are interested by phoning the Parish Office.

Around the Archdiocese

Men's barbeque breakfast invitation: Saturday 1 April 2023 from 7am to 9am in the Avocado Room of the Paloma Reception Centre. Bacon, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, baked beans, toast, jams, juice, tea and coffee are all available for the cost of \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please leave a message for Lindsay on 0480 494 627 or reply to our email directly at fom.sunnybank@gmail.com before Thursday 30 March 2023 for catering purposes.

The Archbishop's Dinner for Men is an evening event that provides a space for men who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. This year's dinner will be held at 6pm on April 13th at Wynberg in New Farm. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for men to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey. To express interest in attending, email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023 SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

The Summit is a key moment in the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council. Though we do not yet have papal approval, there is much we can do. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vision for the Archdiocese alongside a number of other leading voices, including Sherry Weddell (*author of Forming Intentional Disciples*). The Summit will create a place where each person can encounter Christ, be formed in faith, and equipped for the mission to which we are called.

When: 6pm Thursday 18th May - 3pm Saturday 20th May
Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks)
Cost: \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+
We would love to encourage our parishioners to attend. Please see Jo where a payment plan can be provided if necessary. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.
 Find out more and register at brisbanesummit.com

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME
Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th-20th Oct 2023:
 For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com asap.



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