

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th September 2022

Readings: **Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9:-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33**

### Active ministry service in our parish

As we can clearly tell, COVID-19 has badly affected our Church life in many different ways since its outbreak. The number of Mass attendances has decreased; it is becoming more difficult to get enough ministers for all the different ministry groups; some parishioners or their family members are still suffering from the long COVID, and etc. For most of the parishes, the vitality of the parish life hasn't restored to the level before the start of the virus. Our parish is one of them but our situation is probably better than in some other parishes. I would like to share with you some pieces of exciting news about the recent activities in our parish.

On Friday evening, 26th of August, there were 31 children in our parish who received the sacrament of confirmation. Our church was packed with the children, their families and friends. This year, we could not have a bishop to celebrate the sacrament with us. Fr John Conway, parish priest of Regents Park and dean of the Logan deanery, was delegated and he presided over the liturgy in a very beautiful way. Fr John delivered a vivid homily and led the whole congregation in a very prayerful atmosphere during the liturgy.

As I talked about some months ago, two members of our parish pastoral council (PPC) have resigned because of their work and family commitments. In our parish, we have a new PPC every two years. We formed the current PPC last year and their tenure lasts until 2023. As a result of the resignations, we needed to appoint some new members to PPC. Thankfully, three parishioners generously accepted this role and have been appointed as the new PPC councillors. During Saturday 6pm Mass this weekend, they will be formally commissioned. For our parish, this is a wonderful piece of news.

For a Catholic parish, evangelisation is always the top priority. That is why we formed a new ministry group, named as Evangelisation Task Group (ETG), last year. Through the work of ETG, we hope we can share our faith with others and reach out to invite people in the wider community. In this way, we hope there will be those who would like to join our community in following Jesus Christ and walking together with us on the journey towards the kingdom of heaven. After expressing their willingness to join us, our RCIA team accompanies them and walks with them on their journey of faith. During the 9am Mass this weekend, a lady, Kelly Chew, will take a very significant step on her journey of faith, becoming a formal elect for the sacraments of Christian initiation. Then, on Sunday 9th October at 9am Mass, Kelly's initiation will be celebrated with Bishop Tim, who will be paying our parish a formal episcopal visit on that weekend.

Dear friends, our parish is still very active in spite of the negative influence of COVID-19. Let us thank our Lord for this. However, like many other parishes, we are facing challenges and difficulties, too. Many, if not all, of our parish ministry groups are struggling with the number of members, however the groups are active and they serve our parish well. For example, three members of our sacramental team have resigned. There are only three active members for RCIA team. It was difficult to get enough members for PPC last year and to find the new members this year. It would be much better if we can have more people on ETG. **Therefore, we would like to encourage more parishioners to come forward and join in our different ministry groups. Your gifts will be very welcome. Then we can possibly keep the vitality of our parish.**

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."



September		In our parish this week
Mon 5th	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	
Tue 6th	8.00am Mass with children	
Wed 7th	6.30am Mass	
Thu 8th	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> No Mass	
Fri 9th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	
Sat 10th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 11th	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Wedding Anniversaries weekend</b> 9.00am Mass - Childrens Liturgy 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm High School Youth Group	

**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 14th September**

**St Peter's Coffee Get Together:** Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 12th September at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South



**Those who have died:** Clare Conway (*Fr John Conway's mother*), John Winnacott, Alma Minton, Doreen Towne, Milja Atanovic, Colin Dixon, Sr Cecilia Anning

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:**

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, John Young, Ian B Graham.

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

Josephine Cullen, Harriet Ling, Erika Meerwald, Steph and Les O'Gorman, 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.



**Readings for next weekend:**  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)**  
Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

**PPC Commissioning:** Thank you to our new Parish Pastoral Council Members Eric Quan, Nita Stratton-Funk and Michael Jarvis who will be formally commissioned during the 6pm Mass this Saturday 3rd September. We will also commission Vickie Routledge who missed the previous Commissioning Mass last September.

