

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd October 2022

Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

### In the heart of the church I will be love

#### From the autobiography of St Thérèse of Lisieux

The Memorial of St Thérèse of Lisieux is always on 1st October every year. In 2022, it falls on Saturday this weekend. St Thérèse has been declared a Doctor of the Church, joining St Catherine of Siena and St Teresa of Avila. St Thérèse is remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity (her little way).

It is a great path that we all can and should learn and practice as we all are ordinary people. Below is an excerpt of the autobiography of the saint, perfectly explaining her understanding of love. It is also the second reading of the Office of Readings for the day. Enjoy reading.

Also this weekend, we thank and welcome Fr Leo Burke to celebrate weekend Masses with us.

*Fr Baiyi*

Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistles of St Paul in the hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the 12th and 13th chapters of the 1st epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, that the Church is composed of a variety of members, and that the eye cannot be the hand. Even with such an answer revealed before me, I was not satisfied and did not find peace.

I persevered in the reading and did not let my mind wander until I found this encouraging theme: *Set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will show you the way which surpasses all others.* For the Apostle insists that the greater gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I had found peace of mind.

When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognised myself in none of the members which St Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favourably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed I knew that the Church had a body composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realised that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then, nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly I have found my place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction.



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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."



October		In our parish this week
Mon	3rd	No Mass 7.00pm PPC Meeting <i>Public Holiday - Parish Office closed</i>
Tue	4th	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b> 8.00am Mass with children 6.30pm Alpha 7.00pm RCIA
Wed	5th	6.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral - Jim Nathan 7.00pm Pivotal Players
Thu	6th	No Mass
Fri	7th	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass 7.00pm Youth BBQ with Bishop Tim
Sat	8th	10.30am Forum - PPC, PFC & Ministry Coordinators 3.00pm Blessing of the Pets 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday Cuppa to follow with Bishop Tim
Sun	9th	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy & RCIA Sacraments Cuppa to follow with Bishop Tim 6.00pm Mass

**No Mass** on Monday 3rd October.

**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 5th October.**

**Those who have died:** Jim Nathan, Queen Elizabeth II, Alfred Eaton, Wally Vanek Snr, John Drew, Delle Conway

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:**

Andrija Silvka, Ronald Paten, Sarah Denton, Sergio Viola, K. Wiltshire, Simon Doyle, Valentine Pollard, Simon Doyle, Valentine Pollard, John Mitchell, Col Henderson, David Irvine, Anna Irwin, Joseph Kenway, Peter George, Merle Miller, Veronica Sheridan, Gys van Bekkum Snr, Gys van Bekkum Jnr, Willem van Bekkum, Mary O'Brien, Andrew Aranha, Angele Vanden Boom, Patrick Bradley, Gerald Sherry, Jason Murray, Lewis Clarke.

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

Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Josephine Cullen, Harriet Ling, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Liz Hill, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnston, 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:**  
**Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**  
**2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19**

**Memorial Wall Expansion Project:** Building work for the construction of the new Memorial Wall and Garden is almost complete. Due to Work-place, Health and Safety requirements, there will be **strictly no access** to the Memorial Wall area and surrounds during the construction period, which is anticipated to end this week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word.** Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 9th October at the 9.00am Mass.

**St Peter's Coffee Get Together:** Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 10th October at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South



**Save the date:** Altar Servers gathering October 28th

**Bishop Tim Norton SVD** will pay an episcopal visit to our parish from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October. Bishop Tim will visit the school on Friday and join the Youth of the parish for a BBQ on Friday evening from 7pm. Bishop Tim will then meet with the Pastoral Council & Finance Council and the leaders of our Ministry groups on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon at 3pm, we will have a **blessing of pets** on the lawn beside the church. **Bishop Tim will celebrate Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass and join parishioners for a cuppa after each of these 2 Masses.** Please come along to one of these Masses to meet and welcome Brisbane's new Bishop. Please bring a small plate of food to share at the cuppa following Mass.

**St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023:** Our pilgrimage which was meant to take place in 2020 is on again. We will now be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages in **October 2023.** Please check out the itinerary and indicative price in the printout on the table near the main church doors. Updated airfares will not be available until November. If you would like to join us or to receive the link to the pdf document with the itinerary please contact **Stephanie Lenihan** at [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) or mobile: 0413268860 As we need to provide numbers to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie no later than Friday 28th October.

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**Faith Matters: HUMILITY.** A word that seems daunting, and at the same time, somewhat weak: what does humility really look like in terms of attitudes and actions in this world?

Is it a matter of being a doormat: that anyone can walk over you without restraint? Never to speak up in the face of injustice done to you? Does it mean always staying in the background, never intruding?

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are over-burdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (*Revelation 3:20*). When we look at Jesus' life, it is obvious that he did not fit into any of the above categories, and yet he says that he is "humble in heart". What, then, is "being humble"?

