

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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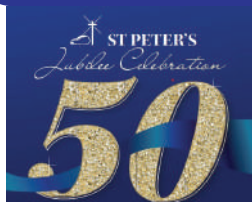


## PARISH PRIEST

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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."



## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6th October 2024

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

## Marriage and Commitment

A priest was appointed in one of the African parishes some years ago. He had several outstation churches in the parish. In one of them was a couple who had been married for 40 years. She was his wife though his tradition allowed him more than one, especially as they had no children. There had been tremendous pressure on him over the years to divorce his wife or to take another wife. But he was adamant that he would never divorce his wife. He always replied, 'I love her, and I will always be faithful to her'. But it was almost unthinkable given the culture he lived in. Childlessness was always the woman's fault.

Pope Francis, some years ago, referring to the forthcoming Synod on the Family, said, "The Church will celebrate the ordinary Synod on family, deepen her spiritual discernment and consider concrete solutions to the many difficult and significant challenges facing families in our time." He added, "the family cannot be replaced by other institutions." For this reason, "it needs to be helped and strengthened, lest we lose our proper sense of the services which society as a whole provides." There was a lot of speculation as well as expectation from the Synod. Many people had wrongly interpreted the initiative by Pope Francis to hold the Synod on the family, as if it was going to give many concessions in the long-held traditions of the Church about marriage. They thought that the Church was going to loosen its stand on divorce, remarriage, and cohabitation of couples without marriage.

Pope Francis, answering the questions about the family, had simply said, "Marriage is in crisis and the Church needs to reach out to people who face this crisis." The Pope rightly reiterated the stand of the church that marriage is irreplaceable. We continue to follow Jesus' teaching and believe that a lifelong commitment in marriage is possible. We continue to hold that marriage is a sacred union, a life-giving relationship, not only for husband and wife, but for the family and the community that surrounds them and witnesses their faithfulness. Marriage then, calls us to live with high ideals. Husbands and wives should see one another as God's gift.

A marriage is a commitment of faithfulness that takes years to fulfill, about compromise, forgiveness, listening, and remembering your anniversary. This is why Jesus' words are so important. He tells his disciples that from the beginning of creation God had a plan and a purpose for marriage. That purpose was not simply for the mutual love of a man and a woman. It was not simply to create a home where children could thrive. Marriage was meant to be a witness, a witness to others. We believe in the power of that witness. Marriage is difficult. But precisely because it is difficult, it can be a witness to others of faithfulness, patience, and forgiveness.

We Catholics have an enormous evangelization to do in our modern world. Our challenge is first to live the teachings of Jesus and the Church and then to speak fearlessly about God's plan for marriage and children. "Lord Jesus, may we never condemn people whose marriages have ended in divorce. Let us remember and delight in the reality that Jesus is a God of incredible forgiveness and understanding. Amen."

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

### In our parish this week: October 2024

Monday 07	Tuesday 08	Wednesday 09	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12	Sunday 13
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> 8.00am Mass 10am-12pm Get-together at More Cafe All are welcome Public Holiday Office Closed	8.00am Mass with children 4.00pm SVDP Mtg 7.00pm PPC Mtg	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Garade 4 children	7.30am - 10am Gardening working bee 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass followed by Cuppa 10.30am Baptism 6.00pm Mass

### WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):

Our October WOW will be held on **Wednesday 16th October** (a little earlier in the month than usual) from 10am to 12 noon. Please join us as we celebrate all things German in our **Octoberfest!** Join us for morning tea, raffles and a German themed morning. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office or on the form in the church by Monday 14th October.



**Gardening Working Bee:** Saturday 12th October 7.30am - 10am. The weeds are taking over the gardens, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. Many helpers will make the job easier. All welcome - even if you can only spare us half an hour of your time.



**Morning Tea Gathering:** Our next regular monthly get together at the local coffee shop will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on the King's Birthday public holiday, this **Monday 7th October**. All are welcome to come along.



**Parish Pastoral Council:** We welcome 3 new PPC members Belmira D'Souza, Conrad D'Netto & Hanson Pereira. We will commission them in the near future.

