

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

6th April 2025

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11

"Has no one condemned you?"

"Has no one condemned you?" asks Jesus. "Neither do I condemn you. Go in peace and never sin again." The Pharisees and the scribes in the time of Jesus exercised immense power on the people. They were supposed to be keeping a watch on whether people observed laws or not. It did not mean of course that they themselves practised what they taught. Had Jesus not told people once, referring to them, "the scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; therefore, all that they tell you do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them?"

Going through the Gospels, one finds that Jesus is always at loggerheads with this lot of people. Never does one hear a good word for them from Jesus. That is strange considering that Jesus is otherwise very kind and gentle with other people, especially the poor, the sick and the oppressed, including sinners. As far as the Pharisees are concerned, it is a clear-cut case of a woman caught in adultery and the law plainly says she must be stoned to death. They come to Jesus just to trap Him. How Jesus manages to disperse the whole crowd showing God's forgiving heart.

We need to recognize that the Pharisaic attitude is a serious handicap in realizing God's love, especially when we stick to hollow laws at the cost of ignoring God's love and sharing it with others. Little do we realize that in Jesus' eyes a sinner would be judged less harshly than the Pharisees. For the foremost demand of Jesus is to forgive others and express God's unconditional love towards them. Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin, gives the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship. It is a challenge for us to show the same mercy to the sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to human beings by dying for their sins. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to show them Jesus' compassion and to make our own lives exemplary so that we can help lead them to Jesus' ways. Let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness.

Mother Teresa said something very special on the Sacrament of Divine Mercy. While Mother Teresa is certainly famous for the charity with which she poured herself out in love for Christ in the distressing disguise of lepers, AIDS victims, the dying, and the untouchables, she was likewise a great "Missionary of Mercy" in calling everyone to receive Jesus' forgiving love in the Sacrament of Confession, a Sacrament she received at least once a week. She would counsel others, "One thing is necessary for us: Confession. Confession is nothing but humility in action. We call it Penance, but really it is a Sacrament of Love, a Sacrament of forgiveness. It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides and destroys."

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In our parish this week: April 2025

Monday 07	Tuesday 08	Wednesday 09	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12	Sunday 13
8.00am Mass 7.00pm PPC meeting	8.00am Mass 4.30pm SVDP meeting 6.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation	8.00am Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i> 7pm Young Adults gathering 7pm <i>Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen</i>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Watching Bishop Robert Barron's Reflection on the Stations of the Cross	8.30am Folding Palm Crosses 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9.00am Mass beginning with Procession of Palms (<i>weather permitting</i>) 6.00pm Mass

Friday Evening: Reflective Prayer and Stations of the Cross from 7pm. Please Note: A change for Friday 11 April. 7pm-8pm 'Stations of the Cross' Bishop Robert Baron leads us in a prayerful Way of the Cross – video presentation.

Final Sunday Stations of the Cross in Lent following the 9am Mass this Sunday 6th April.

Lenten Reconciliation Evening- Second Rite: There will be a Reconciliation service - Second Rite - this **Tuesday April 8 at 6:30pm.** Father Johny has asked Fr Joseph from Daisy Hill parish for assistance to help with the smooth running of the evening. In the Second Rite, we gather as a group to listen to God's word and reflect on our sins. Then Father will hear one or two sins that are the most important to ask for forgiveness. It is not a time for an extended confession. Father Johny offers Reconciliation in the First Rite before Mass on Saturdays, starting at 5pm. You could see Fr Johny to make a suitable time on a different day, if you prefer. We hope to see many parishioners on April 8, as we prepare in a special way to celebrate Easter with renewed hearts and minds.

Palm Sunday 13th April

Palm Cross Folding: Saturday morning 12th April from 8.30am on the verandah in front of the Church. Please come along, even for a part of the time. All are welcome. Thank you, this is a lovely tradition in our parish.

