

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."

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)

6th August 2023

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

Transfiguration of Jesus

One story that runs from the first passage of the Scripture is the story of extreme makeover calling and transforming. Abraham's encounter and covenant with God proved to be a life-altering moment for him. He is 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 surety 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.

Transfiguration bears a striking similarity to the agony in the garden. Both events took place on mountains. Only three disciples namely, Peter, James and John witnessed these events. In both events, Jesus prayed, and disciples slept. These two events complement each other. The disciples saw Jesus in a moment of ecstasy with His divinity on Mount Tabor while on the Mount of Olives, they saw Jesus in a moment of agony with his humanity in a way that it had done never before. These events reveal in striking contrast the humanity and divinity of Jesus.

What does the incident of transfiguration show us? First, it is sharing the cross with Christ by carrying our own cross. 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 by the Father.

The transfiguration episode invites us to listen to Him. 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 we don't listen to Him, or we are filled with noises that we are 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.

Explaining the transfiguration event to her sisters, Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "embrace the cross with determined determination." In doing so, she says, the person will struggle more courageously. 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.

Though the disciples do not understand the meaning, the Transfiguration presents a promise of what is to come. There is hope, because he will soon triumph over sin and death, and be raised in the fullness of glory, of which they have just been given a glimpse.

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In our parish this week: August 2023

Monday 07	Tuesday 08	Wednesday 09	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12	Sunday 13
8.00am Mass 10.00am Cuppa at Moonlight Bandit Cafe	St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop) 8.00am Mass 9.00am School Mass 10.00am Social Justice Meeting	5.30pm Crossroads 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	St Lawrence No Mass	St Clare 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation with Bishop Tim Norton	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 10.15am Primary School Youth Group 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am this Monday 7th August at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Rd, Rochedale South. All welcome.



Confirmation: 22 children from the Sacramental Program and 4 teenagers from the Crossroads RCIA are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Tim Norton SVD this Friday 11th August at 7pm. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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.

Parish Dinner: Saturday 2nd September from 7.15pm at Club Southside. **Living in Faith Together:** this is a great night to get to know each other from the different Masses in our parish. A night of fun filled friendship. Tickets are \$50 per person and include 2 course meal. Free lucky door prize. Tickets on sale after Mass.



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.



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.** These are malicious messages. Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

Those who have died: Audrey Parratt, Anna Alsters

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Warren Nicholl, Hilda Thomson, Raymond Littlefield, Narelle Cogliati, Luoxi Zheng, Peter Lin, Joseph Chen, Marian Lin, Narelle Cogliati, Lora Doyle, Arthur Thorley, Norman Ritchie, Noel Cooper, Kenneth MacDonald, Anne Crow, Monsignor Vince Cleary, Shirley Bond, Hendrina 'Hetty' Peeters, Shaofen Li, Neville Colin Dixon, 'Neddy' Lilly, Audrey Cooke, Madge Mitchell, Damien Blyth, Leo Caligari, Emma Leafe, Elizabeth Ritchie, Malcolm Pereira, Margaret Fagan, Giovanni Gottardo, Joseph Tsang, Stanley Burgess, Daniel O'Brien, Moya Carter, Marie Peters.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Sandra MacDonald, Joyce Lyster, Kerry Creevey, 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, P.J. Paul, 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS

Readings for next weekend:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1 Kings 19:9,11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

RCIA- Rite of Welcome: Next Sunday 13th August at 9am Mass we will celebrate a Rite of Welcome for Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen. In October 1922 Jessie and Ken began their RCIA journey towards full communion with the Catholic church. Jessie and Ken came to our parish seeking a Christian community. They attended the Alpha Program in 2022 and expressed a desire to participate more closely in our community. Jessie and Ken have faithfully participated in the RCIA process, attending Mass regularly with their daughters. We welcome Jessie and Ken as they continue their faith journey in preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our new Seniors Activity group kicked off with a fabulous Christmas in July function on 26th July. Great fun and fellowship was had by all who attended. WOW is open to all over 65's in the local area, not just parishioners, so bring a friend. Next WOW gathering will be on Wednesday 30th August 10am in the Parish Centre for BINGO! Mark this in your diaries. Free activity.