**Marian Valley Retreat:** Please join us for a one day retreat to Marian Valley on Saturday 19th October. Marian Valley – Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians is about 10km from Canungra and south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The Pauline Fathers founded it in 1995. Its main chapel is dedicated to the Black Madonna and has many other smaller chapels built by pilgrims of the Shrine. We have booked a bus to carry 40 people to Marian Valley. The bus will leave St Peter's at 8.30am and return about 3pm. We ask that you please contribute \$20 per person for the cost of the bus hire.

**Those who have died:** Noemi Ramp, Nic Bakker, Pat Gray

#### Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Cyril Michael D'Silva, Frances Tincknell, Gys van Bekkum Snr., Gys van Bekkum Jnr., Willem van Bekkum, Mary O'Brien, Andrew Aranha, Angele Vanden Boom, Patrick Bradley, Gerald Sherry, Jason Murray, Michael Glynn, Lewis Clarke, Franco Milaudi, Peter Ribaldone, Bella Aguas, Zena Bray, Ellen Glancy, Collin Murphy, Sr. Patricia Mary Butler, Doug Elliott, Anne Clarke.

#### Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Ian Forno, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Mel Singh, 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.



**Readings for next weekend:**  
**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

**Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Sunday 27th October**  
 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Simon Peter Centre (St Peter's School hall) Cost: \$45 (includes morning tea and a free glass of champagne/orange juice on arrival). Drinks available for purchase on the day. Join us for a morning of support and fundraising for The Breast Cancer Foundation. Your participation will make a difference. Event Highlights: Morning tea, fashion show, raffles, auctions. To reserve your spot please text Carmel on 0417 213 702. Invite your friends and let's see a sea of pink.

**Ministers for weekend Masses** - the new rosters for October to December have been emailed last week. Please check your inbox. Thank you to all ministers who help our Masses run smoothly.

### News From Our Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Food Stocks Low

Each week we give out food parcels to those in need and currently our food stock is very low. We would really appreciate it if you could assist us by bringing in some non-perishable food. Please place items in the wooden baskets to the left-hand side of the sanctuary (near the candle stand).

### An Invitation

We would like to invite you to consider being a part of St Peter's Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies). There are many ways in which you could be involved and so provide a *hand up* with some basic necessities to those in need. We will talk about this during Masses on the weekend of October 13 and 14 and will be available before and after the Masses to chat with you about how you may want to be involved. As the Prophet Isaiah (58: 7) says: *Share you bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.*

**RCIA:** Please continue to pray for RCIA Catechumens Janelle Luchetti, Jim Wright and Yvette Kim as they begin formal preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Yvette & Janelle will be baptised this weekend 5th & 6th October and Jim on 13th October.

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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

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## FAITH MATTERS:

Have you ever **seriously** and **deeply** tried imagining **yourself** in Jesus' circumstances from the point of his struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, through his arrest and desertion by his disciples, his trumped-up trial, his scourging, crowning with thorns, ridicule by the soldiers, unjustified condemnation, carrying the cross, being stripped naked, hung on the cross for about three hours until all his tasks were completed?

Try running your own movie in your head—or watch 'The Passion of the Christ'—putting **yourself** in the place of Jesus, and imagine **honestly** how you, yourself, would handle the events: the rejection, the humiliation, the lies, the pain, the thought that the salvation of the entire world from beginning to end was dependent upon your completion of this task.

Would you have been willing to undertake the task, voluntarily, knowing what you were going to have to face? Would you have struggled on, carrying the cross amid so much pain, weakness and dishonour? Would you have still had kind, tender words for those around you, and been willing to ask true forgiveness for the very ones who jeered at you in your painful efforts and who sought your unlawful destruction? Would you have kept thinking about the needs of others when you were in severe pain and were almost completely out of strength?

If you are genuinely willing to go through this exercise, taking time to truly sense the immensity of Jesus' trials, then you should come out with a deep appreciation of the love that God showed for us in Jesus, who "died for us while we were still sinners"—simply in the hope we would receive his life-giving gift, before we ever had even said 'yes' to it.

Jesus, open me to a profound recognition of the humble, selfless love the Father has for me; Mary, loving, Heavenly Mother, pray for me!

*St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry*

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 @rochedaleyouth

### Seeking volunteers or beneficial ideas on growing our youth ministry:

*Do you have a passion for promoting the Catholic faith to our young people?*

*Do you have any great ideas for ways to engage our primary school, high school and young adults?*

*Are you a parent or grandparent or a young adult yourself who would like to be involved?*

Please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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'.

