

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."



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The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

2nd March 2025

Readings: Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45

Reflection

The book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus, the source of today's first reading, was received by the Church from Greek speaking communities in the Jewish diaspora. Today's passage (Sirach 27:4-7) was chosen to accompany the gospel reading (Luke 6:39-45, third and final excerpt from the Sermon on the Plain) due to a similarity with the gospel's analogy of knowing trees by their fruit (verses 43-45); it is the Old Testament's nearest parallel to the gospel analogy, but a nearer match is found in a New Testament epistle, James 3.

Sirach likens the judging of an orchard by its fruit to the assessing of people's thought as expressed in their speech. This apparent attention to thinking and speaking rather than doing is found elsewhere too, such as Isaiah 32 (which includes reference to thorns and briars), but closer scrutiny shows no such division. Our gospel passage similarly ends with a reference to speaking as coming from and therefore revealing the heart, yet until that point it could be read as referring to doing. We need to remember Scripture's repeating theme of the importance of meditating on and pondering God's Law so as to know and follow God's ways; knowing God's ways results in both speaking truly and acting rightly – thought and speech go hand in hand with action, and wisdom is seen to be not merely an intellectual pursuit but also the following of a good manner of life.

The first part of today's gospel reading may now be seen as similar, but it points to a communal aspect. Self-awareness is important, and understanding one's own interpretation of God's ways, indeed any intellectual subject, is deepened in the process of discussion. An idea often seems sound until we try to express it; in expressing it we may hear it more clearly, noting weaknesses and then honing or changing the argument. But this is enhanced further by our hearers' critiques, if we are open to hearing them. This insight may help us better understand the role of disputation and argument in the gospels, and then avoid reading passages like today's in an anti-Jewish manner; questioning and criticising, or disputing, does not necessarily mean opposition to Jesus, for part of the genius of Judaism is this proceeding by way of argumentation, seeking ever to deepen understanding of God's word so as to better know how to act. It is far better to view the participants in such arguments not as enemies (as we too often currently find in today's polarised "debates") but as partners in the struggle for knowledge and understanding. It requires an openness to the other, and a readiness to be aware of the possibility of being wrong in at least some detail. Common to many languages, including English and Aramaic and Greek, verbs for seeing may be synonyms for knowing or understanding. In the question emerging from the parable of the blind leading the blind, the eye refers to understanding. How obvious it would be to have sight obscured by a stick, so much so that none with a stick in the eye would ever presume to attend to the speck in another. But unreflective people are often blind to their own inabilities and shortcomings. The ancient Greek aphorism comes to mind: "Know thyself", but this is only truly done in engagement with others.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time-(Yr C). With permission of Liturgia, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

In our parish this week: March 2025

| Monday 03 | Tuesday 04 | Wednesday 05 | Thursday 06 | Friday 07 | Saturday 08 | Sunday 09 |
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| <p>NO Mass</p> <p>10.00am-12pm <i>Coffee and chat at More Cafe in Springwood Mall.</i></p> | <p>8.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00pm PPC Meeting</p> | <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>9.00am Mass Grades 4-6 to attend. All parishioners are welcome.</p> <p>7.00pm Mass</p> | <p>No Mass</p> <p><i>Parish Office closed</i></p> | <p>8.30am Rosary</p> <p>9.00am Adoration</p> <p>9.30am Healing Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Lenten Reflection followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm</p> | <p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p> | <p>The 1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)</p> <p>9.00am Mass (Children's Liturgy) followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p> |

CHANGES to Mass times: Fr Johny is enjoying time with family and friends. Fr Johny will return to work, hopefully rested and refreshed, on Tuesday 4th March.

There will be no weekday morning Mass in the church on Monday 3rd March. Weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday. Friday 9.30am Mass will be a Healing Mass.

This weekend we will welcome Fr John Gillen for the 6pm Saturday night Mass and Fr Ashley again for the 9am and 6pm Masses on Sunday. Please help us make these visiting priests very welcome. A very big Thank You to all three priests who helped us whilst Fr Johny was on holiday.

