

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

Since 1974

955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July 2022

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21

The inflation in the Church

Currently, the economy is not very good due to high inflation. Economically, inflation means a general increase in prices of goods and services and a fall in the purchasing value of money. In other words, during the period of high inflation, our income and savings can be the same but our quality of daily life becomes worse.

Inflation can happen in the Church as well. This inflation is not about money or prices. There are at least two ways in which the inflation can be seen. First, the inflation can be shown in the national census of population. According to the census, the percentage of the Catholic population can look good. Currently, there are 5,075,907 Catholics in Australia (*"Cultural diversity: Census, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics". 7 April 2022*), representing about 18.9% of the overall population. It doesn't look bad.

However, we may have a different view if we have a look at the numbers of Mass attendees. In 1996, there were around 864,000 people attending Sunday Masses in Australia – 18 per cent of the Australian Catholic population. But by 2016, Sunday Mass attendance rates had dropped to just 11.8 per cent of all Catholics (<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/its-all-in-the-numbers/>). Now we are in 2022. We did have a Mass attendee count last year but the report hasn't been released yet. We anticipate the current Mass attendance rates will be much lower than the rates in 2016. The inflation means that there are still high numbers of Catholics according to the census but with a very low percentage of Mass attendees.

Second, the inflation in the Church can be shown in the involvement of Catholics in the Church/parish life. I don't have actual figures to talk about it but we can all feel it. In the past, more people were more passionate in participating in the building of the Church: serving at Mass, being liturgical ministers, donating money and so on. Now, of course, there are still a good number of people who continue to do these things, especially in our parish. However, the number is much lower than the number in the past.

Taking our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) as an example, there were 11 members of PPC in 2017. Two years later, we had the same number but some of them had to resign before their term was finished due to their family and/or work commitments. Last year, we could only have eight members for our new PPC and some time ago, two of them resigned for the same reasons. We tried to have about 5 new members, but we have had only three. I'm not complaining about anyone, and I understand everyone's situation. I thank all those who have contributed to the building of our parish. I'm just trying to make a point: among the current Mass attendees, the number of those who are able or willing to be involved in parish life is becoming fewer. To me, this is a type of inflation in the Church.

Dear friends, we need to bring the inflation in the church down, in the same way that we don't want to have a high inflation in the economy. The best way to do so is to encourage all of our parishioners to make themselves "rich in the sight of God" (Luke 12:21, from the Gospel for this Sunday). Let us focus more on our spiritual life and the building of our spiritual family. If all of us try to do so, the inflation in the Church will definitely become low in the future.

Fr Baiyi



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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."



August		In our parish this week
Mon	1st	Saint Alphonus Liguori 8.00am Mass 7.00pm PPC meeting
Tue	2nd	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
Wed	3rd	Saint Dominic 6.30am Mass 7.00pm Pivotal Players: St John Henry Newman
Thu	4th	Saint John Vianney No Mass
Fri	5th	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Reconciliation available) 9.30am Healing Mass
Sat	6th	The Transfiguration of the Lord 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	7th	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass - with Children's Liturgy Cuppa to follow 6.00pm Mass

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer during daylight hours (except Thursdays which will be 8.15am to 1.15pm).

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 3rd August - St John Henry Newman**

Readings for next weekend:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)

Wisdom: 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Sacramental Program 2022: Confirmation - Friday 26th August

The children and their families will attend the Parish School Family Mass at 9am on Sunday 14th August during which they will participate in a Rite of Enrolment. Following the Mass the children and parents will attend a workshop where they will learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the children & families in your prayers.

First Friday: This Friday 5th August please join us for our usual First Friday celebrations. We begin with Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am with Reconciliation available from 9am to 9.20am. Healing Mass begins at 9.30am.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9am Mass on Sundays during school terms. Children's Liturgy 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.

Safeguarding Surveys: The protection and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is at the core of Church mission, and setting the right approach to safeguarding is important. The thoughts and views of children and the Church community are essential in helping shape that approach. The Archdiocese has prepared two short safeguarding surveys to help gather feedback from children and the Church community. The surveys are completely anonymous and the parish will not be identified. The surveys can be completed on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.

Online Child Safeguarding Survey (5 – 12 years) Parents and Guardians may wish to assist children in completing the survey and explore their responses if needed.

Online Parish Safeguarding Survey (Adults) This survey is seeking information from parish workers and parish congregations/communities, and should take less than 1 minute to complete.



Those who have died: Michael Smith, Warren Nicholl

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Bill Bray, Yvonne Mesalic, Jean Lilburne, Helena Scott, Lesley Winter, Irena Wlodarczyk, Tom Lyng, James Durham, Fr Bill Taylor, Michael Allen, Margaret Lewis, Michael Kerslake, Thomas Flanagan, George Kirehner, Tom Curtin, Agatha Thien, Elizabeth Field, Blanche Naughton, Jane Doyle, Arthur McKenna, Mary White, Patrick Naughton, Julia Smith, Vivienne Broomell, Alfred Duffey, Ella Dixon, Perry Tzavellas, James Murray, Forde Ewart, John Scott, Kathleen Smyth, Hilda Thomson, Raymond Littlefield, Narelle Cogliati.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Hariet Ling, Erika Meerwald, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Mick Denton, Helen Viola, Milja Atanovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, 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.



