

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."

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy (Year A) 16th April 2023

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Priority: Teaching Prayer.

We talk a lot about faith, but we don't often talk about doubt. Is it ok to doubt? Have you ever been praying and wondered if God was even there? Our tradition is built on the foundation of faith: faith that God is present, faith that God does hear our prayers, faith that the Holy Spirit moves upon the bread and wine that they might become Christ's body and blood, faith that in baptism we enter into Christ's death and resurrection.

In recent weeks, Archbishop Mark has published a document entitled "*Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023*" which outlines seven priorities for us all to consider. Over the next seven weeks concluding with Pentecost, clergy around the Archdiocese have been encouraged to preach on these apostolic priorities with reference to the readings for each Sunday. The first of these priorities is teaching prayer.

Archbishop Mark writes, "We must first find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer not just as one of many elements in a busy life but as a way of life for all the baptised. Often, we urge people to pray but don't really teach them how to pray in a way that moves beyond the prayers of childhood and youth. Now is the time to teach ways of prayer which are mature and all-embracing."

1. **Be Honest with God and others:** The first thing we learn from Thomas is to be open and honest about our doubts. Thomas doesn't simply bury his doubts under the carpet and maintain a façade of faithfulness. He is honest about his disbelief and categorically states, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe."

2. **Stay with the Community of faith, even if you're struggling:** The second thing we learn from Thomas is that he stays with the community of believers even though he has doubts. He doesn't leave, even though in that moment, he doesn't believe everything that the other disciples believe. In the same way, we might be wrestling with doubt, we might be struggling to pray, but that's ok, just stay with the community of believers!

3. **God meets us where we're at – not where we pretend to be:** Notice how Jesus responds to Thomas when he first sees him. Jesus knows of Thomas' doubts, but he doesn't push Thomas away or stand him down, rather he responds to Thomas' doubt by saying, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas teaches us about prayer and about doubt. Firstly, we can be honest with God and with others. Secondly, when we're struggling with our faith and struggling with our prayer, we, like Thomas, should stay connected to the community of faith, and we should always welcome those who are struggling with their faith. Finally, God meets us where we're at. In these Easter weeks, let us ask our Lord to help us find our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer, which is a new and deeper experience of the risen Christ. Amen.

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In our parish this week: April 2023

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
<p>8.00am Mass will be held in the Parish Office Meeting Room due to Lighting Upgrade in the church this week.</p> <p>10am Morning Tea at Moonlight Bandit Cafe</p>	<p>8.00am Mass (No Children) Mass will be held in Parish Office Meeting Room</p> <p>4.30pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting</p>	<p>6.30am Mass in Parish Office Meeting Room</p>	<p>No Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Care & Concern Meeting</p>	<p>9.00am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>Rosary & Mass in Parish Office Meeting Room</p>	<p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Third Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy.</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

Date Claimer: Marian Valley Retreat Saturday 6th May. May is the Month of Mary.

Leaving Parish at 8.30am and leaving Marian Valley at 1.30pm.

BYO Lunch. A bus may be available if we have enough people wanting to travel by bus OR Car Pooling may be an option. Please let Jo Cullen know if you are interested by phoning the Parish Office OR there is a sheet on which you can write your name and phone number available at the back of the church. **We need to know numbers asap.** Thank you. Please come and join us.



Readings for next weekend:
Third Sunday of Easter (Yr A)
Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

'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.



Church Lighting Upgrade 17th - 21st April:

It has become increasingly evident that the lighting in our church has become inadequate. We would be very grateful if out of your generosity we might receive donations however large or small to fund this upgrade. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Lighting Upgrade" and place them in the normal Parish Mass collection or use any of our Electronic transfer systems or hand them in to the Parish Office. Many thanks.



Access to the church will be limited during the work from 17 to 21 April.

Masses this week will be held in the Parish Office meeting room.

Thank you: A big thank you to all who helped make our Lent and Easter so special. Thanks to all those who served as Ministers at Masses, prepared liturgies, led the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Groups. Thanks to the musicians, singers, cleaners, decorators and anyone who helped to enhance our celebrations.

ANZAC Day: Please join us for Mass on Tuesday 25th April at 8am. Please bring some morning tea to share after Mass.

Weekday evening Mass: Please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office to express your interest in a weekday evening Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass Intentions or Mass Offerings:

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to what the Church does. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass towards a specific need, whether it be a person(s), living or dead, baptized or not, or a special need.