The Season of Lent

Lent begins this week.

Masses for Ash Wednesday 5th March will be at **9am** and **7pm**. Grades 4 to 6 will attend the 9am Mass. All are welcome to attend either Mass. Ministers needed.

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. Volunteers needed to help run the weekly Stations of the Cross. Please contact Julie if you can assist. Resources available.

Sunday Stations of the Cross in Lent: In addition to the Friday evening Stations of the Cross, Fr Johny would like to organise Stations of the Cross after the 9am Mass on the Sundays in Lent with some of the prayers being prayed in other languages. After the prayer reflection at each Station, the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be to the Father will be prayed, with the first part of each in another language and the second part in English. Belmira has drafted a roster for praying the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be to the Father in several native languages. If you would like to add your name please contact Julie.

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

Break Open the Word 2025 - \$26 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

**Readings for next weekend:
The First Sunday of Lent (Year C)**
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Project Compassion Sunday 1st & 2nd March

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a donation envelope to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 41

Morning Tea Gathering: Our next monthly get together at the local coffee shop, will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 3rd March.** All are welcome to come along.



Mass Ministers: Belmira has drafted up new rosters for April to June. If you haven't already done so, please advise any dates that you will be unavailable in April, May or June as soon as possible either by email to Julie or on the yellow slips on the table near the doors in the church. New ministers are most welcome in any of the roles. Training is provided. Contact Julie if you would like more information or would like to join one of the Mass Ministries. Julie will finalise the rosters in the next fortnight and email them.



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): 10am-12pm

Wednesday 26th March in the Parish Centre.

St Patrick's Day with a Twist

Join us for morning tea, video, quiz and more. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 21st March on 3341 4421 or by email to stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet in the church.

Those who have died: Phil Jones (*Deacon Mike's brother*), Jack Scholes, Peter Scanlon (*Wally's brother*), Giuseppina Pace, Austin Taylor, Jonathan Alcorn, Charles Eastlake

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Andrew Neilsen, John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey, Eileen Doherty, Sr Agnes Rita, Harry Steinheuer, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux, Bette Davis, James Jensen, Marcella Hayward, Anthony 'Tony' Lilly, Francis Mayer, Zhengchong Gong, Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Agnes Chin Enkiaw, Nicholas, Dominic, Stephen, Gregory & Fatima Chin, Rev Fr Mary Henry Chin, Agatha Thien, Annie Mah.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Rex Bransdon, Cora Taylor, Brent Austin, Ann Gooiker, Mary Scholes, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Mel Singh, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Maxine Macdonald, Sandra Macdonald, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Kathy Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello.

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: LENT: Choose Hope

Our news media reinforces daily, the message that we live in troubled times. All around us we are witness to conflict and suffering, struggle and pain. We question, 'Where is the peace we so long for?' Pope Francis sees that the events of our history give rise to an anguish in our hearts and in our times. However, Jesus calls us to look more closely, to 'read within the events of our history for the unshakeable hope that shines forth'. If we give in to the distress of anguish and worry, we make ourselves powerless in the face of a world which needs our Christian purpose, our resolve, our action. Jesus is the spark that kindles hope.

Beacons of Hope

Luke's gospel (6:27-38) confronts us with the challenge to 'love your enemies', to be active in doing good in the face of unkindness; to reach out to those who are least likely to welcome us; to lend and to give without the expectation of receiving; to 'be compassionate as your Father is compassionate'. Such demands may not come without a cost to our commitment and resolve as Christian companions. Christ crucified is our image of the ultimate sacrifice. However, as we make our life pilgrimage of hope Luke's gospel assures us, 'grant pardon and you will be pardoned. Give and there will be gifts for you'. Christ risen is our image of hope and promise.

