

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."



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

3rd September 2023

Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

“Suffering and Death? To what purpose?”

“Suffering and Death? To what purpose?” Peter thinks. After entrusting to him the responsibility of the Kingdom that Jesus came to establish, where everything was going to be fabulous, how come Jesus has started talking about arrest, suffering and even death? In Peter’s simple straightforward mind, something seems seriously wrong somewhere. Peter probably thinks that Jesus is testing his loyalty to Him. Whatever may have gone into his mind, his spontaneous reaction is to protect his master; such things should not happen to Jesus, as he is entrusted with the responsibility and the keys. But what must shock Peter even more are Jesus’ harsh words, “Get behind Me, Satan.” Within the course of four verses when Jesus entrusts to him the keys, he has now become a ‘Satan’! Peter must be feeling terribly let down and insulted before other disciples. May be the remonstration from Jesus is so strong and clear that Peter does not enter further argument with Jesus.

I know a lot of people who get into arguments with God, when things do not go the way, they want them to. While it is a good thing to argue with God sometimes, we must know our own limits and, we should let God be God. The one reason, why Peter does not continue arguing with Jesus is what Jesus tells him and what we should ourselves learn from this passage: “You think like men and not like God.” That is what I think is the crux of the matter and we would do well to see if Jesus could be uttering the same kinds of words to you and me, “You think like men and not like God.”

One of the reasons we find the Gospels always challenging us is that we are unable to go into the deeper meaning and purpose of the words of Jesus. We often get caught at the superficial level of our own existence, where we see our success or failure in the way the world sees it. That is why, many a time, there is somehow a quick disconnect when I tell people to try to bring the meaning of the Cross into their lives. The other day, citing from the Gospel, Jesus’ words on forgiveness, I was telling someone about the need to forgive his so-called enemy. He quickly shot back, “Jesus was God. I am only a human being. Do not expect me to act like Jesus.” While he was logically quite right, he was looking at things the way men and not God sees them.

We, as Christians are indeed fortunate to be told about the meaning of suffering and to have the example of our Master who went through all that suffering, something He knew was coming when He went to Jerusalem. But do we ever try to understand the meaning of suffering in our lives, or many other things that happen to us which are not according to our plans or wishes?

If, therefore, He scolded Peter in strong words because he did not want Jesus to go through suffering, Jesus was teaching Peter and other followers about suffering being a necessary part of that Kingdom of which He had given him the keys a little while before the current incident.

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In our parish this week: September 2023

Monday 04	Tuesday 05	Wednesday 06	Thursday 07	Friday 08	Saturday 09	Sunday 10
<p>8.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00pm PPC Formation with Evangelisation Brisbane</p>	<p>St Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>8.00am Mass led by the school children</p> <p>10.00am Social Justice Mtg.</p>	<p>10.00am Cuppa at Flying Pepper Cafe, Rochedale Est.</p> <p>6.30pm Adoration</p> <p>7.00pm Mass</p>	<p>No Mass</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p>	<p>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>9.00am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Liturgy of the Word with schoolchildren</p>	<p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>10.00-11.00am Primary School Youth Group Mtg.</p> <p>4.30pm RCIA</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held on **Wednesday** 6th September at 10.00am.

Please note the change of day and venue.

The cafe is called the **Flying Pepper Cafe** at 120 Kate Court, Rochedale (Rochedale Estates).



Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:

After more than 5 years of dedicated service to our parish in the role, Josephine Cullen has accepted a position elsewhere. We wish Jo all the very best in her new adventure and thank her for all of her tireless efforts to build up our Lay Ministry Groups. Anyone who would like more information on applying for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Ministers roster October - December

Those who minister in any way at weekend Masses, please advise any dates you will be unavailable for the next roster which will run from Saturday 30th September to Sunday 31st December. Yellow slips are available at the main doors of the church for you to advise us.

Alternately, you may email any dates that you are unavailable to Julie in the Parish Office at stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

New Ministers welcome: Would you like to be a Minister of the Word, an Extraordinary Minister of Communion or help us with the Audio Visual? Please also contact the Parish Office.

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed on Thursdays.**

New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Thank you to those who have made generous donations to help with the \$1500 cost of these purchases for the parish. To date we have received \$1120 in donations. Wonderful!

Readings for next weekend:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Annual Catholic Campaign: Thank you to all those who have contributed. If you would still like to donate, bring the envelope back to Mass or use the online options on the envelope.



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Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign will support those in dire circumstances and give children living in hardship access to a caring Catholic school community. Through this gift, you live the Gospel by caring for our elderly priests and educating seminarians who will lead the future Church.