Youth Led Mass Sunday 20th August at 9am Calling all young people in our parish. This is your opportunity to take part in our Youth Led Mass. Be a participant not just a member. Please let our Youth Leaders, Feba and Shenelle, know if you are willing to take part.

New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Fr Johny has purchased a new monstrance and a set of Nativity figures for our outside crib. The total cost is around \$1500. Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated to help with the cost to the parish for these items. Cash donations should be placed in a clearly labelled envelope in the weekend Mass collection or brought to the Parish Office. Electronic payments also welcome. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made generous donations!



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FAITH MATTERS: The Transfiguration

The soul of Jesus, personally united to the Word, enjoyed the Beatific Vision, which has as its connatural effect the glorification of the body. But this effect was impeded by Jesus, who, during the years of His life on earth, wanted to resemble us as much as possible by appearing "in the likeness of sinful flesh" (Romans 8:3). However, to confirm the faith of the Apostles who were shaken by the announcement of His Passion, Jesus permitted some rays from His blessed soul to shine forth for a few brief instants on Tabor, when Peter, James, and John saw Him transfigured: "His face did shine as the sun and His garments became as white as snow." The three were enraptured by it, and yet Jesus had revealed to them only one ray of His glory, for no human creature could have borne the complete vision.

Glory is the fruit of grace: the grace possessed by Jesus in an infinite degree is reflected in an infinite glory transfiguring Him entirely. Something similar happens to us: grace will transform us "from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18), until one day it will bring us to the Beatific Vision of God in heaven.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

National Vocations Awareness Week 6th - 13th August:

National Vocation Awareness Week is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment among our parishioners, allowing people to explore their calling, and encouraging their next step in following the call of God on their life. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

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 this Sunday 6th August then 13th August.

Young Adults - Lunch Sunday 6th August from 11.30am at Cafe 63 Springwood.

Youth Led Mass: Sunday 20th August 9am Mass.

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal is on this week from Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th August.

Please pray for all those attending this special event.



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: 12th & 13th Aug	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stepjanie Lenihan	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Calista Jesuthasan	Eric Quan	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Sharon Fong 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Shenelle Nelson 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Fion Fuji	C. Edmund Lai 1. David Roati 2. Cecilia Lai
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Joseph Varkey	Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon, Deseree Quan & Jo Cullen	Anne Fry Kate Guy Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Recording/Volunteer	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, John Viola, Francis Yoo, Chris & Calista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No Cuppa after evening Masses during winter.			
This week 6th - 12th August		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**

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

Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15th August:

There will be 2 Masses this day to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation: 8am which will be a Mass led by the children and 7pm. All welcome. Please mark this date in your diaries.



Annual Catholic Campaign: 19 - 20 August: We all play a vital part in supporting the critical, local Catholic ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign. Thank you! This one annual collection replaces multiple collections in the past. This campaign supports The Priests Foundation looking after our retired priests, the Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare Pastoral Ministries and the Mary MacKillop Learning Fund. Please prepare yourself to give generously on the weekend of 19th and 20th August.

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.

St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

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These businesses support our parish, please support them.

THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.

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VISITORS' DAY COLLEGE TOURS

SATURDAY
19 AUGUST 2023
Tours available on the hour from 9:00am to 12:00pm

The Thomas More Café will be open for morning tea.

Register at JTA.link/STMCTours

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy, through your care, you make that possible.

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Around the Archdiocese

Catholic Foundation Modules: The second module of the Archdiocesan Centre for Formation, *Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures*, is open for registrations. The first unit is not a pre-requisite for the second, so all are welcome to register for module two even if they haven't yet completed module one.

For those who live beyond the Brisbane region, there is an option to register as a regional hub where you can gather locally and participate together via an online link.

When: 7pm, Mondays starting 21st August

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo

Cost: Individual \$250 | \$150pp for groups of 5+

Find out more and register at catholicformation.au

Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement Launch 2023:

The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday, 23rd August.

Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Date: 7pm, 23 August 2023

Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo

RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023



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