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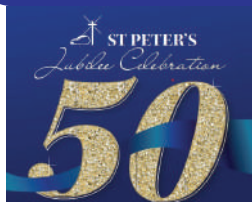


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MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

11th August 2024

Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2 John 6:41-51

“Arise, Eat, Drink”

“Arise, Eat, and Drink” is our challenge today. God continues to draw us to himself to save, feed, and strengthen us on our journey. Last Wednesday and Thursday I attended the Clergy Convocation at Brisbane. One of the things that was brought to my serious attention is the presence of the number of Catholics in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. I was presented with the general data of Rochedale which was conducted in 2021. We have **3679** Catholics in Rochedale out of **25051**. They are from 40 plus countries all over the world. They speak a variety of languages, and their cultures are all quite different. Some of them do not speak English at home. 70% of them are Australian citizens.

Our challenge is very big as we get hardly 10% of the people attending the Church regularly. What is next? How can we encounter them and help them to find life in Jesus? I invite all of you to reflect upon this serious matter and make our Church vibrant. Could you please present some tangible ideas to go ahead with? Let us try hard and pray earnestly so that the Holy Spirit may inspire and guide us to find ways and means to address the issue. As the Lord said, the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers to his vineyard.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” He is the living bread of life. The readings remind us of God’s care, our call to live with kindness, and the importance of faith in Jesus. Paul encourages us to live like Jesus. Jesus says no one comes to Him unless drawn by the Father. This shows God’s active role in our faith journey. God has chosen you. “Come and follow me,” means come and give me your life, give me your love, give me everything, and do not hold back anything. And then you will know what it means when He says, “I give you the Bread of Life.” Because the meaning of bread is much more than just eating and drinking.

Some are running away from him now because he says these things. And then Jesus says to his disciples, will you run away too? Are you going to run away? Is it too tough for you? Is it hard for you to understand? Are you disappointed? And then you stop, and you have to say either “yes” or “no.” It is a great moment and a terrific moment and a difficult moment.

God has chosen you. Elijah is tired and worn out. How many of us have felt the same way at times? In Elijah’s case he is serving as a prophet of the Lord in a time when people have turned away from God and did not want to listen to a true prophet. The people had fallen into worship of the false god Baal. Elijah had fought against 450 prophets of Baal and by God’s power, they were defeated. Again, do we feel exhausted like Elijah? Do we want to quit? The Lord had fed the Israelites in the desert with *Manna*. Jesus fed the multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish. The Lord strengthens us with the Bread of Life, the Eucharist.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: August 2024

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17	Sunday 18
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting	St Maximillian Mary Kolbe <i>Public Holiday Parish Office closed</i> 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Parish Office closed</i> 6.30pm Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Yr 1 - Liturgy of the Word	8.30am - 3.00pm “Truth Telling” Workshop 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass Annual Catholic Campaign Collection at all Masses	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass Annual Catholic Campaign Collection at all Masses this weekend 6.00pm Mass

Additional Mass for the Assumption: Please note that there will be **Mass on Thursday 15th August at 6.30pm** to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is a holy day of obligation.

Your Prayers are Invited for RCIA – Journeys of Faith at St Peter's: Our St Peter's prayer commits us to 'welcome with generosity and compassion all who seek to belong among us.' Please take time to remember in your prayers all those who have made their RCIA journey with us. We pray that these, our companions in Christ, seek and receive the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit as they live their lives of worship and service. Please pray for Yvette and Janelle who are continuing their journey to Baptism, and Jim who will prepare for Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Sacramental Program: Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th August. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. We welcomed the Dean of the Logan Deanery, Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI as the celebrant.

Vocations Week: This past week 4th to 11th August was Vocations Week. Let us pray for all who are discerning their vocation in life and especially pray for our clergy and religious who have dedicated their lives to God. Pick up a Vocations Prayer card at Mass this weekend.

Annual Catholic Campaign: 17 & 18 August: We all play a vital part in supporting the critical, local Catholic ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign. This one annual collection replaces multiple collections in the past. Following on from Vocations week, it is important to remember that this campaign supports The Priests Foundation looking after our retired priests & the Holy Spirit Seminary. The Campaign also supports the vulnerable in our society through Centacare Pastoral Ministries and the Mary MacKillop Learning Fund. Please prepare yourself to give generously next weekend. Thank you!

Those who have died: David Starr, Patricia Buzolic, John Summers (*Pauline Angus' nephew*), Bill Kelleher (*Shelagh Ballment's brother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

David Robinson, Audrey Cooke, Madge Mitchell, Damien Blyth, Lawrie Kelley, Leo Caligari, Emma Leafa, Elizabeth Ritchie, Malcolm Pereira, Margaret Fagan, Giovanni Gottardo, Joseph Tsang, Stanley Burgess, Daniel O'Brien, Moya Carter, Marie Peters, Stanley Marais, Margaret Smith, Maria Wlodarczyk, Ambrose Sullivan, Stanley Marias, Margaret Elliott, Alonzo Lynch, Gregory Chin, Colleen Craike, Catherine O'Brien, Luke Barber, Leslie Vincent Doyle, Laura May Gow, Lil Atkenson, Jim McKenna.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Robert Cussans, Anne & Kevin Fry, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, 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.

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**Readings for next weekend:
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

Workshop: As part of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane Reconciliation Action Plan there will be an informative Workshop next Saturday 17th August.

It will be an amazing day to learn from First Nations Guest speakers, to share ideas and resources, to ask questions, to engage in actions to build bridges and true reconciliation, respect and unity.

Please register either using the QR code here or the folder near the main church doors. Attendees, please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you.