Procession with palms at 9am Mass Sunday 13th April

Musicians & choir practice Tuesday 15th April at 7pm.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 17th April **Mass 7.00pm** followed by Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday 18th April

10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil Saturday 19th April **Mass 7.00pm**

Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday 20th April **Mass 9.00am** only

Volunteers needed for all Easter Masses, especially the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass. Please volunteer on the sign up sheets at Masses this weekend.



Those who have died: Mel McKay, Col Woodhead, Pamela Potts

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Bill Crowley, Margot Vizmanos-Tovera, Jessie White, Elaine Fitzgibbons, Philomena Herrmann, George White, Ellen 'Nell' Elliott, Kenneth Morris, Kevin Thorley, Kerry Routledge, Lyn Murray, Matthew Liang, Linda Maria Manoi, Thomas Ray, Seiuli Foutanu, Alice Mitchell, Margaret Linnett, Cyril Cooper, Charles Steiner, Nita J Hammond, Dick Quan

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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



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:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

Gospel Reading of Entrance into Jerusalem: Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 23:1-49



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Tuesday 15th April

Morning Tea at Parish Centre followed by Bus Outing to **Lord Mayor's City Hall Concert** – Journey of Remembrance on the 110th anniversary of ANZAC Day. We will have morning tea in the Parish Centre from 9.15am before boarding the bus. The bus leaves St Peter's at 10.30am and should return about 2pm. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office by Fri 11th April 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. We would appreciate \$10 per person to cover the bus.

Sacramental Program 2025 - Please keep in your prayers:

Sacrament of Penance: Several children participated in a one day program on the Sacrament of Penance and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the First Rite last Sunday.

First Holy Communion: Most of the children who were Confirmed last year have begun preparation for their reception of First Holy Communion on 1st June.

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 7th April.** All are welcome to come along.



Project Compassion. Please pick up a box or envelope

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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FAITH MATTERS: Gardening Soil Found in the Holy Sepulchre

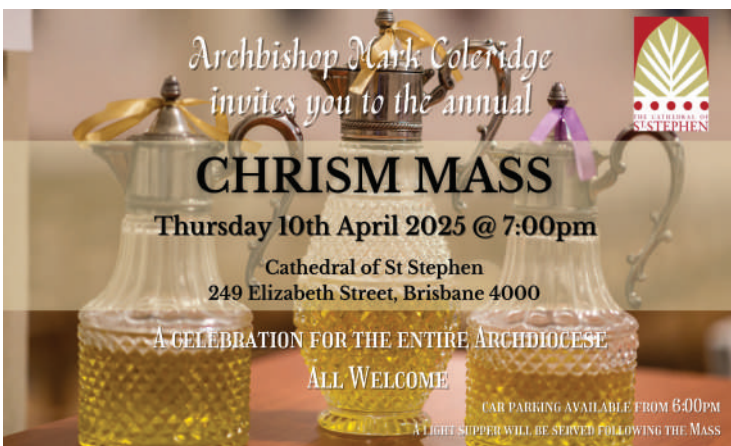
The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem's Old City is possibly the holiest site in Christendom. Since the 4th century AD it is venerated for as the site of the Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified, and the tomb where he was buried, and resurrected.

There has been a lot of controversy over the centuries as to whether the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is actually the real site of Christ's death and resurrection. As the archaeologists have worked beneath the current floor, they've uncovered multiple historical layers revealing evidence of earlier church constructions, including remains from both the Constantinian and Crusader periods. But, far more intriguing is the fact that at several places the dig uncovered brown soil commonly used also for gardening.

The presence and significance of gardening soil in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has potential theological and historical implications. It could relate to the biblical accounts of Jesus's burial site being in a garden. According to the Gospel of John (19:41), "At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid." The importance of this is because our faith is based on a real person in a real place at a real time in history. To investigate this topic further, I recommend the Youtube channel – Expedition Bible especially the episode called *Where was Jesus Crucified* – and the article *Excavations under Church of the Holy Sepulchre reveal evidence of ancient garden, supporting Gospel of John*.

