

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."

The Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

16th March 2025

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13

Transformation of Life

The season of Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday every year. It is a period of intense preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. It is a time of great spiritual renewal in the lives of the faithful. The common theme of today's readings is transformation. The readings invite us to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The first reading describes the transformation of Abram into Abraham a believer in the one God. St. Paul urges us to stand firm in our Faith and to live a life of discipleship with Jesus. Describing Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory. The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: in each Holy Mass, the bread and wine are transformed into the living Body and Blood of Jesus. Each time when we receive the Sacraments, we are transformed. Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us a message of encouragement and hope: "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased — listen to Him!" and so share the glory of His transfiguration. We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives. We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent.

The Church gives us the story of Abraham at the beginning of Lent for two reasons. First, we are called to have the same Faith as Abraham. Second, what Abraham did with Isaac foreshadows God the Father's sacrifice of His only begotten Son. By presenting the Transfiguration scene, the Church invites us to reflect on Christ's Divinity. Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, and Elijah fled to Mount Horeb, and there, God spoke to him in "a sound of sheer silence". These representatives of the Law and the Prophets — Moses and Elijah — foreshadowed Jesus, who is the culmination of the Law and the Prophets.

The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or "transformed" into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do better by humble and selfless service to others.

Ex-tropical cyclone Alfred caused huge swells and flooding as it hit QLD and NSW over the weekend. It has caused extensive damage in these states. During this time of Lent let us pray for all those who are affected, wounded, and still suffering. Let us be with them in their pain and support them in any way possible. Let us work together for a better world.

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In our parish this week: March 2025

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
St Patrick 8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children	St Joseph 8.00am Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i> 6.45pm Care & Concern meeting	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass Gr 6 students to attend. 7.00pm Lenten Reflection followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	The 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C) 9.00am Mass (Children's Liturgy) followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass 6.00pm Mass

International Womens' Day: This weekend, 15th & 16th March, we celebrate International Womens' day. Please turn to page 4 to read the reflection prepared by the St Peter's Social Justice Group.

The Season of Lent

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 Stations of the Cross. Please contact Julie if you can assist. Resources available.

Lenten book: Start Anew With Christ - Daily reflections for Lent \$5

Sunday Stations of the Cross in Lent: In addition to the Friday evening Stations of the Cross, we will have Stations of the Cross after the 9am Mass on the Sundays in Lent with some of the prayers being prayed in other languages. After the prayer reflection at each Station, the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be to the Father will be prayed, with the first part of each in another language and the second part in English. Belmira has drafted a roster for praying the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be to the Father in several native languages. If you would like to add your name please contact Julie.

Rochedale Youth

Thank you to Clive D'Silva who has volunteered to be our new Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Clive has organised 2 Young Adults / Youth Night gatherings to date where table tennis, food and friendship were shared. There has also been one Youth-led Mass so far.

For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

Break Open the Word 2025 - \$26 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

Readings for next weekend:
The Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)
Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

Mass Ministers: LAST weekend to advise dates unavailable for the next roster covering the months of April, May & June. Please either email Julie or fill in one of the yellow slips on the table near the doors in the church and put them in the grey 'Peter's Post Box' beside the main doors. New ministers are most welcome in any of the roles. Training is provided. Contact Julie if you would like more information or would like to join one of the Mass Ministries. Julie will finalise the rosters next week and email them. Please check your inbox next week.



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): 10am-12pm
Wednesday 26th March in the Parish Centre.
St Patrick's Day with a Twist

Join us for morning tea, songs, quiz, raffles and lucky door prize. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 21st March on 3341 4421 or by email to stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet in the church.

Project Compassion. Please pick up a box or envelope

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Morning Tea Gathering: Our next monthly get together at the local coffee shop, will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 7th April**. All are welcome to come along.



