

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale 4123

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

5th February 2023

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking

In 2015 Pope Francis initiated the International Day to draw our attention to the brutal crime of Human Trafficking. Millions of people worldwide are robbed of their freedom and their dignity which is their birthright as human beings, The Theme this year is "*Journeying in dignity.*" The Day is observed on 8th February and coincides with the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. She is the patron Saint of all those who are trafficked and enslaved. St. Josephine was kidnapped as a child in Sudan by Arab slavers. She was sold and resold many times and endured inhuman treatment. After regaining her freedom, she joined the Canossian Sisters, forgave her tormentors and served God through prayer and service to the local community. Pope St. John Paul II canonised her on 1st October, 2000.

Human Trafficking is an extremely profitable business. Traffickers will target anyone to make money illegally. Although it is difficult to determine the full scale of this crime, estimates indicate that the \$150 billion industry profits from about 40.3 million victims worldwide. Traffickers target anyone, men, women and children of any age and in any condition. There is labour and sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage and organ trafficking.

Many people depend on us for their freedom. In our own country Anti-Slavery Australia are leaders committed to the abolition of slavery through research, policy development, law reform, professional practice, education and advocacy. Their work is sustained by many volunteers and key supporters and fundraisers. In the past 20 years, this organisation's impact has been substantial, with advocacy, legal and practical help for hundreds of vulnerable people. It has made appeals to Commonwealth, States and foreign governments. Anti Slavery Australia's recommendations have been adopted as legislation for Australia's Modern Slavery Act. This organisation has also created awareness training for community workers, law enforcement and airline crews and elearning courses on modern slavery. Google www.antislavery.org.au to learn more and how you could become involved in the fight against slavery.

One of the key supporters of Anti-Slavery Australia is ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans.) However, ACRATH is also a member of a much larger organisation called Talitha Kum. This is a network of more than 2 000 catholic religious sisters who live in 92 countries. These sisters serve on the frontlines of the anti-slavery movement, particularly in the fight against sexual trafficking. They aim to prevent, protect and rehabilitate victims. The name Talitha Kum comes from Aramaic and means: "*Little girl, I say to you, rise.*" These are the words Jesus spoke when he raised the daughter of Naim from death to life (Mark 5:41). In 2021 the work of Talitha Kum benefitted 258 549 individuals (Talitha Kum Report, 21st June, 2022) granting them a new, dignified life. Google Talitha Kum and ACRATH to learn more about modern slavery.

According to Pope Francis human trafficking has created an open wound on the body of Christ and the body of all humanity. The Pope implores us to pray for an economy of care and to eliminate all forms of inequalities as there is simply no place for slavery in the 21 century. Please take the papal advice to heart and pray for a world where all human beings enjoy a free, dignified life.

The Social Justice Group



PARISH PRIEST

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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."



February		In our parish this week
Mon	6th	St Paul Miki and Companions No Mass 7.00pm Faith Enrichment meeting
Tue	7th	8.00am Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wed	8th	No Mass
Thu	9th	No Mass
Fri	10th	St Scholastica 9.00am Rosary No Mass
Sat	11th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (Celebrant: Fr John Gillen)
Sun	12th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass (Celebrant for both Masses: Fr John Gillen)

Readings for next weekend:
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)
 Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

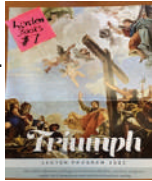
Masses this week: There will be no weekday morning Masses whilst Fr Johny is away. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. This weekend Fr John Gillen will celebrate all three masses. Please make Fr Gillen welcome this weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - during the 9am Mass each Sunday during school terms, 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.

Tuesday 8am Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue this Tuesday 7th February. This will revert to the usual Mass with Children when Fr Johny returns.

RIP Alan Camp: Former parishioner Alan Camp passed away on 28th January. Alan's wife Patti invites friends from St Peter's to attend a Requiem Mass for Alan on Monday 6th February commencing at 11am at The Church of the Twelve Apostles, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee.

Lenten Books 2023: "Triumph" Short daily reflections, and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayers. Available now from the church or Parish Office - \$7 each. More information later on Lenten Group Reflection meetings.



Books for sale in the church or Parish Office
Break Open the Word 2023 - \$20 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.
The Catholic Leader - February Edition available \$4



OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME
Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023: We will be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages from the 4th to 20th October 2023. If you'd like to receive an itinerary with indicative prices please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com As we need to provide registration forms and deposits to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.