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Faith Matters: Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola 1491-1556

The short story is that of a young ambitious Spanish Court Dandy and soldier who became badly wounded in battle, found Jesus, went on to found a powerful Catholic Order and to develop a hugely helpful and practical guide to living and experiencing life with Jesus. The longer much more interesting story is of a man from the minor Spanish Nobility who went to the Spanish Court to develop his career and trained in the military arts to this end. He was a self-confessed dandy, interested only in himself and his career.

Struck down and badly wounded by a cannonball in a battle at Pamplona, and butchered by battlefield surgery, his enforced recuperation brought him face to face with Jesus through reading stories of the lives of the Saints and of Jesus which were the only books available. This experience changed his whole pattern of life and convinced him to give away his former ambitious self-seeking lifestyle and to focus on living his life to the glory of God. Expressed in his motto AMDG/Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the Greater Glory of God).

After a year of reflection at Manresa, & theological education at the University of Paris he continued to develop his great work the Spiritual Exercises which he had begun at Manresa. Whilst at university, he introduced his contemporaries, Francis Xavier and Peter Faber to the Spiritual Exercises and with them he formed the Society of Jesus. All three were later canonized.

His Spiritual Exercises forms a manual for living life with Jesus at a practical achievable level. It is meant to be done rather than just read and provides a way into experiencing the Eucharist like no other.

Undertaking the Spiritual Exercises is a life changing experience, open to all people and not just the theologically minded. It is well worth the time and effort involved.

We pray the St Ignatius prayer:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, My memory, my understanding
And my entire will, All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love
and your grace, That is enough for me.

Faith Enrichment Group

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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High School Youth Group is re-launching this Sunday **31st July** after Mass at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre! The next high school youth group will be on Sunday **14th August** after Mass at 7pm! Filled with free food, fellowship and fun!

Anyone interested in coming to **Ignite Conference 2022** (September 22nd-25th) please contact Chloe through email or Instagram! Ignite Conference is a 4 day event filled with explosive rallies, powerful sacraments, inspiring workshops and lots of fun and will be held at St Laurence's College, Brisbane.



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: 6th & 7th August	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Francis Yoo	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Sharon Fong 1. Joyce Lyster 2. David Crowley	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Feba Baji 2. Alina George	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Anne Fry 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Honora Wong Jo Cullen	Del Reynolds Joan D'Netto Stephanie Lenihan	Ann Maree Collier Malcolm Carroll Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ihsan	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 3: Julie and Basil Britto.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After 9am Mass Sun 7th August - Joan D'Netto, Cristy & Bernie Vecchio			
This week 31st July-6th August		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	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: 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

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775



Be the face of Christ for others

We are called to be the face, hands, and heart of Christ in our communities.

Every day, God showers us with blessings so we will have gifts to share. Your support serves those in our community who need our care today.



2022 ANNUAL
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PLENARY COUNCIL: The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia took place from July 3rd to 9th.

Go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au to catch up on all the news from the Plenary Council. Full details on all the motions and voting outcomes from across the week can be found on the Motions and Voting page of the Plenary Council website.

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. Until 11.59pm on 31st July, get 2 bonus months on new memberships - that is 14 months for the same price. Online Order Page

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

Around the Archdiocese

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission? Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

Call for Catholic Mission Ambassadors: Join us as a Catholic Mission Ambassador. You will be our voice and presence this World Mission Month, October 2022 for our appeal in a Brisbane parish. You will:

- Engage in mission through prayer, advocacy and fundraising.
- Raise awareness of the work of Catholic Mission in 160 countries around the world, including Australia.
- Raise funds for mission projects supporting children, communities and church leaders.

Email us on brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au for more information.

Women of the Way Retreat - August 26th – 28th at Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin. Ladies, would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge? Treat yourself to some quality time with God at The Women of The Way Retreat. Come to Reflect, Recharge, Renew and Reignite your faith. The theme for this year is *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*. The retreat leader is Rebecca Crouch, an inspirational speaker, worship leader and Spiritual Director. Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship. For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando ph 0400755516 email: wowqld@gmail.com. Registrations close 31st July.

Prayer for Clergy Convocation 2022: Have you considered praying for your Clergy? Deacons, Priests and Bishops? Why not pray for them in the lead up to the 2022 Clergy Convocation from 16th to 17th August at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Clergy Convocations are a positive time for Archdiocesan Clergy to come together and discuss matters of importance to the Church and enjoy fellowship and worship.

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