Those who have died: Fr Leo Burke, Phil Jones (*Deacon Mike's brother*), Jack Scholes, Peter Scanlon (*Wally's brother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty, Clara Van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitzgibbon, Robbie Movick, May Neilsen, Len Torrens.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Rex Bransdon, Cora Taylor, Brent Austin, Ann Gooiker, Mary Scholes, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Mel Singh, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Maxine Macdonald, Sandra Macdonald, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Reg Van Rooyen, 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: Transfiguration

The transfiguration of Jesus is terrifying and awe inspiring to the Apostles who are given a glimpse of Jesus Glory. Moses the original receiver of the Law and Elijah to whom God speaks in a whisper, appear there to support Jesus whose whole being radiates light. This shows that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law and displays His unity in God which also transforms us and unifies us to the creator God whom the Jews worshipped.

Unlike Moses it is not just his face which takes on a shining countenance, but Jesus is wholly transfigured to become the very light of God to us all and God speaks to the Apostles affirming Jesus as his son and tells them to listen to him.

After this amazing and terrifying experience, it is hard for the Apostles to descend the mountain. Peter wants to remain and build tabernacles, but they must go back down into the real world, Jesus to death & humiliation on a cross, and the Apostles to confusion and apparent defeat and for Peter denial. Of course, after the resurrection and their experience at Pentecost they would go on to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We too must leave the transformative experience of our personal mountain-top experiences with Jesus whether in our devotions or in the Eucharist and depart the mountain top to do the same work of declaring the Gospel.

Inspiration from Pope Francis:

The Word of Christ grows in us when we proclaim it, when we give it to others! And this is what Christian life is. It is a mission for the whole Church, for all the baptized, for us all: listen to Jesus and offer him to others. Do not forget: this week listen to Jesus and think about the matter of the Gospel. *(From Pope Francis' Angelus Message on the Transfiguration 16 March 2014)*

We pray: Jesus we adore you and take reassurance and delight from the light of your glory. Give us the courage, the wit, and tenacity to share your message of salvation with a broken world.

Amen

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Help needed: Several of our Parish Ministry Groups are in need of new members

Home & Nursing Home Communion Ministers: If you are free one Tuesday morning once a month, please consider joining our volunteers who take Communion to the housebound and help Fr Johny with the Mass and taking Communion to those in the Nursing Homes in our parish. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help.

AV Operator during weekend Masses: We are in need of a few more AV operators at all of the weekend Masses. We have had only 6 people on this Ministry covering all 3 Masses each weekend. This role involves turning the AV and computer system on and off and clicking the powerpoint slide over throughout the Mass using the prompter. Please speak to one of the AV operators at Mass for more information or contact the Parish Office.

Hospitality Ministry: We have recently lost 5 volunteers from this ministry and are in need of at least 2 willing parishioners to step in to help serve our Sunday Morning Teas after the Masses. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be rostered on. Please consider joining us in this wonderfully rewarding ministry. Contact Steph Lenihan (Coordinator) on 0413 268 860 or salenihan@hotmail.com. Volunteers for both the Saturday & Sunday night Masses are also required.

Church Cleaning Ministry: If you would be able to help out once every 5 weeks on either a Saturday morning or Friday afternoon, please contact the Parish Office. Duties include vacuuming, mopping, dusting the church and Parish Centre and cleaning the Parish Centre kitchen and church toilets. Most people give an hour to an hour and a half of their time. This is a lovely way to support our Parish Family.

Roster: 22nd & 23rd March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Stephanie Lenihan	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Edmund Lai 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. Pauline Angus 1. Lisa Hammett 2. Blanca Mastrangeli	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Ann Maree Collier	Conrad D'Netto Vivienne Linnett Alan Vigor Anne Scanlon Julie Hondroudakis	Vickie Routledge Cesarina Gigante Anne Fry
Musicians	Volunteer please	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty de Jesus, Blanca Mastrangeli			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No Cuppa after the Sunday 9am Mass during Lent due to Stations of the Cross			
This week 16th - 22nd March	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam		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 and Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or
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STOpline: 1300 304 550

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

“Do Good and do it well” – International Women’s Day 2025

March 8th is a global day for acknowledging and celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. With the 2025 theme- Together, let’s #Accelerate Action for Gender Equality, this day makes an appeal to continue, and indeed intensify, the resolve for human rights equality. According to data from the World Economic Forum, at the present rate of progress, it will take until 2158, which is roughly five generations from now, to reach full gender parity.

