ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Year C)*

12th October 2025

Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

"Get out my way, I'm a leper. Don't come near, I'm a leper."

The lepers were so rejected that they had to wear little bells around their neck in case they forgot the chanting: **"Get out my way, I'm a leper. Don't come near, I'm a leper."** So, their whole life was unbelievably sad, rejected and lost. Jesus was going through another town. They saw him coming and they went towards him with their little bells banging and they said, **"Jesus, Master, have compassion on us, have pity on us."**

Writing a piece on Mother's Day and another one on Father's Day, I became aware, with a belated sense of regret, of how I almost always took the care and love of my parents for granted. And often I not only demanded even more but would throw tantrums if I did not get what I wanted at that very moment. I have also realized that, by the time we come to recognize what our parents have done for us, it is usually too late and most often we are unable to pay back even a small fraction of what we have received from them. It was Shakespeare's King Lear who said: "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child". This is a call for all children to return thanks to their parents for all they have done for them. It is a salient call for us to be thankful to one another: student to teacher; patient to doctor, passenger to driver, seller to buyer, etc. and vice-versa.

There are two sets of people with whom we could identify ourselves here. The one set is of the nine and the other is the lone leper who returns to acknowledge the great wonder that Jesus has done for him. There is an old saying that of all the terrible sins that we commit — pride, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth — the worst sin is ingratitude. The nine lepers were so engrossed with the blessings they had received and forgot their benefactor, this of course saddened him. The great Roman Statesman and Scholar, Cicero, regarded gratitude as 'not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.

Some of the Bible readings on thankfulness.
Ezra 3:11: With praise and thanksgiving, they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever."
Psalm 9:1: I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds.
Daniel 2:23: I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power.
Philippians 4:6-7: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Colossians 2:6-7: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
Colossians 3:17: And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
Hebrews 13:15-16: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

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In our parish this week: October 2025

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
8.00am Mass Followed by the Rosary	**8.00am** Mass with children followed by the Rosary	**St Teresa of Jesus** **8.00am** Mass followed by the Rosary	*Parish Office closed* **7.00pm** Youth Gathering	**St Ignatius of Antioch** **9.00am** Rosary **9.30am** Mass	**St Luke** **5.00pm** Reconciliation **6.00pm** Vigil Mass	**The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **9.00am** Mass **6.00pm** Mass *Catholic Mission Appeal at all Masses*

Catholic Mission Appeal Next weekend - 18th & 19th October. We will hear about the work of Catholic Mission from our guest speaker, Br Bill Tynan, and we will take up the annual appeal in support of the work of Catholic Mission. Please give generously.

This year the appeal will support women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding her children or selling her crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

To donate online, please go to catholicmission.org.au/mission

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Reach out. Give life.

Readings for next weekend:
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Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2 Luke 18:1-8

October – the month of the Rosary. October has always been known as the month of the rosary. Pope Leo has particularly asked everyone to pray the rosary in October for world peace. At St Peter's, the rosary will be prayed after the 8am Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in October. On Fridays, rosary will be prayed at 9am as usual.

50th Wedding Celebration Mass: There will be a special Mass on **Saturday 25th October at 6pm** for all those who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. All are invited to attend this Mass. Please let Fr Johny know or contact the Parish Office if you are celebrating 50 (and above) years of

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Our next WOW gathering will be held on **Wednesday 29th October 10am to 2pm** which will be a **bus outing to Wellington Point.** Please RSVP to the Parish Office or on the expression of interest form for numbers for the bus. Morning tea available at the cafe

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch Sunday 26th October 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Simon Peter Centre. Join us for a morning of support and fundraising. Your participation will make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer. Event Highlights: fashion show, morning tea & raffles. Tickets $50 per person (includes morning tea & a glass of champagne or orange juice on arrival). To book your ticket go to https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1476688. Alternatively, please phone Carmel on 0417213702 to reserve a seat and you can pay at the door.

Rochedale Youth: Next Youth & young adults gathering Thursday evening **16th October** in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm. For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please speak to Clive D'Silva when you are at Mass or contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Rod Wall, Herbert Anderson, Michael Cuskelly, Rodrigo Ramos *(Claudio's brother),* Debbie Richards *(Anthony's sister)*

Book of Life & Mass Requests:
Bella Aguas, Zena Bray, Ellen Glancy, Colin Murphy, Cyril Michael D'Silva, Sr. Patricia Mary Butler, Doug Elliott, Anne Clarke, Ena Gallagher, Eileen Gray, Joyce Thompson, James Denton, Joan Rauchle, Paul Snow, Mollie Yourell, Nicole Phillips, Sandra McCulkin, Peg Bradley, Richard Schlegel, Agatino Mailli, Josephine White,

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Betty Partridge, Carol Timkoe, Victor Timkoe, Kate Kim, Veronica Scholes, Tany Lemon, Liz Kelleher, Lynda Sweeney, Margaret Wagner, Shelly Furman, Ray Dupreez, June McCrenor, Rex Bransdon, Brent Austin, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Robert Cussans, Rikki-Lee Curran, Janet Hicks, Valerie Isaac, Kerrianne Meulman, Mel Singh, Kent McMahon, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Sr Lila Galvin, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Teresa Leong, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Kathy & Danae Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Laurie Newnham.