**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 Oct.	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly & Chris Jesuthasan	Baji Itteera	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Patricia Bransdon 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alina George 1. Fion Fiju 2. Mae Marfil	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Sharon Fong 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Julie Hondroudakis Leroy Lobo Deseree Quan Conrad D'Netto Stephanie Lenihan	Anne Fry Cesarina Gigante Ann Marie Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter & Jackie Leena.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after 9am Sunday Mass on 13th Oct.: Cristy & Bernie Vecchio			
This week 6th-12th Oct.	Sacristan: Suma Joseph		Counting: Bob'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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

### OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0403 051 103

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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](mailto: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: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

## How to Leave a Legacy that makes a Difference Forever!

Thanks to one of our generous parishioners, the **St Peter's Rochedale Family endowment fund** has been established and will permanently be invested for growth and the principal will never be spent down. Each year the fund distributes 5% of the balance back to the Parish. As the fund matures over time, through investment growth and donations, the distributions increase and become a steady stream of annual income for the good works of our Parish.

Please consider making a gift to our parish endowment. You can put an extra cheque marked "endowment" into your giving envelope or put your donation into a plain envelope marked "endowment".

This is a way for parishioners, who believe in sharing their gifts and reaching out to others, to leave a legacy of care and support far beyond their lifetime. I hope that each of you will prayerfully consider a gift today or name the St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund in your Will as a special offering to the Rochedale Parish Community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity. Please pray that our parish perpetual fund grows like the loaves and fishes!

**Entertainment Memberships: October Offer** Multi-city upgrade + Everyday WISH gift card with purchase. Also, all members can access 5% off all Virgin flights! With just one domestic flight, you could save enough to cover the cost of your membership. Hurry - this deal expires on 5th November.

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

**Date Claimer:** Logan Deanery Christmas Carols Friday 22nd November 5.30pm to 9pm at St Edward's Daisy Hill.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Brisbane Historical Society Journal Archive:** The Brisbane Catholic Historical Society is pleased to announce that its journal archive from 1988 to 2022 is now entirely available **online** from <https://www.brisbanecatholichistoricalsociety.org.au/journals/table-of-contents/>

The journal includes articles on the history of bishops, priests, churches, parishes and prominent figures in the history of Catholic Queensland.

**SYNOD24** The two-day session on 6th & 7th September brought about 140 voices of Brisbane archdiocese together at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Every action examined at the synod cleared the two-thirds majority required for endorsement, with one action re-written with broader language before it was ultimately endorsed. The actions spanned topics like mission in the digital environment, how the power of governance should be supported by the laity, dialoguing with survivors of sexual abuse and reconciliation. The synod will reconvene in October for another two-day session to examine other decrees of the Plenary Council.

**Closing Mass (open to public):** Saturday October 12th 2pm- 3pm at the Australian Catholic University Chapel, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

**Faith Foundations Short Course for Parish:** If you've wondered, What's next? Or are looking for new ways to share, experience and learn about your faith with others - this is your chance to dip a toe in the water. This online course features six live, fortnightly workshops with interactive discussions - all from home. Suitable for both newcomers and those advancing their education journey, it includes contemporary teaching, lively discussions, and optional personal reading and videos to deepen your Bible understanding. The course caters to various learning levels, exploring the Bible's key themes and divine inspiration. It aims to enhance your personal faith and can be applied in parish or ministry settings. *You may also pursue the 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology with assessment from the Institute of Faith Education (National Provider No. 31402).* Contact us to enrol! Phone: 07 3324 3485 Visit: [ife.qld.edu.au/parish](http://ife.qld.edu.au/parish) Email: [ife@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ife@bne.catholic.net.au)

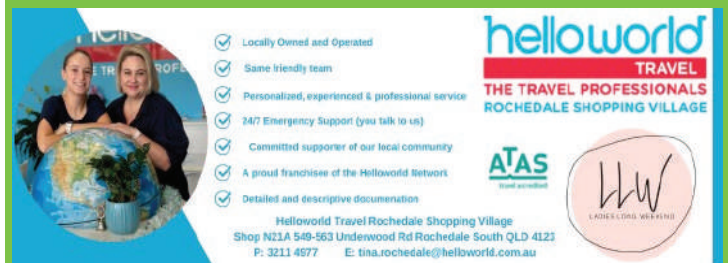
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