

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."

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

5th March 2023

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Transfiguration of Jesus: "embrace the cross with determined determination"

One story that runs from the first page of the Scripture to the last page is a similar story of extreme makeover calling and transforming. Abraham's encounter and covenant with God proved to be life-altering moment for him. No longer a wandering Aramean, rather he would become the father of a people. Changed by his experience of Christ, St. Paul continues to remind believers that our commitment to Christ will one day result in our transfiguration unto glory. In the transfiguration it was the inner being of Jesus that changed His outward appearance. His growing awareness of Himself and His role as God's Word of love for the world was becoming evident in Him. In His profound encounter with God, Jesus receives clarity about the next steps that He must take. He comes to understand that He has to go to Jerusalem and that He will be put to death there, but His death will not be the end of His life and mission. Rather, His exit from earthly life will bring the new liberation for God's people and thus comes the fulfillment of the promise that God the Father made to Abraham.

What does the incident of transfiguration show us? First, it is sharing the cross with Christ by carrying our own crosses. After the transfiguration Jesus did not bask in the glory of heaven, rather He became more aware about His mission of going to Jerusalem and fulfilling the mission He had been sent for by the Father. Explaining the transfiguration event to her sisters, St. Theresa of Calcutta said, "embrace the cross with determined determination." In doing so, she says "the person will struggle more courageously. He knows that come what may he will not turn back". He knows that it is only in carrying the cross with Christ that he will be glorified with Him. Secondly the event of transfiguration asks us to look inside. I remember the story of a beggar who had been sitting by the side of the road for many years. One day, a stranger walked by the beggar asked him for spare change. "What is that you are sitting on?" the stranger asked. "Just an old box that I have been using for as long as I can remember", replied the beggar. "Did you ever look inside?" asked the stranger. "No, what is the point? There is nothing in there." But the stranger insisted. The beggar tried and managed to open the lid, and with astonishment and joy he discovered that the box was filled with gold.

Thirdly, the transfiguration episode invites us to listen to God. We all know firsthand that life has its ups and downs, successes, and failures as Jesus certainly experienced. But we are assured that God stands by us and blesses us, no matter what, even when we are frustrated or embarrassed. But if we don't listen to Him or if we are filled with noises we will be unable to hear Him. It is when we look inside, and it is in that calmness that we can hear Him speaking to us. Then we know that our real claim to fame is that we are so deeply loved.

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In our parish this week: March 2023

Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th	Saturday 11th	Sunday 12th
8.00am Mass 5.15pm Liturgy Group meeting	8.00am Mass with children 10.00am Lenten Session 12.00pm Home Communion Ministers	6.30am Mass	No Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 5 students 7.00pm Reflective Prayer 7.00pm Youth Lenten group 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 10.30am Sacrament of Penance Workshop 10.30am Coffee & Catechesis 6.00pm Mass

LENT 2023: From Darkness to Light

Project Compassion 2023: Donate to support the work of Caritas. Pick up a donation box or pack of envelopes if you haven't already done so. See the notice on page 4 to donate by phone or online.

Donate a non-perishable grocery item: Buy an extra can of food or some other non-perishable grocery item, each week for those doing it tough in our local area. Bring your donation to weekend Masses during Lent and place it in the basket in front of the altar.

Tuesday mornings: Lenten Sessions will be held each Tuesday of Lent at **10am** in the Parish Office meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

Friday Evenings: Reflective Prayer from 7pm and Stations of the Cross from 7.30pm. Please join us for this weekly hour of Prayer, Reflection and Memorial in the Parish Centre and church. **Youth and Young adults** will also gather at 7pm for a **Lenten discussion group** in the Parish Office meeting room.

Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 5pm throughout the year. There will also be a **Communal Second Rite of Reconciliation** on Monday 27th March at 7pm with several priests available.

During Holy Week, Fr Johny will be available for Reconciliation on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April from 5pm to 7pm.

Tuesday 8am Mass with children - children participate in the readings, prayers & singing. Parents & parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - during the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms, is suitable for primary school aged children. The children and catechists leave from Mass for about 25 mins to listen to the Word of God and participate in simple activities designed to give them a clearer understanding of God's Word. Parents are welcome to attend. Children's Liturgy will not be held this Sunday 5th March due to the Parish School Family Mass but will resume on 12th March.

Those who have died: Raewyn O'Grady, Alan Camp

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Bette Davis, James Jensen, Nicholas & Dominic Chin, James Leong Kam Chin, Stephen, Fatima & Leon Kam Chin, Agnes Chin En Kiau, Annie Mah, Agatha Thien, Leong Ah Kaw, Marcella Hayward, Anthony 'Tony' Lilly, Francis Mayer, Zhengchong Gong, Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Carol Stewart, Edward McCormick, Ray Bennett, Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis

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, Step & 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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Readings for next weekend:

Third Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42

Installation Mass Invitation: All parishioners are invited to attend as Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at St Peter's on **Saturday 25th March at 6pm** during which Fr Johny will be installed as our Parish Priest.