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: Feast Day of the Guardian Angels

On 2nd October the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Guardian Angels. Religious art may be our chief source of inspiration if we are forming ideas and images of 'angels'. Most often angels are portrayed in richly splendid attire with magnificent wings, or in the form of cherubic and adorable infants. Scripture features angels in abundance – seraphim, cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Powers. We may be well acquainted with Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, but not so familiar with Uriel, Raguel or Selaphiel who are identified as Archangels. Scripture most often refers simply to 'the angel of the Lord', as messenger of God, as herald, guide and protector and reminder of God's love.

The idea of 'guardian angels' may be an early memory for those growing up in the Catholic tradition in Australia during the 1940s, '50s and 60s. Having received First Holy Communion, there were opportunities to participate in the life of the Church in simple, prayerful ways. Girls could join the group of 'Guardian Angels' attending Sunday Mass together, wearing a red cape to signify their commitment.

In Matthew 18:10 Jesus magnifies the place of children in God's eyes and in the estimation of the faith community: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." The idea that each of us is assigned a guardian angel at birth could well have been a comfort to our parents, that the 'watching over' of their children was shared with the angels.

1950s Guardian Angel Prayer: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day be at my side, to light, and to guard, to lead and to guide. Amen.

Even more about angels: https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/feast-of-the-guardian-angels/

Faith Enrichment Ministry

From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul *(Vinnies)*

Donations for Pantry Goods - Thank you for all the groceries items that you donate for food parcels for the poor. It is a pleasure to distribute them, knowing that they come with love from our Parish. We would also appreciate building our supply of long-life milk and bottled fruit.

Providing Emergency Assistance - In September we provided over $3600 worth of assistance to local families and individuals in emergency situations. We are needing new members to join us, as four long term members are no longer part of Vinnies due to age, illness and passing away. Will you consider joining us?

Date Claimer: Carols Under the Stars Sunday 30th November from 7pm on the lawn beside the church (weather permitting!). Please contact Carmel on 0417213702 if you would like to help in any way with planning or on the night.

God's Word 2026 books are available for sale from the Parish Office. With all the readings for every day of the year they are a great resource and always very popular as Christmas gifts. Cost $15 each.

Advent Daily Reflection books have arrived. *'In Holy Stillness'.* Cost $6 each.

Roster: 18th & 19th Oct	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Blanca Mastrangeli	Kate Guy
AV Operator	David Crowley	Alina George/Alwin Joseph	Trevor Waturuocha
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Joseph Varkey 2. Patricia Bransdon	C. Megan Philpott 1. Lisa Hammett 2. Mae Marfil	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Lynn White
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Shelagh Ballment Michael Jarvis	Alan Vigor Rosie Bertolacci Conrad D'Netto Stephanie Lenihan Vivienne Linnett	John Blake Megan Carroll Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Altar Servers	Lauren & Tayden	Anthony & Damien	Malcolm Carroll
Cleaning Group 3	Lance George, Liberty De Jusus, Blanca Mastrangeli & Karin Biedermann.		
Cuppa & Chat: after 6pm Sunday Mass on 19th October: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White.			
This week: 12th – 18th October:	**Sacristan:** Tina Nguyen	**Counting:** Carl's 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 & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0451 804 058 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au
Social Justice Group Facebook:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

Morning Tea Gathering: Monday 3rd November 10am at More Café at the Springwood Mall.

Date Claimer: Logan Deanery Pigrimage Day of Prayer, Faith, Hope and Unity: Walking together on a sacred journey united in prayer, love and unity. Saturday 22nd November 2025 starting at 9.30am at St Mary's Catholic church,1 Bromelton St, Beaudesert. Workshop with Fr Ray Sanchez, prayer, adoration, reconciliation, reflection, music and concluding with Mass at 2pm. Entry is free. Some food will be available and bus transport may be arranged. Expressions of interest to the Parish Office please for bus arrangements and catering.

Around the Archdiocese:

Cathedral of St Stephen Jubilee! Celebrating 25 years of the Cathedral's Grand Organ: Sunday 26th October 3pm. With Christopher Trikilis, Organist & Brisbane Baroque Brass. To book go to https://www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

Women's Retreat: Love Story. Friday 7th to Sunday 9th November at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The Adult Formation team at Archdiocesan Ministries are excited to offer *Love Story: Dilexit Nos*, a retreat for women, once again. Rooted in Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos,* "He loved us", this retreat invites women of all ages to step away, rest, and encounter the transforming love of Christ. Through prayer, reflection, conversation, and adoration, we will rediscover the tender Heart of Jesus and how His love speaks into our own life and love stories. Come and be renewed by the One who loved us first and loves us still. Live in and live out options available. Find out more and register at tinyurl.com/DilexitNosNov

Entertainment Memberships Your 12 months Membership gives you savings on dining, retail, entertainment and travel. You can chose between a Single City membership or Multi-City which covers over 20 cities – great for travel!
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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.

Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: you can choose from 4 options for your donation amount to support St Peter's Parish.

Thank you for your support.

Date Claimer: All Souls' Memorial Mass.

Each year the St Peter's Bereavement Ministry hosts the All Souls' Memorial Mass where we remember all those who have gone before us but especially focussing on those of our family members that we have lost in the past 12 months.

This year 'All Souls Day' or more formally 'The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed' falls on Sunday 2nd November so we will make the 6pm Mass that Sunday the Memorial Mass. More details to follow but please mark this special Mass in your diaries. This annual Mass is always a lovely way to remember those loved ones that we have lost.

These businesses support our parish, please support them: