

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 First Sunday of Lent (Year C) 9th March 2025

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Let us journey together in Hope

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?".

I propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the exodus without thinking of our brothers and sisters who are fleeing in search of a better life. All of us are pilgrims in this life. Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrants, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us on our journey to the house of the Father.

Second, Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God. It means walking side-by-side, without showing or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

God is asking us to examine whether we are capable of walking together with others and listening to them, whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far, and whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. We have been given a promise. May the hope be the focus of our Lenten journey towards Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical Spe Salvi, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' Christ, my hope, has risen!

Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I can save myself? Do I long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it? Do I concretely experience the hope that enables me to interpret the events of history and inspires in me a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded? Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul". It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" and being united with Christ, in the glory of heaven. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Pope Francis

(abridged by Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI)

In our parish this week: March 2025

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15	Sunday 16
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting	8.00am Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i> 7.00pm Young Adults - Youth Group Gathering	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass Gr 4 students to attend. 7.00pm Lenten Reflection followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	The 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C) 9.00am Mass (Children's Liturgy) followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass 6.00pm Mass

CHANGES to Mass times: Cyclone Alfred has already seen the cancellation of the Ash Wednesday evening Mass and all of the planned events for Friday 7th March in the church. The timeline of the cyclone's effects remain uncertain but it is possible that the weekend Masses may be impacted as well. If any of the weekend Masses are cancelled, the notification will be put on the Home page of the parish website and an email will be sent to all on the newsletter email list. To add your name to the email list please contact Julie on stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. All advice is to shelter in place until the Cyclone has passed. After it has passed there will be significant rain. Please do not travel through torrential rain or floodwaters to get to the church. Please stay safe.

The Season of Lent

Friday Evenings (except 7th March which is now cancelled): 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.

Lenten book: Start Anew With Christ - Daily reflections for Lent \$5

Sunday Stations of the Cross in Lent: In addition to the Friday evening Stations of the Cross, we will have 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 Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)**
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Project Compassion

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 7th April.** 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: Fr Leo Bourke, Phil Jones (*Deacon Mike's brother*), Jack Scholes, Peter Scanlon (*Wally's brother*), Giuseppina Pace, Austin Taylor

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Francis Mayer, Zhengchong Gong, Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Carol Stewart, Edward McCormick, May Timkoe, Ray Bennett, Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis, Claire Manuel, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith, Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerslake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando.

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

The forty days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

It has been traditional that, during the time of Lent, Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

We can take great comfort from this: there is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death.

That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.

In this year of Jubilee, Lent can become a life-giving vehicle of pilgrimage for us to travel on our own pathway to the great hope that Easter offers. It is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

May our prayer life be enriched with hope this Lenten season and may we generously offer to others what they need and fast from the things that are not life giving.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Help needed: Several of our Parish Ministry Groups are in need of new members

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 household 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 powerpoint 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.

Hospitality Ministry: We have recently lost 5 volunteers from this ministry and are in need of at least 2 willing parishioners to step in to help serve our Sunday Morning Teas after the Masses. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be rostered on. Please consider joining us in this wonderfully rewarding ministry. Contact Steph Lenihan (Coordinator) on 0413 268 860 or salenihan@hotmail.com. Volunteers for both the Saturday & Sunday night Masses are also required.

Church Cleaning Ministry: If you would be able to help out once every 5 weeks on either a Saturday morning or Friday afternoon, please contact the Parish Office. 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. This is a lovely way to support our Parish Family.

Roster:15th & 16th March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Anthony Andradi	Francis Yoo	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton/Alina George	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Fion Fiju 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 Rosie Bertolacci Julie Hondroudakis	Leroy Lobo Vickie Routledge John Blake Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Tina Nguyen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after the Sunday 6pm Mass on 16th March: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White.			
This week 9th - 15th March	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		Counting: Marcos' 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.

Next Young Adults / Youth Night is planned for this Thursday 13th March at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Table tennis and sharing of food and friendship.

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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