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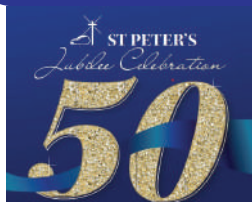


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MISSION STATEMENT

"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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

8th September 2024 Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Happy Feast)

Psalm 139: 14 reads, "I give you thanks, for I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works".

Life is the most precious gift, and we keep a day each year to thank God, **for this great gift**. Today we celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to thank God for her gift and her parents Saints Joachim and Anne.

Her Nativity is one of the three nativities the Church celebrates. The other two are of **Jesus Christ** and of **St John the Baptist**. They are celebrated because of the **singular mission** each had in **salvation history**. Fr. **Gabriel** writes in **Divine Intimacy**: "**The birth of Mary is the dawn of our redemption**; her appearance projects a new light over all the human race: a light of innocence, of purity, of grace, a resplendent warning of the great light which will inundate the world when Christ, the **Light of the World**, appears."

This Feast on **September 8th** is deeply connected to the feast of the **Immaculate Conception** that is on **December 8th**. The sinless Jesus should be born from a **sinless mother**. Thus, **today marks the day** when God's plan is gradually **being fulfilled**. With the birth of Mary, the birth of the Messiah comes. Mary was full of grace from her birth. **Saint Ambrose reminds us, every Christian believer**, in some way interiorly conceives and gives birth to the word of God: even though there is only one Mother of Christ in the flesh, in the faith Christ is the progeny of us all. Thus, what took place for Mary can daily take place in each of us, in the hearing of the word and in the celebration of the sacraments."

We also connect this **Feast of Our Lady** to the upcoming **15th September memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**. From the moment of her birth, **Mary was destined to have a sword pierce her heart** as she stood at the foot of the Cross **contemplating the death of her Son**. We can say, with no fear of exaggeration, **that this young girl is the masterpiece of God's creation**, the most beautiful of all creatures.

We could call this feast: the feast of hope. Today we celebrate the birth of a woman, who is destined to become a mother and give the world **Jesus, the son of God**. **This feast is therefore a feast of hope**. The memory of her birth fills us with hope. **In our families the birth of a child is always a sign of hope**. When a child is born, we are filled with positive thoughts about the future. **Parents get older but children continue their parents' work into the future**.

Pope John XXIII said that every child born is a sign that God is not tired of Humanity and wants to continue to give us life. This experience, which we all have in our families, leads us to understand the importance of the **positive relationship between generations**. **Nobody can give life to oneself**. Each receives life from someone who comes before us, from father and mother; in the same way, **no one can hold back their own life**. **Each of us is called to hand over himself to the future generation**.

Let us entrust our families to our **Mother**. May her intercession guide us always to Jesus, our Saviour.
Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: September 2024

Monday 09	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting.	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	St John Chrysostom 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with children from Grade 6	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Ministers at weekend Masses - please advise Belmira of any dates that you will be unavailable from October to December for the next roster. Thank you. New ministers welcome. If you would be interested in helping, please see Belmira or Julie.

The Season of Creation 2024 – will be celebrated for five weeks between The Feast of Creation on September 1st and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. The Theme for this year is: **To hope and act with creation.** In the foundation belief that we will come to see the created world as a gift of our Creator God, the 2024 guiding symbol is, 'the first fruits of hope'. *Romans 8: 19-25.* This year **Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality** [https://jisa.org.au/] offers the Season of Creation Contemplations, for spiritual reflection on five themes across the five weeks. You are invited to immerse your senses in God's Creation – through stones, wind, water, trees and birds. A short audio reflection will be emailed each Wednesday for your contemplation and prayer. Access is free. **Please register** through the JISA website: '**Being with God in Nature**' https://jisa.org.au/being-with-god-in-nature/

RCIA Acceptance and Election Liturgy: This weekend we welcome our RCIA Candidates Janelle Luchetti, Jim Wright and Yvette Kim through the Rites of Acceptance and Election. In the Rite of Acceptance each candidate expresses, and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. In the Rite of Election the Church recognises the candidate's readiness for the sacraments of initiation, and the candidate expresses the will to receive the sacraments. We pray for Janelle, Jim and Yvette as they begin formal preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Our September WOW will be a Book & plant swap, Faith Video clip and discussion on Wednesday 25th September 10am to 12 noon. Bring your plant cuttings or potted plants or books to swap or just join us for morning tea and raffles! RSVP by Mon 23rd September. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community.



