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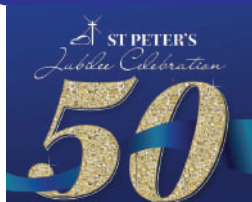


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MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

16th June 2024

Readings: Ezekiel 17: 22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

"Be big in little things"

Saint Francis Xavier said, "Be big in little things." This was very much the spirituality of Saint Therese of Lisieux, her 'little way' as she referred to it. She died very young and did her tasks with an extraordinary love for the Lord. There are many saints in the Church who became great by doing little things.

The kingdom of God was present when Jesus healed the sick, forgave sinners, shared a table with the excluded, proclaimed the good news of God's unconditional love for all, gathered a new kind of community about himself that would later become the church. Jesus intended that the kingdom of God would continue to come into our world through the community of believers.

Today's scripture readings remind us that small is not only beautiful, but it is God's chosen way of manifesting his power and establishing his reign on earth. In the first reading prophet Ezekiel employs the metaphor of a small shoot becoming a mighty cedar tree to encourage his disheartened fellow Israelites and keep their hopes alive. He assures them that God has not abandoned them, that he will bring them back to their own land and make them great again.

We live in a time of unforeseen decline for the Church, both in the practice of the faith and its influence on society, a time of general mistrust of all things religious. But if God's Kingdom is like a mustard seed, then the size of our institutional church is not important. What matters is the quality of our witness. This is the good seed which, in God's time and God's way, will yield miraculous results. And let us continue to nurture the seed we have received. St. John of the Cross says, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love."

We are indeed fortunate that we have such a rich word of God available to us in simple language with the rich imagery of sheep, birds, of the air, prodigal son, vineyard, and so on. We have the service of Jesus towards the poor, the blind, the lame, the deaf, the dumb, widows and other marginalized people. It is by trying to absorb God's word into our lives and by providing good soil and water on our side that we will be able to let the Kingdom take shape. The kingdom of God may begin to take root and be a tree in our life where the birds of the air can come and find shelter.

We know that, everywhere Jesus went, the crowd thronged around Him and often reached certain shores before Him. They were hungry for God's word. Many would have undoubtedly profited from those words but, in the lives of many others, those words must have been like seeds fallen on hard rock or among thorns, which prevented them from taking roots. While listening to God's word, let Jesus not have the occasion to say about us, "Their hearts have gone dull, and their ears are hard of hearing." We are indeed lucky for, as Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see and did not see it, and to hear what you hear and did not hear it."

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: June 2024

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with Children 4.30pm SVDP meeting	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	St Aloysius Gonzaga 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.00am School Mass for St Peter's Day	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Jubilee Thank You Mass 11am - 1.30pm Couples for Christ 6.00pm Mass

Scam warning There is a scam going where people receive text messages or emails from various priests, including Fr Johny, asking for money urgently. **Do not respond or follow any links in these messages.** These are malicious messages. Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



Jubilee Thank You Mass: Mass and cuppa will be held at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 23rd June. All those who planned and assisted with the 50th Jubilee Mass, hospitality, parking, set up and clean up teams are invited to attend. Congratulations on a job well done.

The 50th Anniversary Parish History book: final copies. If your family has not received a copy of the book and you would like one, please contact the Parish Office. We also have a pdf version that can be emailed if you would prefer.

Donations: We appreciate the donations received to date to help us cover the anniversary costs. You can donate online anytime to Rochedale Parish BSB: 064 786 Account number 100000067. Please note 50th anniversary in the reference. *Thank you.*

Sacramental Program: If your child is in Grade 3 or above and has been baptised but not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au asap.

RIP Diane Land: Many parishioners will remember Diane Land who volunteered in several of our parish ministries during her 30 plus years at St Peter's including RCIA, Parish Office support in book-keeping, Extraordinary Minister of Communion at Mass and to the housebound. Diane's funeral was held at St Peter's on 14th June. Please keep Stephen, Kelly, Daniel and Nicholas in your prayers.



Readings for next weekend:
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
 Job 38:1, 8-11 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Mark 4:35-41

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH ROCHEDALE

VINNIES

Winter Appeal

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE
 10AM - 2PM

DJ DANCING PIANO & CHOIR PERFORMERS
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This weekend: St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day Please come along for a parish gathering to support St Vinnies and help them help the vulnerable in our parish area this winter. Helpers needed on the day for set up from 7am and to help on stalls, even if for only 15 minutes to give someone else a break. Also calling all bakers - Cakes, slices, biscuits etc with ingredients clearly labelled for sale to be dropped into the Parish Centre kitchen on Sunday morning.

Calling all Gardeners: Gardening Working Bee on this Saturday 15th June starting at 8am to plant the shrubs donated by BCC around the church grounds plus some general weeding. Please bring your gardening tools, a hat and gardening gloves.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our June gathering for WOW will be on **Wed 26th June** 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please join us for a Sing-a-long of old favourites plus morning tea, raffle and lucky door prizes. RSVP to the Parish Office by Mon 24th June. Open to all over 65.

