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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."*



### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7      James 2:1-5      Mark 7:31-37

### Open My Ears O Lord

Someone once asked me where I get my stories for my homilies. I usually get them from people...from watching people. Such was the case when I attended a political party conference a few years ago. I knew hardly anyone and passed the time watching and waiting for the chairman to bring the gathering to order. Now, one woman in particular stood out. She was adroitly moving from one person to the next. She was definitely *"working the hall"*. Each and every time she encountered someone she would speak quickly and let them know how delighted she was to see them and then move on. One person she encountered was not very cheery. When the woman traveling through the room approached her, she asked "How are you doing?" The woman who looked a bit down responded that she wasn't doing well. Her husband was very ill and she was very concerned for him. "Oh, how wonderful," exclaimed the woman working the crowd. "We can speak more about this later," I heard her say as she continued on her journey through the hall. The woman to whom she spoke was left looking bewildered. I felt badly as I watched this sad human encounter. One woman carrying a heavy cross in her heart; the other, "making the rounds" and listening to no one. I felt badly that this woman with the charming personality could hear words of this worried wife without really listening to them.

However, before we get too judgmental, let's look at our own lives. How often do we hear without listening? That's the challenge before us this weekend. Do we listen to the voice of God? Or do we just hear God's voice? Do we let the words of Christ sink into our hearts? Or are they just a stream of words that go in one ear and out the other?

In the Gospel this weekend Christ gives the gift of hearing to the deaf man. He proclaims "be opened" and the ears of the deaf man suddenly are able to listen. Perhaps we need to pray that our own ears might be opened and we might be able to listen to the voice of God piercing through the chatter and clutter of our own culture in our own time. We pray that we might listen to God's voice coming to us in the poor, the lonely, the broken-hearted and the abandoned.

This weekend we might take time to recall Mary who tells the servants at the wedding feast at Cana to "do whatever he tells you." If we cannot hear, then we cannot do and if we cannot "do" then the direction of Mary falls on deaf ears. Perhaps we need to pray: *open my ears O Lord, that I might open my heart so that I might follow your command.*

Deacon Mike Jones

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**  
Isaiah 50:5-9      James 4:14-18      Mark 8:27-35

### National Child Protection Week September 5-11, 2021

**St Peter's Parish** and the **Archdiocese of Brisbane** are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

September	In our parish this week
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am Mass 6.30pm ALPHA (Register Now!) 7.00pm PPC meeting
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 6.30am Mass 6.00pm Young Adults Youth Group 7.00pm Youth & Young Adults Reading Ministry Training
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm Reconciliation <i>(or by appointment)</i> 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 11.30am Korean background parishioners' get-together 6.00pm Youth-Led Mass 7.00pm High School Youth Group

**Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation** will likely be debated and voted on in parliament in the next week or two. Please take action now, to let the Qld Government ministers know how wrong this legislation is.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP - AND ACTION

We need you to help us ensure the euthanasia Bill is defeated. We need your action – **NOW**.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Pray all Queenslanders might respect Church teaching that life is sacred from conception until natural death and that our MPs support a fully funded palliative care system, negating the need for assisted suicide.
2. Arrange a meeting with YOUR local Member of Parliament

To find who they are

**CLICK HERE**

OR TYPE IN

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list>

3. Please also email your views to YOUR local Member of Parliament

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[https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2105\\_ocp\\_qld](https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld)

Please stand with the Queensland Bishops and medical experts in opposing this legislation.

*Dying with dignity already exists - it lies in being able to access high quality palliative care statewide.*

### Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers and those who fill a fathering role.

**Alpha:** Alpha for all parishioners continues this Monday night **6<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm** so join us for a meal and some conversations about life, meaning and faith.  
All welcome. To register use the QR code.



### St Peter's Parish 'Mask-er-ade' Dinner Dance

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at Algestor Sports Club, from 7.15pm. \$50 per ticket for a 3 course meal. Includes live music, lucky door prize..... Youth decorating masks for purchase.



**Booking in to attend weekend Masses:** Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BPPWH>

**Check In Qld App:** Everyone is required to register their attendance at all Masses with the Check-In Qld App. **This app does not replace TryBooking for weekend Masses** as we must have ticketed seating to allow us to continue to have full capacity in the church. So, please continue to book online but bring your phone to church to register with the **Check-In Qld App**. Please arrive early to assist the Marshalls.

### Season of Creation 2021

Pope Francis has called the global Catholic family to celebrate the Season of Creation in communion with the wider ecumenical family. From the 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2.2 billion Christians around the world will be marking this special season. The theme this year is: **"A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God."** Oikos is the Greek word for home or household. "More than ever before the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home.

Last weekend, every household received an envelope with 5 beautiful prayers for creation. Please use these prayers often, praying them as a family or as individuals, in response to the urgent need to heal our relationship with creation and with each other. Alternately, use your own prayers during the Season of Creation and beyond.

*The Social Justice Group*

**Youth Update:** New members always welcome!

**High School Youth Group:** Parish Centre 7pm:  
12<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Young Adults Group:**

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Sept after 9am Mass

**Date Claimers:**

Youth-Led Mass – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6pm  
Ignite Youth Conference, Redcliffe – 22–25 Sept

God Bless, Olivia & Gerard [✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Annual Catholic Campaign:** Thank you to all who donated to support the vital ministries of the Archdiocese including Centacare, Holy Spirit seminary and the Priests Foundation. You can still donate using the special envelopes in any collection at Mass this weekend or online by going to <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/catholic-campaign/>

**St Peter's Planned Giving:** Please continue 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.

**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.



**Tap & Go Donations:** No cash? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

**To help with seminarian costs:**  
Account Name: Vocations Support  
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### 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

Roster: 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
<b>Mass Co-ordinator</b>	Joyce Lyster	Stephanie Lenihan	Jo Cullen
<b>AV Operator</b>	Mick Denton	Sam Chamberlain	Tristan Edison
<b>Readers</b>	C. Joyce Lyster 1. Lyndall Bray-Claridge 2. Monika Svarc (Jnr)	C. Megan Philpott 1. Del Reynolds 2. Zach Smith	C. Olivia Brown 1. Feba Baji 2. Jada Nathan
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Jo Cullen Carl de Mello Monika Svarc (Snr)	Julie Hondroudakis Gerard Lai Joan D'Netto	Olivia Brown Megan Carroll Deacon Mike Jones
<b>Musicians</b>	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Youth Group
<b>Cleaning Group 5:</b>	Neil Mone, Dona Thomas, Telesia Naupoto, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield, Kathy Winter		
<b>Cuppa &amp; Chat:</b>	After Saturday 6pm Mass 11 <sup>th</sup> September: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin, Mike Jarvis		
<b>This week, 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September: Sacristan:</b>	Suma Joseph		
	<b>Counting:</b> Mike's Group		

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Those who have died:** Vince Hurley, Inge McIntosh, Denise Cadman

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** 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, Robert Cussons, Harold Littleton, Michael Bray, Bessie Wiltshire, Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham, Mercia Rance, Barry James Elmes, Frank Nelsen, John Potts

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Callum Poynter, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, Pat McDonnell, Rod Jones, Katie Costello, Carole Hester, Tony Price, 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.**

**Are you new to our Parish?** 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:

**Co-ordinator:** Lynn White 0403 051 103

#### Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

### Safeguarding Children & 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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