Perhaps it is more about being someone who is not haughty, a show-off, wanting to be the centre of attention, yet always ready to act or to speak up when there is a challenge to justice, truth or love. Always ready to gently but firmly speak wisdom into a situation for the sake of seeing God's light and love fill every person and situation, not because we want to have our say, but because we know we have Godly insight that needs to be brought to the situation.

We need to recognize our own weakness: our tendency to want to be seen as special, to stand out from the crowd. Then we need to move past that weakness toward what is of the Light, seeking God's grace to be, to say and to do only that which releases that Light into a situation. All to God's glory. Not ours.

The ultimate picture of humility is God, himself, who, in the face of our destructive self-will, chose to enter this world in fully human form. He lived in the limitations of the flesh, taught and served us in the face of disbelief and rejection, then died a painful, shameful death – loving us to the end, even in our sin!

*Faith Enrichment Group*

**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. Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>



**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: 8th & 9th Oct	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen	Kate Guy
AV Operator	David Crowley	Sam Chamberlain	Jonny Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Eric Quan 2. Marissa Boyles	C. Tram Nguyen 1. Feba Baji 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Megan Carroll 1. Bob Burns 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joseph Varkey Shelagh Ballment Carl de Mello	Joan De Netto Stephanie Lenihan Del Reynolds	Anne Fry Cesarina Gigante Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Elizabeth Fort	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 6: Julie & Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sat 6pm Mass: Care & Concern - Peta Grandin & Sun 9am Mass: PPC - Stephanie Lenihan			
This week 3rd Oct - 9th Oct	Sacristan: Suma Joseph		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](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:

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♥ Evangelisation Task Group Facebook

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

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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

## Some facts about the car accident that occurred last Sunday

Unfortunately, a serious car accident occurred in our parish's carpark just before the 9am Mass. Many parishioners are aware of that and they are very concerned about the victim's situation. Fr Baiyi and Jo, on behalf of the parish, visited the victim on Monday morning at PA hospital. We would like to share some facts about the accident and invite you to continue to pray for all those involved, especially the victim.

1. The name of the victim is Lien Pham (English name: Maria). Lien's situation is serious but stable. Four of her ribs and three toes of her left foot are broken. Her legs and right foot are injured, too. Lien is getting further scans, tests and receiving more treatments. Lien had surgery on her knee during the week.
2. Lien is Vietnamese. She and her husband are visiting their daughter and her family in Australia. Unfortunately, they didn't purchase travel insurance.
3. We will invite parishioners to sign on a card and express our thoughts and prayers for Maria this weekend after Mass.
4. If you would like to send the family some flowers and/or donate some money to the family, you are most welcome to do so through the Parish Office. After our three weekend Masses, we will provide a box at the main entrance of church for your convenience to financially support the family.

As is required, a report has been submitted to the Archdiocesan Workplace Health and Safety Office about this incident. We ask that you please always take care when driving or walking in the carpark. Make sure that you keep all those involved, especially the victim and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Parish Leadership Team

**Alpha is starting again:** Over the last 2 years we have hosted Alpha in our parish. It was such a success that we are blessed to now have a team who are prepared to host it again.

Alpha will commence on **4th October in the Parish Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** with FREE dinner and chat. We invite you to come along if you haven't been before. Remember this is not just for Catholics but for anyone who is searching, wondering where they fit into life. It is in a very casual informal friendly environment where we watch a short video and then have a conversation about it. If you know a neighbour, friend or work mate who you feel could benefit from this night please bring them along. They can come to one, some or all 10 of the sessions.

Bookings are essential for catering for dinner and drinks. Please place your name on the board on the Alpha table or phone the Parish Office. Please talk to one of the Alpha team members who will be at Masses this weekend.



The St Peter's Parish invites you and your animal companions to our

## Annual Pet Blessing

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm,  
on the grassed area next to the Church  
All are welcome!  
We can't wait to meet the special members of your family  
RSVP to the Parish Office 3341 4421

**Season of Creation 2022 - Listen to the Voice of Creation** *The Season of Creation, from 1st Sept - 4th Oct, is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.*

.....Finally, there is the plea of our children. Feeling menaced by shortsighted and selfish actions, today's young people are crying out, anxiously asking us adults to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems.  
*(from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation on September 1)*



**COME JOIN US**

## ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE SPRING FAIR

INTERNATIONAL FOOD | GAMES  
RAFFLE ENTERTAINMENT FAMILY FUN

Sat. Oct. 8th 2022, 9am - 2:30pm,  
26-38 Marcarthy Rd, Marsden

St Maximilian Kolbe extends a warm invitation to all Parishioners of St Peter's to join them at their 2022 **Parish Spring Fair** on Saturday, 8 October 2022; from 9am to 2.30pm.

There will be heaps of multi-cultural Entertainment (including a Live Band), International Food, Hand-made Craft, Home & Gift Items for Sale, Games and loads

*Fun... for everyone across all age groups!*

**Around the Archdiocese**  
**Cathedral of St Stephen Choir Auditions for 2023:** Choir Auditions for SATB & Trebles 6th and 7th October. For further information please contact [cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au).

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