

# 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."



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

11th February 2024

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 Mark 1:40-45

**St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of all victims of modern slavery and human trafficking**

On February 8, our church celebrates the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, a bright star in our calendar of saints. She was kidnapped as a child in Sudan, sold and resold many times and treated inhumanely by her slave masters. She regained her freedom with the help of the Canossian sisters in Italy, was baptized and became a nun herself. She forgave her tormentors generously. Affectionately known as "The little black mother of Schio", she served God and the many, who needed help, with great love. In the year 2000 she was canonised by Pope St. John Paul II. **In 2015 Pope Francis nominated her feast day as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking**, observed as such every year.

Human Trafficking or Modern Day Slavery is a priority issue for our Catholic Church. Every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured. We have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters. At present about 49.6 million people are enslaved worldwide. Men, women and children are exploited, beaten, used as instruments of work and pleasure, bought and sold like commodities on the worldwide invisible trafficking market. Human Trafficking is a highly profitable business worth around \$150 billion.

**This year the church has chosen as a theme: Journeying in Dignity: Listen, Dream, Act.** We are asked to *listen* to the global suffering. Human Trafficking permeates every aspect of our society and world. It is woven through the global supply chains of many of the products we purchase such as: fashion, electronics, seafood, fruit, flowers and vegetables, palm oil( found in chocolate, cosmetics and cleaning products) and many more. In recent years efforts have been made to transform supply chains into more ethical parts of our economy. However, a lot more needs to be done by governments, businesses and citizens. The journey towards an ethical supply chain is far from over. **Mahatma Gandhi's words still resonate today: "There is no beauty in the finest cloth if it makes hunger and unhappiness."**

**Act: In 2021 "The Australian Consumer Report" was published and regularly updated.** It examines the attitudes of Australian shoppers. Generally, we are prepared to change our shopping habits, ethical considerations are important but in the present economic climate affordability takes precedence. The Report deserves to be read by all of us if change is to occur.

**The 2022 Baptist World Aid Ethical Fashion Guide** lifts the lid on how ethical the biggest brands are. This year footwear has also come into focus. The Guide also provides scores out of 100 for every brand. You can easily check out your favourite brand.

**Every year Slavery Free produces a very comprehensive "Chocolate Score Card"**. 95% of the chocolate industry is assessed in 6 different categories, with awards for the Good and the Rotten Egg. All the Reports are available on the internet.

**Dream:** We must not be afraid to dream that slavery and human trafficking can be conquered by personal actions. May God guide and support our efforts to create a world free from slavery and exploitation so that freedom, dignity and respect can be afforded to all people.

Social Justice Group

### In our parish this week: February 2024

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17	Sunday 18
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with children	Ash Wednesday 9.00am Mass with Gr 4 to 6 All are welcome  7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary  9.30am Mass  7pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	First Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.  6.00pm Mass

## Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes 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](http://caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or by calling 1800 024 41

**Safeguarding Training:** Thank you to those Ministers who attended the Safeguarding Training sessions held in November and to those who have done the training online at home. Anyone who missed these training sessions or has not recently viewed the training video is required to do the training online at home.

Those ministers who must renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years include:

Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, Adult altar servers, Mass Coordinators, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Sacramental Program leaders, Care & Concern Visitation and transport volunteers, Home Communion & Nursing Home Communion Ministers, WOW Senior's Ministry & RCIA team, St Vinnies members, counters, Office admin, musicians & choir members.

The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>.

Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

## Readings for next weekend:

### First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Genesis 9:8-15    1 Peter 3:18-22    Mark 1:12-15

## Lent begins this week.

**Masses for Ash Wednesday** 14th February will be at 9am and 7pm. Grades 4 to 6 will attend the 9am Mass. All welcome.

**Friday Evenings: 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 Reflection and Stations. Please contact Julie if you can assist. Resources available.

**Lenten book: A Resurrected Life** - Daily reflections for Lent \$5



**WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):** 28th February 10am-12pm  
**Safety for Seniors (including scams) with guest speaker – Julie Campbell**

Morning tea, raffles and Lucky door prize

Gold Coin donation, over 65's only, numbers are limited please RSVP the Parish Office by Friday 23rd February on 3341 4421 or by email to [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au) or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet on the veranda during Mass times.

Our March gathering for WOW will be on Wednesday 20th March celebrating St. Patrick's day and all things green, come dressed up if you wish. Morning tea, raffles and lucky door prize.