What is a Mass intention in the Catholic Church? Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. This may be to honour God or thank Him for blessings received. But technically a Mass intention means that the sacrifice is offered for some person(s) living or dead.

What are some examples of Mass intentions? An individual may ask to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, unemployment, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, on a wedding anniversary, during a time of illness, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. "May they keep the flame of hope burning in their hearts and may your love and the love that unites them give them the strength to push forward. We pray to the Lord."

Why do we pay for Mass intentions? We don't "pay for Masses," because we cannot possibly afford it, since the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is infinite. But it's good for the faithful to request a Mass for a specific intention and at the same time to make an offering to the priest to help support him and the Church.

St Peter's Morning Tea Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am this Monday 17th April at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Rd, Rochedale South. Hope to see you there!



Those who have died: Margaret Linnett (*Vivienne's mother*), Margaret Woltmann (*Mary Crowley's sister*), Mary Nicholl (*Gabrielle Connolly's Mother*), Len Torrens, Jesai George.

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Lynn Robinson, Peta Power, Durshin Begeda, Zhiding Gong, Ray Naughton, Nita Atkins, Elizabeth Traquair, Denis Flanagan, Colin Bishop, Mary Ann Morris, Joan Potent, Roma Murray, James Gray, Jill Bayliss, Betty Cloherty, Stephen Chin.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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, Step & Les O'Gorman, Kaye Torrens, 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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FAITH MATTERS: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Since 2000, the second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Here are some extracts from a sermon given by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000:

Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century. In fact, it was between the First and Second World Wars that Christ entrusted his message of mercy to her. Those who remember, who were witnesses and participants in the events of those years and the horrible sufferings they caused for millions of people, know well how necessary was the message of mercy.

Jesus told Sr Faustina: *“Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.”* It is not easy to love with a deep love, which lies in the authentic gift of self. This love can only be learned by penetrating the mystery of God’s love. Looking at him, being one with his fatherly heart, we are able to look with new eyes at our brothers and sisters, with an attitude of unselfishness and solidarity, of generosity and forgiveness. All this is mercy!

It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God’s eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy.

Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: *Christ Jesus, I trust in you!*

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 - Saturday 29th April 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass.

Primary School Youth Group Sunday 30th April 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass

Young Adults - Dinner - Saturday 6th May. Look out for details to be finalised soon.

Coffee & Catechesis Sunday 7th May 10.30am.



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 April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Kate Guy
AV Operator	David Crowley	Julie Hondroudakis	Eric Quan
Readers	C. Marissa Boyles 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Alan Vigor 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Edmund Lai 1. Cecilia Lai 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Stephanie Lenihan	Malcolm Carroll Megan Carroll Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Tim Hondroudakis	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, John Viola, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Sunday 23rd April 6.00pm Mass: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White.			
This week 16th - 23rd Apr:		Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Marco'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:

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
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STOpline: 1300 304 550

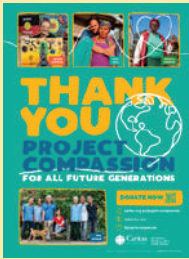
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St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

Project Compassion:



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St Peter's Online Order Page

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First Holy Communion preparation: The children and their families will attend a Rite of Enrolment at Masses 6pm Saturday 6th May and 9am Sunday 7th May. Children and their parents are working through their workbooks in readiness for the preparation workshop on Sunday 28th May. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Around the Archdiocese



Invitation from New Farm Parish: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) at Holy Spirit Church 16 Villiers Street, New Farm on April 16th Reconciliation 1.30pm then from 2.15pm Rosary, Chaplet, Benediction, Veneration - St Faustina's Relic, then Holy Mass. Refreshments to follow.

The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023

Archdiocesan Summit 2023 - New ticket options available. SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote

presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

You're invited to this significant event in the Archdiocese, and there are now more ways to participate. Creche tickets are now open for Friday and Saturday mornings (for small children of adult delegates) as well as day ticket options for those unable to attend the whole time. 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)

We would love to encourage our parishioners to attend. Please see Jo where a payment plan can be provided if necessary. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.



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 asap.



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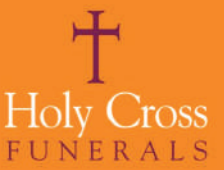

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