(<https://allisrael.com/excavations-under-church-of-the-holy-sepulcher-reveal-evidence-of-ancient-garden-agreeing-with-gospel-of-john>)
 Faith Enrichment Ministry

Rochedale Youth: Next Youth & young adults gathering this Thursday evening 10th April in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm. 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



Chrism Mass: Every year this Mass is a very important Archdiocesan celebration, just before Holy Week, during which the Holy Oils for the year are blessed. Each parish is requested to send 4 or 5 parishioners to represent the Parish at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 10th April from 7pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office.

Holy Week and Easter for Kids Resources: A range of free resources have been created by the Children and Families team at Archdiocesan Ministries to assist children to journey with Jesus through Holy Week. Kids can follow the Jesus story through video, prayers and activities. Suitable for use by families at home or in larger groups, head to tinyurl.com/Holy-Week4Kids to access all that is available.

Roster: 12th & 13th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Antony Andradi	Baji Itteera	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	Benjamin Fiju	Eric Quan	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Patricia Bransdon 2. Nyanza Fernnandes	C. Lisa Hammett 1. Caitlin Marfil 2. Mae Marfil	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Sharon Fong 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Rob Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Rosie Bertolacci Leroy Lobo Anne Scanlon Deseree Quan Stephanie Lenihan	Cesarina Gigante Anne Fry John Blake
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Kate Guy, Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Helen Graczyk, Nita Stratton-Funk, Deb Meggs			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After the 9am Mass on Sunday 13th April - Anne Scanlon, Rosie Bertolacci			
This week 6th - 12th April	Sacristan: Suma Joseph		Counting: Carl'sgroup



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

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**Rochedale Vinnies
Easter Raffle**

All Masses 29/30 March; 5/6 April

Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Card or Cash

Buy some tickets and help us share God's practical love with those in need.

Mass Ministers: Please check your email inbox for the new roster for April to June as well as the swap list. Thank you all!

St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund: You can contribute to the Endowment Fund at any time but a gift in your Will is the greatest commitment you could make to sustain the future of our faith and parish. When you confirm a gift in your Will to our parish endowment fund, you become an eternal guardian of your faith. Contact the Parish Office for information

Around the Archdiocese:

Tony Alonso: Internationally Renowned Composer, Theologian & Recording Artist Tony Alonso is coming to Brisbane in May 2025. Tony Alonso PhD is one of the foremost contemporary Catholic liturgical composers and a noted theologian whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. Many of his 200+ compositions and arrangements appear in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. Tony is presenting a series of Brisbane Events: Lecture 15th May, Workshop for Teachers and students on 16th May, Concert 17th May and a Parish Music Ministry Workshop on 17th May. For more information go to "Shop-Workshops" on the Liturgy Brisbane website or <https://liturgybrisbane-workshops.weebly.com/tony-alonso.html>

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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.

Help needed: Following up on Helen's promotion of Ministry participation, we would love you to read over the Ministry brochure handed out and reflect on how you might join in one of our 30 plus ministries at St Peter's. Our church family works best if we all contribute. Any of the Ministries would love you to join. If you would like to join in any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office or fill in the brochure and bring it back to Mass. Some of our Parish Ministry Groups that are most in need of new members are:

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 house-bound 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.

RCIA: Discussing our faith and assisting adults on their faith journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

AV Operator during weekend Masses: This role mostly involves progressing the powerpoint slides during Mass.

Hospitality Ministry: We are in need of willing parishioners to step in to help serve our weekend cuppas after the Masses.

Church Cleaning Ministry: Duties include vacuuming, mopping, dusting the church and Parish Centre and cleaning the Parish Centre kitchen and church toilets. Most people give an hour to an hour and a half of their time every 5 weeks.

Archbishop's Vocations Dinners: Archbishop Mark Coleridge is hosting 2 Vocations dinners for men and women discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life. Dinner for Women is on the 24th April from 6 pm. Dinner for Men is on the 22nd May from 6 pm.

Contact Fr Johny to express your interest in attending.

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