Thank you for all you do to support those in need in our local community

Parish Pastoral Council: Have you ever wondered what it is like to be on the Parish Pastoral Council? Do you think yourself or another parishioner might be a suitable Councillor?

Several members of our current Parish Pastoral Council will be stepping down so vacancies have been created. This Monday evening 4th September at 7pm there will be a formation evening run by the team from Evangelisation Brisbane on the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. Please come along if you would like to know more. Nomination slips are available this weekend.

Children's Liturgy: We are looking for some people to help on Sundays with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Mass. Training and resources are easy and we will provide this.

Those who have died: David Robinson, Stuart Layt, P.J.Paul (*Rani's father*), Lawrie Kelley.

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Thomas O'Brien, Anna Viola, Aline de Baritault, Lillian Rose Funk, Leslie McLachlan, Alice Harvison, Mariah Egan, Jennifer Johnstone, Kevin Sorohan, Alice Harvison, Mariah Egan, Jennifer Johnstone, Kevin Sorohan, Johannes "John" van Hoof, Roy Bevan, Mary Hanson, Bernard Burke, Thomas White, Edward Lynch, Anthony Aliprandi, Ursula Knuth, Blanche Kay, Kath Lourigan, Peter Lee, Vi Christensen, Ivan Christensen, Robert Cussons, Harold Littleton, Michael Bray, Bessie Wiltshire, Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Lee Mazzaglia, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Ray Parker, Kerriane Meulman, Dawn Evans, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Lien Pham (Maria), Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Steph & Les O'Gorman, 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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Phone: 1800 846 643

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.

Primary School Youth Group: On most Sundays 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass. Next gathering on Sunday 10th September after the Parish and School Family Mass.

Date Claimer: Primary school & high school students gathering Friday evening 22nd September. More details to follow.



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.

FAITH MATTERS: ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA (1910-1997)

Called to serve "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them - to follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."

Thus was Teresa of Calcutta called to serve those she saw as the most vulnerable, those cast aside, those unborn, those abandoned, the very 'poorest of the poor'. Her words challenge us to see the God-given dignity in those whose misery calls to us, shouts to us in its desperation.

Uncomfortable choices? There is nothing comfortable in the plight of the destitute. In media and news we are confronted with images of human misery we ache to see.

In the beauty and abundance of our created world, how can this be?

We pause; we recoil; overwhelmed by the paralysis in our response.

To follow Jesus into the places of abandonment, to see his face in lives ruined by illness, addiction, and mental anguish to the edges of desolation, to speak Jesus' language of compassion and mercy.

How can we possibly do this? For Mother Teresa there was no question.

We Pray

May Mother Teresa be our model of holiness.

We give thanks for God's grace, the compassion and mercy of Jesus and the soaring light of the Holy Spirit embodied in the frail frame of this courageous, resolute and faith filled woman, carrying so lightly the troubled world of affliction.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Roster: 9th & 10th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Jo Cullen
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Jonathan Vigor	Tristan Edison
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Tinny Nguyen 1. Megan Philpott 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Megan Carroll 1. Bob Burns 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Ann Maree Collier	Stephanie Lenihan Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Deseree Quan	Vickie Routledge Kate Guy Sharon Fong
Musicians	Ihsan Laksmana	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty de Jesus & John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after 6pm Saturday Mass 9th Sept: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin & Mike Jarvis.			
This week 3rd - 9th Sept.		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**

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

Scam warning There is a scam going where people receive text messages or emails from various priests, including Fr Johny, asking for money urgently. **Do not respond or follow any links in these messages.** Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

Flowers to decorate the church: If any individuals or families would like to donate flowers to decorate the church especially for weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office. One or 2 bunches of flowers please, would be lovely each week. If you would like, we can specially remember your family or loved ones in prayer during the Mass.



Columban Calendars for 2024 have arrived. You can purchase your copy from the SVDP Piety Stall for \$10.

Safeguarding Week: 3rd to 9th September. St Peter's Parish of and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Around the Archdiocese

Season of Creation Mass and Discussion: Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC), are hosting a Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass is followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre) from 7pm to 8pm.

Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023

Time: 6:00pm Mass followed by discussion event

Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth, Brisbane

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Calling all Singers: Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be part of a massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral on Friday 29 September at 5:30pm as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane. Archbishop Mark will preside at this special Mass which will be attended by bishops, clergy, religious and lay conference delegates from around the country. Please complete the registration form at <https://lbsurvey.weebly.com/conference-choristers.html> where you will be able to download the list of music tracks. For enquiries phone Liturgy Brisbane on 3324 3321.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples along with family and friends are invited to Mass at 11.30am on Saturday 30th September at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by refreshments in the Cathedral grounds. RSVP by 22nd September to 3324 3030 or cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

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