Ministers at weekend Masses - please advise Julie dates unavailable from July to September for the next roster. Thank you.



Those who have died: Diane Land, Janice Maguire

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Thomas Camp, Maud O'Gorman, Helen Hine, Jim Culbert, Peter Sartori, Anthony Luton, Graham(Bud) Colhoun, Elwyn Routledge, Constance Desbois, Hector McLaughlin, Ernest Gehrke, H Wiltshire, Ann McKenna, Lena Luton, Eileen Carter, Robert Kelly, Veronica Caligari, Beryl Hofmeister, Barry Swanson, Sr Catherine Cutliffe, Stuart Sarich, Sally Inglis, Margaret Gray, James Powis, Gregory Earle, Joan Bray, Vincent Luton, Ken White, Filippo Patane, Beryl Camp, Raymond Bishop, John Fletcher, Stan Bennett, Mary Ann Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Jeanne Gallagher, Vince Henderson, Mary Tallon, Meryl Elliot Mitchell, Kathy Seymour, Agatha Thien, Rev Fr John M Chin, Sr Xavier Chin, Gegory Chin, Paul Mah.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:
 Rikki-Lee Curran, Hank Arts, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William (Bill) Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, 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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Grocery donations: Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church.

Thank you.

FAITH MATTERS: The Parable of the Good Father ... he ran to his son – Luke 15:20

Excerpted from: 'Meditations' Luke 15:11-32. September 2021. The Word Among Us. Frederick, Maryland.

What an image! You can picture the Pharisees gasping at Jesus' description of a respected, wealthy landowner, advanced in age, hiking up his robes and running to greet his wayward son! Scandalous!

In the patriarchal culture of ancient Israel, any father acting as the father in the parable, would have brought scandal to himself and his family. The child should be the one coming to the father - humble and repentant while the father stands firm.

The Pharisees were scandalised by Jesus' practice of openly 'welcoming sinners'. It is as if Jesus were saying – 'You think I am a cause for scandal? Let me tell you a parable about my heavenly Father and the depths of his mercy!

Whoever heard of a God who runs to welcome sinners before they have a chance to repent; who forgives sins we think are unforgivable; who rejoices over us when we give very little reason to rejoice?

But this is your God. And God's unfathomable love is for you. In a world of pride and selfishness, a world that urges retaliation for every single slight, this idea of love is downright scandalous.

Your heavenly Father loves you completely. There's nothing you can do to make God give up on you. Eternal love, compassion and forgiveness.

So let God love you today. Let God embrace you and shower you with mercy. Let that mercy fill your heart and flow out to the people around you. **'Father thank you for your wondrous, scandalous love.'** Luke 15: 11-32

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update
New members always welcome!

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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.

'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: 22nd & 23rd June	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Neil Ballment 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. Alina George 1. Caitlin Marfil 2. Sheree Mae Marfil	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joyce Lyster Ann Maree Collier	Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan Anne Scanlon, Alan Vigor	Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier Anne Fry
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass on 23rd June: Peter Hondroudakis, Joan D'Netto & Sharita Lobo			
This week 16th-22nd June	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam		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**

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

Accommodation to rent is being sought urgently by a single female parishioner. (local area preferred) Mobile: 0415977790

Thank you so much to all our parishioners who so thoughtfully prepared delicious meals for me after my recent hip replacement surgery. I feel truly blessed to have received such "care and concern" from so many members of our Saint Peter's Parish community, not only through the supply of meals, but also through your multiple offers of prayer, emails, calls and visits. This kind and generous support meant that I could concentrate on becoming mobile so I can get back to actively participating in parish life once more.

Love and blessings, *Rita Bishop*

Peter's Pence Collection: Date Claimer - The Annual **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up as a Retiring Collection on the weekend of 29th & 30th June at all Masses. This collection allows the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please come prepared to give generously of what you can afford.

Morning Tea Gathering: Our next regular monthly get together at the local coffee shop will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on Monday **1st July**. All are welcome to come along.



The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes is presenting a seminar in Chicago 14-16th June which is being live streamed. Go to <https://missionevent.thecatholicguy.com/>

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbane-catholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Entertainment Memberships: Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses across 20 cities. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

Invitation from Jo Cullen at Catholic Mission: All parishioners are invited to a Dialogue with Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia in the Hanly room in the Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane on Monday 24th June from 6pm to 7.30pm. Carparking will be available under the cathedral. Jo Cullen has extended an invitation to all St Peter's parishioners to meet and hear the Cardinal's story. Register via Trybooking www.trybooking.com/cQTQF

All God's Children: The Why and How of Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue Do you provide religious instruction in State Schools, work in aged care facilities, or visit hospitals with residents from diverse faith backgrounds? Do you teach Study of Religion in Years 11 and 12, or are you an educator in a Catholic or other faith-based school? Do you have a family member, friend, or colleague from another Christian Church or faith community? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church's stance on relations with other Christians and people of other faiths, and what is happening in Queensland? You are invited to a free presentation to explore what Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue is all about. This presentation will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. When: Saturday 13th July Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm Where: Hanly Room, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct

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