Accelerate Action is a timely focus, because gender inequality in economic participation, political representation and gender-based violence remains deeply entrenched in many societies, despite many years of effort. Additionally, the COVID pandemic disproportionately affected women, particularly in terms of job losses, reduced access to education, increased unpaid caregiving burdens, and amplified domestic violence. “Accelerate Action” signals that urgent and coordinated measures are necessary to recover lost ground and ensure women are not left behind in the post-pandemic recovery.

Since the suffrage movement of the mid to late 1800s and the first organised International Women’s Day in 1911, there has been a myriad of campaigns and activities that have raised awareness of bias and injustice and advanced women’s rights and progress towards equality. Fortunately, over many centuries, there have been forthright and tenacious women across all cultures who have pressed for acknowledgement of women’s rights, capabilities and contributions to humankind. Their example is inspiring.

One such ‘guiding light’ was Mary Ward (1585 to 1645) whose resolute activities led the founding of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, better known as the Loreto Sisters. Overcoming huge obstacles, this diminutive, but spirited English woman pressed forward in her mission for education and justice for women and girls. She was criticized for her efforts to expand the role of women religious in spreading the faith and imprisoned by Church officials who called her a treacherous heretic. Unheard of for a woman of her time, Mary fearlessly faced the Congregation of Cardinals in Rome in order to defend her work in a long, eloquent speech in Latin. This, after walking from England, across the Alps to Rome! Despite this appeal, a Papal order was issued to disband the Institute, and her schools were closed down. Undeterred, Mary Ward and her sisters in ‘the circle of friends’ remained constant in their vision and mission, with Mary writing “*Women in time to come, will do much*”. Another of Mary’s maxims was “*Do good and do it well*” and to this day Loreto sisters continue their work in education and justice steering campaigns against human-trafficking and violence against women. That struggle of Mary Ward is remarkably mirrored in the story of our own Saint Mary McKillop’s pioneering efforts for the education of girls and the poor in Australia. Both were inspirational women, separated by centuries and across continents, who were ahead of their time and for all times.

Still today, in many countries in the world, girls are denied education or limited in the education opportunities afforded them, particularly in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Equitable education access is a pivotal factor; however, there are many other social, economic and cultural disparities that require urgent attention. Hence the call to accelerate action for gender parity remains compelling. The collective efforts of all who care about human rights and quality of life is required. As Mary Ward implores, we must, “*Be seekers of truth and doers of Justice*” for integrity, justice and peace in God’s creation.

St Peter’s Social Justice Group

Entertainment Memberships: Starting **Friday, 14th March**, every Entertainment Membership purchase comes with:

- ❑ A FREE \$20 Visa eGift Card—a little something extra just for you!
 - ❑ A chance to win an all-expenses-paid Club Med holiday in Bali (a well-deserved escape, perhaps?)
 - ❑ A BONUS Multi City Membership Upgrade—because great savings should go wherever you do!
 - ❑ Instant access to over 15,000 amazing offers on dining, shopping, and travel
- Plus, 20% of every Membership purchased goes directly toward supporting St Peter’s Parish.

❑ **Don’t wait—this offer disappears on March 17!**

Your key to exclusive savings and meaningful impact awaits!

St Peter’s Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

St Patrick’s Day Mass: The Annual St Patrick’s Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick’s Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10.00am on 17 March. Fr Gerard McMorrow will be the celebrant. All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed on this link - <https://www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofBrisbane> And we invite you also to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room.



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.



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