

# 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 of Easter (Year A) 14th May 2023

Readings: Acts 8:5-8 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Priority: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples

**Archbishop Mark writes:** The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

**The Spirit of Truth:** Truth telling means the "process of openly sharing historical truths after periods of conflict to allow societies to move forward in a more inclusive way, based on justice and human rights." So, let's begin with some truth telling.

The 1788 arrival of the First Fleet resulted in cautious friendships being formed between the First Australians and the British Empire. Within three years, relations soured as settlers spread out across the land. Researchers now estimate that more than 10,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were killed in 403 massacres.

It was not until 1962 that First Nations people were granted the right to vote, and it was 1967 when First Nations peoples were counted on the Australian census. This appalling history of the mistreatment of First Nations Peoples continues to impact First Nations Peoples. According to a 2021 survey, 52.1% of First Nations people surveyed reported "experiencing at least one form of major discrimination, such as unfairly being denied a job or unfairly discouraged from continuing education." Today, child mortality is at twice the rate compared with non-First Nations children. About 1 in 4 First Nations students in Years 5, 7 and 9 remain below national minimum standards for reading. In 2018-19, around 34 percent of First Nations youth aged 20-24 had not attained Year 12 or equivalent. Just over half of all young people in detention on an average night in June 2019 were First Nations Australians.

On February 13, 2008, then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said, "we apologise for the laws and policies of successive Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians."

**The Spirit of Love:** Love is a verb – it's a doing word – it requires action. St Mary MacKillop reminds us, "never see a need without doing something about it." We are called to engage anew – to love – to listen, and to do all we can to bring true reconciliation in our nation.

The history of mistreatment of First Nations Peoples in Australia is sobering. The Uluru Statement, endorsed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, states, "Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination." The Archdiocese of Brisbane has adopted a Reconciliation Action Plan. Let us support them.

*Archbishop Mark Coleridge - (abridged by Fr Johny)*

*Lamps Ablaze - Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)*

### In our parish this week: May 2023

Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	Sunday 21
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children	No Morning Mass  6.30pm Adoration  7.00pm Mass	No Mass  6.30pm Care & Conern Meeting	9.00am Rosary  9.30am Mass  11.30am Liturgy of the Word - Grade 2	5.00pm Reconciliation  5.30pm Rosary  6.00pm Vigil Mass	The Ascension of the Lord 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy. Cuppa to follow Mass 10.30am Young Adults Coffee and Chat 5.30pm Rosary 6.00pm Mass 7.00-8.00pm High School Youth Group

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

to all the mothers and grandmothers  
and all who fill the role of  
mother in our lives.



**New Ministers needed:** Our Church Cleaning Ministry group is in need of new volunteers as we have had some people move away from the parish area. Groups of 4 or 5 clean the church on a rotational roster, usually on a Saturday morning. We also need more ministers to take Holy Communion to the local nursing homes and the housebound on Tuesday mornings. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Jo Cullen for more information on joining any of our Ministry groups.

**Weekday evening Mass:** We are trialling Wednesday evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass for 2 further Wednesdays in May - 17th and 24th May. Adoration will commence at 6.30pm and Mass at 7pm on these Wednesdays. There will be no morning Mass on those Wednesdays and no Mass at all on Wednesday 31st May.

**First Holy Communion preparation:** Children and their parents are working through their workbooks in readiness for the preparation workshop on Sunday 28th May. The children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 9am Mass on Sunday 11th June. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**'Pass the Pastor' Home visits:** Fr Johny would love to come to visit the homes of parishioners for a chat. This will be a great way for Fr Johny to get to know us and for us to get to know him. Fr Johny would be willing to bless your house at the same time if you wish. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time for Fr Johny to visit.



**Those who have died:** Hazel Stone, Bill Tincknell

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Charlie & Alma Adamson, Josephine Ellway, Mary Malone, Leong Ah Kaw, Margaret Gibbon, Clara Tronchini, Audrey Wren, James Hayward, Rita van der Haar, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryn McGarvey, Colin Towne, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Patricia Stanfield.

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

Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Kerriane Meulman, Ray Parker, Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham(Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Rhonda Lawson, Kay Torrens, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Sr Lila Galvin, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Mel Singh, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen.

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:

#### The Ascension of the Lord (Yr A)

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

**St Vincent de Paul:** Helping those in need in our parish area.  
Date claimer: **Winter Appeal Fun Day** Sunday 18th June from 10am to 2.30pm on the grassed area beside the church. Fun for all the family. Please put this date in your diaries. More information in the weeks to come. **Raffle tickets** on sale next weekend \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. Raffle drawn on 18th June. Also selling locally made wheat bags (great as **heat packs**) for \$10 each.  
**Urgent:** A family is in need of **cheap housing locally** - contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**Grocery donations:** When you are able, please bring non perishable grocery items and place them in the baskets in front of the altar at Mass. With your help, Fr Johny will be able to continue to give assistance to those who need help, especially within our own parish.