TRUTH TELLING
Where to from Now?

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop



SCAN TO REGISTER

SAT 17 AUGUST
8:30am-3pm

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PARISH ROCHEDALE
955 Rochedale Rd

First Aid Training: Contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend a First Aid Training Day organised by the Logan Deanery on Saturday 28th September 9am to 3pm at Kingston Marsden Parish. St Peter's will support our parish participants by paying half of the costs.

Annual Catholic Campaign Commitment weekend 17th & 18th August



Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world.

Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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FAITH MATTERS: Let your light shine!!!

Do you ever wonder about the halo of light that is commonly depicted around the head of someone saintly in religious art?

Is it merely a way of highlighting a particular person as being specially holy, or does it represent some sort of tangible reality: something discernible in a particular person's face, nature and overall personhood? Something that irresistibly speaks of God's light dwelling in that person.

Does it only apply to someone who is recognised as leading a super-saintly life? Can it possibly apply to me as an 'ordinary' person?

I suggest that anyone who constantly seeks God's grace to be at work in their life, and seeks to share God's love in ordinary, everyday circumstances, will automatically touch everyone and everything around them. That touch is the warm, tender, uplifting light that God alone can and does kindle within his children. Others who are open to such spiritual grace will be the better for the encounter, be it only sub-consciously; and those who "hate the light" will be repelled, not wanting to be around us.

I have had numerous situations in which people have recognised something 'different' about me—commenting in some way—without my doing anything that I expected would generate such a response.

It catches me by surprise, and causes me to register that God's presence within my being is not merely a vague spiritual notion, but has a tangible reality that can and does impact the world around me.

I continually pray that God's light so fill my heart, mind, speech—my whole being, that others may experience his love.

It's something **real**, and when I sense this love-generating light in people I encounter, I look to encourage it.

Seek God **wholeheartedly**, then **know** you are a beacon of his glory!

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: 17th & 18th August	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Baji Itteera	Kate Guy & Antony A
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Del Reynolds 2. Alina Jacob	C. Anne Fry 1. David Roati 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey Shelagh Ballment	Julie Hondroudakis Alina George, Alan Vigor Swapna Joseph Stephanie Lenihan	Ann Maree Collier Laly Chackoo Kate Guy
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Tim Hondroudakis	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Tina Nguyen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No Cuppa			
This week 11th-17th August		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	Counting: Marcos' 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: 0450 287 902

♥ 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 hope to organise 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. If we get enough people interested we will hire a bus so that we can travel together. Please indicate your interest on the form in the church near the main doors.

Mass Series: Each weekend we will watch the Mass series with Archbishop Mark Coleridge during weekend Masses.

Raffle tickets: This weekend at all Masses, St Vincent de Paul members will be selling raffle tickets. Please help them help others in our local area by buying a raffle ticket or 2.

Thank you: Congratulations and Thank you to the WOW Committee for a wonderful Christmas in July. You entertained, you fed us and you challenged our minds. All in all you spread so much joy and goodwill in an unforgettable morning.

Erika Meerwald

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our August WOW will be an **outing for morning tea** and a **Concert at Brisbane City Hall on Tuesday 27th August**. We will hire a bus so need numbers asap to book this. A contribution will be required to help cover the hire of the bus and you will need to purchase your own morning tea. Please RSVP to the Parish Office or on the form near the main doors of the church. Open to all aged over 65.

Entertainment Memberships: Special Entertainment 30th Birthday promotion until 11.59am AEST, Friday 30th August - get a bonus Multi City upgrade with every Single City Membership purchase, plus go into the draw to win 1 of 30 prizes - from luxury dining experiences and thrilling theme park passes to gift cards and holidays. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

Engaging Gen Z & Gen Alpha: Generations Z & Alpha are our two youngest generations - those born from 1995 onwards, and together make up 46% of the global population. Gen Alpha is on track to be the largest generation ever.

These young people have grown up in the 'great experiment' where personal devices, internet access and soon AI have always been known to them making their experience of growing up very different to many of us. They aren't just the Church of the future they are the Church of today. As those wanting to draw them into faith-filled communities, we have a responsibility to learn how best to engage with and minister to our youngest brothers and sisters. This Masterclass is open to all and is a free event.

When: Saturday, August 17 from 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Cathedral Precinct, Elizabeth Street Brisbane CBD

To find out more and to register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/YLM-Aug24>

SYNOD24 marks the Implementation Phase of the Fifth Plenary Council. "How can we be a more co-responsible church on mission?" On September 6th and 7th and October 11th and 12th of 2024, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Synod to mark the next phase of the Plenary Council journey, the Implementation Phase. Our Archdiocesan Synod will discern the practical and Spirit-led actions that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake in the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Bearing in mind that the Decrees have yet to be officially approved by the Apostolic See, these actions will be practical and able to be implemented immediately.

Opening Mass (open to public): Friday September 6th 9am– 10am at the Australian Catholic University Chapel, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

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

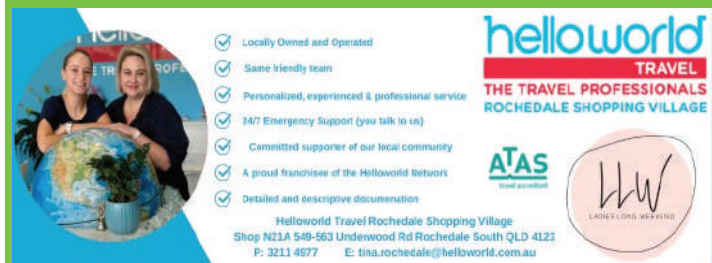
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