Those who have died: Nat Faranso, Jelmana, Matthew Byrne

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Blanche Kay, Kath Lourigan, Peter Lee, Vi Christensen, Ivan 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 Neilsen, John Potts, Hilda McCormick, Sean McCormick, Terry Gallagher, Julia Jordan, John Brownlee, George Jonas, Phil Kerslake, Stephen O'Brien.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Nick Bakker, 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 8 SEP 2024
"Every conversation matters"



catholic.au/s/article/safeguarding-sunday-2024

Safeguarding Sunday 8th September 2024

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

St Peter's Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Annual Catholic Campaign: THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift before now, there is still time. There are envelopes available from the table near the church entrance. Please pop it in the Mass collection. Your gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

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FAITH MATTERS: An Ideal World?

Have you ever contemplated what it would be like living in an ideal world?

I have occasionally looked out from the bedroom window of my highset house, set on a hill, at the morning scene of all the houses and trees arrayed below me, and tried to imagine how I would be feeling if all the people living out there were filled with joy, and living in a loving, caring relationship with one another.

I picture lovely smiles and a bright, positive attitude on everyone's face. A rich vitality. A joyous welcome in encountering another person. A spring in everyone's step. A willingness to check on and meet another's need. A sense of gratefulness for all we have. A sense of true community – a community of unhindered sharing, ensuring no-one is struggling needlessly or alone.

I imagine the whole scene filled with a warm, peaceful, but vibrant light which encompasses everything – the very houses, along with the trees, animals and birds. Wonderful, uplifting LIFE!

No depression. No loneliness. No selfishness. No anger. No raised voices except in laughter or enthusiastic greeting. No worrying or anxiety.

Embracing life in all the amazing beauty and endless variety of the creation around us...

This, surely, is the kind of world God created it to be; the kind of people God created us to be.

We don't have control over what other people think, say or do, that's for sure, but we do have the ability to make choices in our own hearts, within our daily lives, that have the power to bring life and blessing and healing into the lives of others – not just in our own strength or desire, but in asking the Father for the Power of his Spirit, through the enormous virtue of Jesus his Son.

Blessed be God forever!

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Ignite Conference 24: 19 - 22 September 2024 at St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane.

Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Experience four days of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship.

St Peter's Parish is willing to financially support our youth to attend Ignite by covering half of the ticket fee. Please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office to discuss. For more information about Ignite Conference 24 go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/brisbane>



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: 14th & 15th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Baji Itteera	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Caitlin Marfil 2. Sheree Mae Marfil	C. Megan Carroll 1. Bob Burns 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Swapna Joseph Del Reynolds Leroy Lobo, Rosie Bertolacci Julie Hondroudakis	Vickie Routledge Kate Guy Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherritt	Rita Bishop	Tim Hondroudakis
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Cuppa after 9am Mass Sunday 15th Sept.:Anne Scanlon, Rashelle Johnson & Rosie Bertolacci.			
This week 8th - 14th September		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	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: 0403 051 103

♥ 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: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

Marian Valley Retreat: We are organising 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 enough people interested so we will hire a bus so that we can travel together. We need to finalise numbers so that we can book the appropriate sized bus. Please indicate your interest on the form near the main doors in the church.

St Peter's 50th Anniversary: A review of our 50th Anniversary finances reveal a total cost of \$22 217.21. We have received approximately \$2500 in monetary donations either in cash or electronic form - roughly 10% of the costs. In addition there were several people who paid directly for certain items such as cakes, printing of prayer cards & invitations, framing and the banner. We thank everyone who contributed in any way to the celebrations.

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 **Monday 7th October**. All are welcome to come along.

Entertainment Memberships: School holiday promotion: Purchase a 12 month Single City Membership for \$70 & receive a free Multi City upgrade and have access to exclusive offers across 20 cities in Australia and New Zealand. Whether you're staying local or exploring new destinations, a Multi City Membership will unlock a world of savings and fun for the entire family with travel, dining and entertainment savings.

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

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Those couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends, the annual Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at The Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday the 28th of September at 11:30am.

RSVP by Wednesday 25th September to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3030

SYNOD24 This Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September, 140 Synod members gathered at Xavier Hall at Holy Spirit Seminary to begin discussing, debating, discerning and voting on actions that we can take as an Archdiocese to implement the Decrees of the Plenary Council of Australia. Please pray for all those participating that they may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the stories, questions, challenges, hopes and joys of others.

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 Email: ife@bne.catholic.net.au


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