**Crossroads RCIA:** Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet? We have a fabulous program called **Crossroads**, about to start, which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen asap for more information.

### OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

#### Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th-20th Oct 2023:

For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) asap.



**St James College:** Open Day Friday, 26 May from 11.00am till 1.30pm. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, 3230 8600 or [MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au). [www.jta.link/SJC](http://www.jta.link/SJC).

**Entertainment Memberships:** Support St Peter's Parish Fundraising and get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals at a huge number of dining, retail, tourism and accommodation businesses. Great gift for Mother's Day!  
**Special Offer for Mother's Day** Until Midday Wednesday 24th May receive a bonus \$20 Gift Card when you purchase a 12-month Membership or a \$40 Gift Card with a 24-month Membership. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>



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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

## FAITH MATTERS: Fatima

MAY 13 is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. There were three appearances to the children in 1916 of the "Angel of Peace," who emphasized the importance of prayer and sacrifice, the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and the reparation to be offered. Mary first appeared on May 13, Mother's Day, 1917. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month. There were six apparitions, the last October 13, during which the sun spun in the sky and then hurtled to the earth before it resumed its place.

Our Lady highlighted the daily recitation of the Rosary, the importance of doing one's "daily duty" – God being present with and the purpose of your daily work – and the need for reparation.

Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000. A bullet that was fired at Pope John Paul II was retrieved from the papal vehicle and is mounted inside the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in Fatima in Portugal.

**GLOBAL CAMPAIGN TO STOP PERSECUTION IN NIGERIA**  
The persecution of Christians in Nigeria is the subject of a global campaign by Aid to the Church in need. The Christians of Nigeria need our prayers and our support.

Further information can be found at Nigeria Campaign - ACN Australia ([aidtochurch.org](http://aidtochurch.org)) or [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal)

Faith Enrichment Ministry

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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**Please contact our Youth Ministry Coordinators, Feba & Shenelle using the contact info above, for information about Rochedale Youth**

**High School Youth Group** - moving to Sunday nights 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Fun, food, friendship....Next gathering Sunday 21st May.

**Primary School Youth Group** Sunday 14th May 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass

**Young Adults** - Meet for a Coffee & Chat to brainstorm ideas on Sunday 21st May 10.30am at Flying Pepper Cafe, Rochedale Estates.



### 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: 20th & 21st May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Jo Cullen	Anne Fry
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Eric Quan	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Jo Cullen 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Tram Nguyen 1. Megan Philpott 2. Alina George	C. David Crowley 1. Edmund Lai 2. Jonathan Vigor
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Carl de Mello Anne Maree Collier	Alan Vigor Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Cesarina Gigante Jo Cullen John Blake
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ihsan Laksmana	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Tina Nguyen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Sunday 21st May after 9am Mass: Anne Scanlon, Rashelle Johnson & Tram Nguyen.			
This week 14th - 20th May	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		Counting: Carls' 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:

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ 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](mailto: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

## The Lord's Day

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

## Around the Archdiocese

**Job Vacancies at Springfield Parish Office:** Parish Manager (24 hours pw) & Evangelization and Pastoral Associate (25 hours pw) Please email Fr Baiyi Gong at pp.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications close on Sunday, May 28. See the noticeboard.

**Archdiocesan Summit 2023:** Visit brisbanesummit.com for all the registration options.

**When:** 6pm Thursday 18th May - 3pm Saturday 20th May

**Where:** Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks)

**Corpus Christi Procession:** 2pm Sunday 11th June - starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth St, Brisbane and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

**Catholic Leadership Intensive:** In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers - an opportunity to grow and develop in your leadership  
When: 7-9pm Mondays, 29 May - 14 August 2023

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo

Cost: From \$150 for groups and individuals under 35 years old

Find out more and register at

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/leadershipintensive>

**Engaged Encounter - Marriage Preparation Course - July 2023.**

Engaged Encounter will have a live out weekend July 15 & 16, 2023 for couples at Mother of Mercy Parish, Hendra. Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. Active in over 200 dioceses around the world, CEE is an internationally recognized Marriage Preparation Course within the Catholic Church. For more information kindly go to [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) or email [cee.brisbane@gmail.com](mailto:cee.brisbane@gmail.com) or call 0481 307 821

**Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration:**

Registration is now open for the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference to be held at the Brisbane Hilton from 28 - 30 Sept. We invite you to explore the full program of keynotes and workshops on the Conference Website at <https://mysteryandmission.com.au>. Early-bird discount extended to those registrations received by 30 May

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