**RCIA Rite of Election:** During the 9am Mass this weekend, a lady, Kelly Chew, will take a very significant step on her journey of faith, becoming a formal elect for the sacraments of Christian initiation. Then, on Sunday 9th October at 9am Mass, Kelly's initiation will be celebrated with Bishop Tim Norton SVD, who will be paying our parish a formal episcopal visit on that weekend.

**Memorial Wall Expansion Project:** Building work for the construction of the new Memorial Wall and Garden will commence on 19th September. Due to Workplace, Health and Safety requirements, there will be strictly no access to the Memorial Wall area and surrounds during the construction period, which is anticipated until early October. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** during 9am Mass this Sunday.

**Share the Dignity:** Thank you to all those who supported in the Share the Dignity campaign during August. Your donations were very kindly appreciated.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass:** At all Masses on the weekend of 10th & 11th September the PPC has arranged that all married couples will receive a special blessing. Anyone with a significant marriage milestone this year (ie ends in a 0 or 5), please let us know. Parish Councillors will be near the main doors of the church this weekend with invitations for this special weekend.

**Date Claimer:** Bishop Tim Norton SVD will pay an episcopal visit to our parish on 7th, 8th and 9th October. Bishop Tim will celebrate weekend Masses and meet with various parish ministry groups. Details to be advised. During that weekend, on Saturday 8th Oct, we will have a **blessing of pets** at 3pm on the lawn beside the church.

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**Happy Father's Day**  
to all the fathers and grandfathers and those who fill a fathering role in our parish family.

**Youth Update**  
New members always welcome!

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**Young adults** are back on the 9th of September for ADORATION at 6pm!

**High Schoolers**, see you on the 11th of September, 7pm, Parish Centre!

Please let Chloe ASAP if you are keen on **Ignite Conference!** Tickets will be closing soon!

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.

**Faith Matters – Father's Day**

Happy Father's Day to all fathers. Fathers are not born, but made. Pope Francis said in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. - *Pope Francis*.

The essence of Fatherhood remains the same over time and cultures. St Joseph is an excellent role model for us of Fatherhood – he was an adaptive, creative, flexible, innovative, provider for his family. His actions led him and the Holy Family on difficult paths and circumstances; yet he was solid in his faith and trusted in God to direct and protect his family. Joseph was bestowed with the privilege, together with his wife Mary, to care for, protect, teach, encourage and love our Blessed Saviour Jesus. Your role as a father is no less a gift and responsibility. Life leads us in mysterious and unexpected "roads less travelled".

May we also trust in God, to provide and protect us and our families, as St Joseph did.

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/fathers-day-prayers>

Faith Enrichment Ministry

**National Child Protection Week September 4-10, 2022**

St Peter's Parish 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 together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)



**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: 10th & 11th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Arthur Leow	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Joseph Varkey 1. David Crowley 2. Marissa Boyles	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Megan Philpott 2. Julie Hondroudakis	C. Vicki Routledge 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joyce Lyster Sharon Fong	Jo Cullen Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Megan Carroll Diane McKeone Jo Cullen
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Diane McKeone.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after Saturday 6pm Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin & Mike Jarvis.			
This week 5th - 11th Sept	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](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:

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](mailto: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

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**College Tour on**

**Friday**

**9th September**

**9-10.30am**

**Register online.**



## *Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?*

There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritualdirection/>

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**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. 'The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an "ecological spirituality" (Laudato Si', 216), attentive to God's presence in the natural world. It is a summons to base our spirituality on the "loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion" (from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation on September 1)*



## **Around the Archdiocese**

**Golden Weddings Mass - 2022:** The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 24th September @ 11:30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more, are invited to attend, together with your family and friends. The Cathedral car park will be available. RSVP: Wednesday 21st September, 2022  
email: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au); or telephone: 3324 3030

**The Cathedral Seminars: A Church of Saints & Sinners** What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience in this seminar as we explore why and how we look to the saints and the significance that they have on our lives as Catholics. Thursday 29th September from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane). Cost: \$10pp  
RSVP: Tuesday 27 September  
Parking will be available under the Cathedral (access via Charlotte St) and refreshments will be provided on arrival to help those who came straight from work.  
Register now at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-September>

**Can you undertake an Overseas Mission with Palms Australia?** American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th.

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