**Gardening Working Bees:** Saturdays 17th & 24th February 7.30am - 8.30am. The weeds are taking over the gardens, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. Holding 2 short weeding sessions will make it less taxing so please come along and help at either or both. All welcome.



**St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:** Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 commencing with Mass at 10.30am with Bishop Tim Norton. Please mark this date in your diaries! We would love you to jot down your memories of St Peter's and hunt out any photos you may have of St Peter's parish life over the years. All will be useful in compiling our 50th anniversary book. Please send your memoirs to the Parish Office by email if possible at [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au) Many thanks.

**Those who have died:** Kerr Richards, Darrell Lusk, Alf Garrone, Gladys Hines-Smith

### Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Dixon, Mary Woodhead, Dean Anderson, Allan Hopkins, Mary Gredden, Edna Mildren, Cyril Lamberth, M Luszczyk, Steve Hooived, Ken Chapman, Josephine Steinheuer, Les Dawson, Josephine Cooney, George Hardy, Ricci Stein, Luke Tmbs, Mohan Varghese, Tom 'Joe' Doyle, Tom Shoring.

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

Phillip Thelan, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, 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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## FAITH MATTERS: Call To Prayer

We have woken in hope this morning and will work in faith during the day. May we rest peacefully this evening aware of the love you showed us in everyone we encountered.

### Psalm 22

The LORD is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are with your crook and staff; with these you give me comfort. Glory be to God.....

### Hymn – Gifts of Finest Wheat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice.  
So, when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.  
You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

### Prayer of St John Fisher

God's graciousness shines down on us, like rays from the sun.  
And just as the light of the sun causes plants to grow and trees to bear fruit, so does God's grace move us to act with goodness. The wonderful serenity of God accepts us in our brokenness, and when we seek refuge is ready to comfort and help us.

**Meditation** – Look well into thyself; there is a source of strength which will always spring up. - *Marcus Aurelius*.

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



### 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 Feb.	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Baji Itteera	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Fion Fiju 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Caitlin Marfil	C. Raylee Burns 1. David Roati 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Joseph Varkey	Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan Joan D'Netto & Anne Scanlon	Anne Fry Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk, Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Following the Sunday 9am Mass 18th February: Helena Cha, Mary Barnier, Stephanie Lenihan			
This week 11th -17th Feb.	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](mailto: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: John Blake 0411 196 775

**Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:** We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. For more information or to apply for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

**Entertainment Memberships:** You can purchase a 3, 12 or 24 month Entertainment Membership for Brisbane or for multiple cities. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. **Limited time offer: get up to 4 bonus months** on your new membership. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

**Books for Sale from the Church or Parish Office:**

**Break Open the Word 2024** - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word at weekend Masses but is also great for anyone to better understand the Sunday readings.

**St Peter's Cofee Get-Together:** Our first Coffee Gathering for the New Year was a great success with up to 30 people attending. We celebrated Carl de Mello's 80th Birthday. Our next gathering will be on Monday 4th March at 10.00am. Put this date in your diary. All are welcome. Come and join us.



**The Catholic Leader:** In 2024 The Catholic Leader is moving to an individual subscription distribution model. Readers will need to take out individual subscriptions and will receive the newspaper delivered to their door. A Yearly Subscription will be \$65. Subscription envelopes available on the table near the doors in the church where you will find the last copies of the Christmas edition.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Lent 2024 with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes:** Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

**Catholic Mission: Prayer for Peace in Nigeria**

Loving God, We pray for peace and reconciliation in Nigeria, seeking hope amidst the despair. Grant strength to those who have lost family and friends, bringing comfort in their sorrow. Grant eternal rest to those whose lives have been lost due to violence and conflict. Hear the heartfelt prayers of those enduring instability, to those grappling with fear and uncertainty. Be their steadfast rock and shield. Give freely to your people the wisdom to navigate difficult times and to find a way forward. Give your people the courage to be peacemakers, and guide them toward peace. Amen.

Learn more about how you can help train seminarians in communities in need by visiting [catholicmission.org.au/peace](https://catholicmission.org.au/peace)

**Living Liturgy:** Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents *Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*. Wednesday 13 March 2024 7:00pm – 8:45pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral) 60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat, 20 minute Q&A \$10pp (or \$8pp for bookings of five people or more) For more information and to register, contact Liturgy Brisbane W: [www.liturgybrisbane.net.au](http://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au) E: [liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au](mailto:liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au) P: 07 3324 331

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