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



Hospitality Volunteers Needed: Please consider joining the roster for our Sunday 9am Cuppa as we are in need of at least 2 more people to keep the popular cuppa going every 2nd week. Being on the roster means approx 6 times a year. Please contact Stephanie (salenihan@hotmail.com 0413268860) if you are willing.

Pray-As-You-Go: Pathways of Prayer. Please note this event has been **postponed to Saturday 15th April 9.30am to 12.30pm** due to Fr Johny's Installation Mass. More information in coming weeks.

Gardening Working Bee: Saturday 18th March 7.30am - 10.30am.

The Gardens need a tidy up, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. (Shovels, rakes, powered pruning tools etc.) Even if you can only attend for a short time your presence would be greatly appreciated. Morning tea will be provided. See you there



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.



Faith Matters: Our Transfiguration

Jesus becomes as light itself; the three apostles are at once spellbound and nonplussed; they don't know what to say or do; the Father speaks aloud. We can see the three were very powerfully affected and wonderfully uplifted by what they witnessed. Then Jesus tells them not to mention to anyone else what happened until he rises again!

It must have been really hard for them to restrain themselves from pouring out to everyone else the glory and wonder of what they had seen. Yet, like when the Israelites couldn't bear to look upon the face of Moses when he came down from speaking with God on Sinai, the other disciples must surely have recognised a significant change in the countenances of Peter, James and John when they returned from their mountain-top encounter with God. It would have been both life-changing and profoundly bewildering for the three for some time after.

With the passage of time, however, the nitty-gritty of everyday life would have gradually worn away the magnitude of their experience, and their memories may have dimmed, leaving them wondering, perhaps, what really happened, and whether it was even real.

The Israelites saw God work mighty wonders in the process of his releasing them from their abject slavery in Egypt. And yet, when wandering through the desert, with its accompanying lack of water and food, it was not too long before they started to focus on their discomforts, losing sight of God's glorious power and his incomparable ability to look after them.

We are forgetful creatures. We need constant reminders of the powerful, wonderful, uplifting, momentous things God has done in our own lives, or we tend to lose our vision.

When Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me", he was calling us to bring into the present moment, repeatedly, the immense power, wonder and love of his supreme, life-giving gift to us, so that we might never lose sight of its value and potency in our everyday lives.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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New Youth Ministry Coordinators: Congratulations to Feba Baji & Shenelle Nelson, who have been appointed to share the role of St Peter's Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Youth Lenten discussion group: 7pm on Friday nights during Lent in the Parish Office meeting room - open to anyone from high school age to young adults.

Young Adults: Coffee & Catechesis

An initiative of the Young Adults: Have a coffee with your friends in the Parish Office meeting room while Fr Johnny explains aspects of the Catechism. Next week's (12th March) topic: Reconciliation



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 March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Jo Cullen
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Jonathan Vigor	David Crowley
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 Sharon Fong	Stephanie Lenihan Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Vickie Routledge Kate Guy Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Tim Hondroudakis	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, John Viola, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Saturday 11th Mar 6pm: Peta Grandin & Mike Jarvis.			
This week 5th - 11th Mar:		Sacristan: Suma Joseph	Counting: Mike'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**, starting in May, which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information.

Project Compassion: Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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. Bonus offer till 5th April get a **free multi-city upgrade** for 3, 12 month and 24-month single-city memberships! St Peter's Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Invitation: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank will be hosting Bruce Downes (The Catholic Guy) from 2nd to 7th March for Lent Parish Mission and we would like to invite parishioners from nearby parishes to attend. There will be 2 session times each of the 4 days, 9.15am & 7.00pm. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for more information or contact Sunnybank Parish Office on 3345 3766 or via email sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Around the Archdiocese

International Women's Day Event: This International Women's Day, Catholic Mission and the Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to celebrate the difference women are making in diverse areas of mission. Wednesday 8th March 10am to 11am (9.45am for a 10am start) at the Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane.

Our guest speaker is **Josephine Cullen** who holds the key role of Coordinator of Lay Ministries for Regents Park Parish and St Peter's Rochedale Parish. Last year, she was also organising committee member for the successful Logan Deanery Family Fun Day – which was attended by more than 1,000 people. Josephine is making a difference in her work in Lay Ministries.

SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

The Summit is a key moment in the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council. Though we do not yet have papal approval, there is much we can do.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vision for the Archdiocese alongside a number of other leading voices, including Sherry Weddell (*author of Forming Intentional Disciples*).

The Summit will create a place where each person can encounter Christ, be formed in faith, and equipped for the mission we are called to.

When: 6pm Thursday 18th May - 3pm Saturday 20th May 2023
Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks)
Cost: Early bird is \$170pp | \$150pp for groups of 10+ (ends 12 March) After early bird is \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+
Find out more and register at brisbanesummit.com

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These businesses support our parish, please support them.

VISITORS' DAY

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023
3.45PM

Mackillop Theatre followed by college tours.
The Thomas More Café will be open for afternoon tea.

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