St Francis prays with us: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Pope Francis Homilies 17.11.24 Mass St Peters Basilica - World Day of the Poor

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Home & Nursing Home Communion Ministers: If you are free one Tuesday morning once a month, please consider joining our volunteers who take Communion to the housebound and help Fr Johny with the Mass and taking Communion to those in the Nursing Homes in our parish. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help.

AV Operator during weekend Masses: We are in need of a few more AV operators at all of the weekend Masses. We have had only 6 people on this Ministry covering all 3 Masses each weekend. This role involves turning the AV and computer system on and off and clicking the power-point slide over throughout the Mass using the prompter. Please speak to one of the AV operators at Mass for more information or contact the Parish Office.

From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Over the last 6 weeks we have had a significant shift in requests for help from those who are homeless. Often homeless families and also homeless individuals on disability are given emergency housing for a few days or a few weeks, in suburban hotels or motels. Some hotels in nearby suburbs, no longer accept this category of guests, and so there has been an increased demand on our local hotels.

In this situation, there are often no cooking facilities and those we help have just what they can bring with them. Hence, there is a need for us to provide much more financial assistance than we normally would provide. We have assisted 12 adults and 21 children, being 33 souls in this distressing situation so far in the last 6 weeks. Those who have been placed in the hotels come from outside our area, and this is placing an extra demand on our finances and as the visits take much longer, also on our members. Please pray for those we are serving in these circumstances and for us.

| Roster: 8th & 9th March | Saturday 6pm Mass | Sunday 9am Mass | Sunday 6pm Mass |
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| Mass Co-ordinator | Mark Connolly | Stephanie Lenihan | Helen Graczyk |
| AV Operator | Callista Jesuthasan | Tony Arakkakunnel | Jonathan Vigor |
| Readers | C. Mal Jensen 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Marissa Boucher | C. Del Reynolds 1. Fion Fiju 2. Lauren Cocks | C. Raylee Burns 1. David Roati 2. Anne Fry |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Ann Maree Collier Shelagh Ballment Joseph Varkey | Shilgy Matthew Julie Hondroudakis Deseree Quan, Anne Scanlon Swapna Joseph | Laly Chackoo Cesarina Gigante Malcolm Carroll |
| Musicians | Elizabeth Fort | Rita Bishop | Elizabeth Fort |
| Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk, Helen Graczyk. | | | |
| Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppas after the Sunday morning Masses have been postponed until after Easter. | | | |
| This week 2nd - 8th March | Sacristan: Suma Joseph | | Counting: Bob's group |



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**

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0413 268 860

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

Memorial Wall & Gardens:
Mark Connolly 0434 147 835

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

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

Chaplain/Student Wellbeing Officer needed at Mackenzie State School: The role is for 2 days per week paid position. Applicants should have a – New Applicant Form filled in- <https://forms.office.com/r/TBCscKbvCb>; Photo ID, Current resume, Endorsement letter from a Local Church they attend, Certificate IV in chaplaincy, youth work, community services, or ministry or equivalent. (Equivalent study contain these three units: CHCCCS016 Respond to client needs, CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues & CHCYTH013 Engage Respectfully With Young People), Applicant should also be able to obtain a Blue Card. Contact the Parish Office for more info.


ACSA's Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (BPGF) Oration: hosted by the Queensland Division of the Australian Catholic Students Association. The Pope has confirmed that BPGF is set to be canonised later this year so it is a fitting time to attain a greater understanding of the life, works, and faith of this soon-to-be Saint, died aged 24. The address will be delivered by Father Conor Power, of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, and will be hosted at Tattersall's Club in the Templeton Room and Race Bar. Access to the venue is via the Tattersall's Arcade off of Queen Street Mall. Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM For more information and to get tickets go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1344816>

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

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Rochedale Youth
 Thank you to Clive who has volunteered to be our new Youth Ministry Coordinator. Clive has already organised the Rochedale Youth for the Deanery Christmas Carols, a gathering of our Young Adults on Thursday 13th February and a Youth Mass last Sunday 23rd February at the 9am Mass.
 For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au



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'.

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