Those who have died: Alan Camp, Lino Robazza, Mike Rothnie, Ray Kelley, Cardinal George Pell, Bernadette Connolly (*Mark's mother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Daniel Ryan, Donna Tideman, Brian Menz, Carmel Cox, Wonku Jeong, Carmel Cox, Mavis McEwan, Sis McEwan, Ethan New, John Thompson, Albert van der Haar, Joseph Rice, Kevin Lenihan, Pauline Karlsen, Peter Wojewoda, Sheila McLachlan, Jane Denaro, Barry Flynn, Thelma Kennedy, Kevin Flanagan, Justin Scott, Anthony Greaves, Bill Greenup, Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Rixon, Mary Woodhead.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:
 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, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, 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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Faith Matters: You are the light of the world ...

Each year during Advent we experience the herald, the waiting, the anticipation, and the wonder in the birth of Christ who comes to us as the 'Light of the World'.

Returning to the 'ordinary', the usual, the measured and expected patterns of life, how do we carry the Light of Christ, high on our lampstand giving light to our world? How do we become bearers of the light for ourselves and others?

Through the Word of the Gospels and the Witness of our actions, Pope Francis invites us to spread the Christ-light.

Like the Magi, we too are called to allow ourselves to be fascinated, attracted, guided, illuminated, and converted by Christ: He is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, who continually fills us with joy and wonder, an ever-new wonder. That wonder is always the first step to go forward in this light.

We pray: Let us invoke the protection of Mary on the universal Church, so that it might spread throughout the entire world the Gospel of Christ, the light of all the peoples, the light of every people.

Awaken the wonder of Christ through the gospels. Through your daily witness to Christ, you are the light in the lampstand. Become the light that shines.

Go now and glorify God with your light and your life.

Matthew 5: 14-16

Pope Francis Homilies: Angelus 06.01.21

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 @rochedaleyouth

Young adults social dinner is on THIS SATURDAY 4th February after 6pm Mass! Come join Chloe for some nummy food and lots of laughs!

High schoolers, come join us for 6pm Sunday Mass this Sunday 5th February and stick around for some sweet treats and dessert with Chloe afterwards!

St Peter's has 2 youth groups: One for High School students and one for young adults aged 18 to 35 and both groups meet fortnightly for a variety of activities. Contact Chloe if you are interested in more information about Rochedale Youth.



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: 11th & 12th Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Brisha Jesuthasan	Arthur Leow	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Jada Nathan 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Fion Fuji	C. Edmund Lai 1. David Roati 2. Cecilia Lai
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Shelagh Ballment Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey	Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Anne Fry Diane McKeone Anne Maree Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Tim Hondroudakis
Cleaning Group 6: Julie and Basil Britto.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Saturday 6pm 11th Feb: Care and Concern			
This week 5th - 11th Feb:		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:

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

Crossroads RCIA: Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet?

We have a fabulous program called **Crossroads** which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 13th February at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South



Catholic Foundations module 1: Catholic Theology in Context

At the heart of the new Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's offerings are the four core modules entitled Catholic Foundations. Catholic Foundations is designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. The modules will be spread across four semesters in 2023 and 2024.

The first module, Catholic Theology in Context, led by Shane Dwyer (*Evangelisation Brisbane Associate Director, Adult Formation*) will commence on Monday night 20 February 2023 at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary. This module introduces some key principles of the Catholic faith as we seek to understand more deeply who God is and who we are called to be in response to God. It will cover themes including:

The person of Jesus Christ	Understanding our baptism
A Catholic response to Scripture	Our life in the Trinity
Living our faith today	The Eucharist
Prayer	

To find out more, head to catholicformation.au
See Jo Cullen if you are interested.

Attention Young Men in our parish! Exodus 90 Program:

a number of young men from the Parish Youth Group will be engaging with the Exodus 90 Program - a Catholic Program of Prayer, Asceticism and Fraternity. Any men under the age of 30, if you are interested please get in touch with Sam Chamberlain via email: schamberlain431@gmail.com.

Word of God Sunday: The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Around the Archdiocese

Sr Kari Heatherell osu has been appointed Provincial of the Australian Ursulines, effective March 2023. As Sr Kari worked with many people across the Archdiocese, a farewell has been organised. You are invited to attend a farewell to Sr Kari from the Archdiocese at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 14th February - 6pm for Evening Prayer followed by refreshments in the Hanly Room. RSVP by Wed 8th February via email rsvpcathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone to 3324 3030. The Cathedral carpark will be available.

Podcast Series - Great Characters of the Bible: This podcast series, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet some of these characters, as they tell us a lot about our humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. Subscribe to our podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

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 choose to purchase a single city or Multi City subscription which gives access to 21 cities across Australia and New Zealand. **Bonus offer:** until 11pm Wed 23rd February get **2 months free** membership added to any 12 or 24 month subscription purchased. St Peter's Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>



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