

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."



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 16th July 2023

FOR OUR ELDERS: In early July Australia celebrates **NAIDOC WEEK**. It is an opportunity for everyone to come together to celebrate and learn about the rich history, the culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the oldest continuing culture on the planet. The NAIDOC theme this year is: "For Our Elders." Across every generation, Elders have played and are continuing to play an important role. They hold a prominent position in families and communities. They are respected for the wisdom and knowledge they hold. The list of prominent indigenous Elders past and present is long. One of the most distinguished Elders is Professor Tom Calma. In 2023 Professor Calma was honoured as Senior Australian of the Year for his 40 years of service to improve the lives of Indigenous people. In his acceptance speech Tom Calma stated that Indigenous people have been seen as a problem to be solved not as a partner and participant in determining their destiny. Their fate was determined by the whims of politics or by ever changing governments.

Professor Marcia Langdon, another Elder, expressed the same feelings as Professor Calma. There is a deep cynicism and despair in Aboriginal communities that any level of government will listen to them but will not be compelled to act. There is a lack of continuity in government services that a VOICE could address. Right from the start Marcia Langdon insisted that the VOICE must be enshrined in the Constitution. This demands a Referendum and is the only way the VOICE will be secure and consistent. A VOICE legislated by Parliament can be unlegislated again. The idea of the VOICE is derived from the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart that was presented to the people of Australia as a gift by Indigenous Australians. The VOICE is meant to be an advisory body to work directly with Parliament and the federal government on any laws, policies and programs affecting Indigenous people. Earlier this year, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese declared that there will be a Referendum to enshrine the VOICE in the Constitution, possibly in October. However and regrettably, the Referendum has already become politically charged. As Fr. Frank Brennan suggests, we need to start a respectful discussion in our parishes, families and work places so that we can hopefully get the country to vote Yes. Our faith teaches us that it is our vocation to be witnesses and agents of peace and justice in the midst of the political life of society.

The VOICE To Parliament Referendum provides us Catholics with an opportunity to draw upon our faith and moral grounding to make an informed decision. Archbishop Coleridge has already made his decision: "I am strongly committed to the VOICE. I have listened to important and convincing Indigenous voices on the topic." His endorsement is founded on Scripture and a history of dispossession of First Nation Peoples.

Guided by the Holy Spirit we pray that we will approach this very important moment in the history of Australia with a generous and hopeful heart as Peter, a child from Tasmania, expressed so beautifully: "Dear Aboriginal people. If I could vote Yes I would. Your voices are important to finding the heart of this country so it can be better again."

Social Justice Ministry

In our parish this week: July 2023

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children 4.30pm SVDP Mtg	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	No Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Mary Magdalene 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass with Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation candidates	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation candidates 10.30am Confirmation Workshop 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: As is our usual custom we will take up a **Retiring Collection** for the **Murri Ministry** at all Masses this weekend to support their work in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Please bring along some cash with you to Mass this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Baptism Congratulations: This Sunday Fr Johny will baptise Harvey P and Lewis S.

Confirmation Preparation: The Rite of Enrolment for all those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at the Saturday 6pm Mass and Sunday 9am Mass next weekend. The Confirmation Workshop will be held next Sunday 23rd July starting at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. All candidates are required to attend this workshop. Please keep all of these young people and their families in your prayers.

Readings for next weekend:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

Blessings on Fr Gerard Lai:

Fr Gerard celebrated a **Thanksgiving Mass** here at St Peter's last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration and we thank him for his ministry. What a joy it is to see such a wonderful young man giving his life to the priesthood. We wish him well in his new parish in Caloundra. Perhaps these young boys will be inspired to become priests one day like Fr Gerard?



Fr Baiyi's Installation Mass: All Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass of Installation of Fr Baiyi Gong as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield at 5pm Mass on Saturday 22 July 2023 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes, 4300 RSVP by phone to Jo before Wednesday 19th July



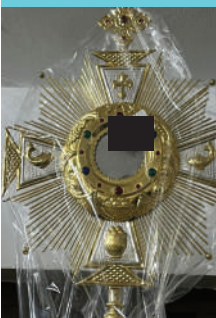
Introducing our new parish **Seniors** activity group. **Wise Owl Wednesdays!**

Open to all those aged over 65 in our community.

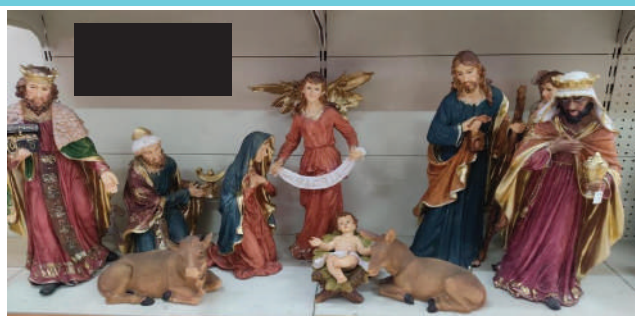
First Event: **Christmas in July - Wednesday 26th July 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre.**

No charge, however numbers are strictly limited. RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 21st July

School performance, Christmas Cake, Lucky door prizes, high tea, chat, Santa. Bring a pretty cup or favourite mug along



New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Fr Johny has ordered a new monstrance and a set of Nativity figures for our outside crib. The total cost will be around \$1500. Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated to help with the cost to the parish for these items. Cash donations should be placed in a clearly labelled envelope in the weekend Mass collection or brought to the Parish Office. Electronic payments also welcome. Thank you for your generosity.



Those who have died: Ernest Gehrke, Michael Sarich, Neville Capra, Maureen Flynn, John Donohue

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Kathleen Stitt, Ross Bray, Herbert Hussey, Damian Bartlett, Susan Hargreaves, Bridget Cummins, John Gallagher, Eric Moran, Ethel Moran, Kevin O'Brien, Marie Leadbetter, David O'Gorman, Maggie Bahn, Mary Kate Wiltshire, Bill Weeks Snr, Jack Winter, Albert de Wit, William Wotherspoon, Jacqueline Tagg, Florence O'Gorman, Derval O'Sullivan, Glennis Troy, Patrick Kelleher, May Winter, Jack Bates.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Joyce Lyster, Kerry Creevey, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Ray Parker, Kerriane Meulman, Dawn Evans, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Lien Pham (Maria), Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Steph & Les O'Gorman, 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: MARY MAGDALENE

(Feast day July 22nd)

Did you know that:

1. She probably came from the town of Magdala.
2. Mary Magdalene is probably best known for the fact that she had been set free from seven demons by Jesus. (Luke 8:2) Seven is associated with perfection in the Gospels.
3. Mary Magdalene travelled with and financially supported the work and ministry of Jesus and His followers. (Luke 8:2-3)
4. Mary Magdalene is probably the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with perfume and wept before Him. (John 12:1-8) This act shows an extreme love for Jesus at the beginning of Holy Week. She was criticised for this by Judas.
5. Mary Magdalene was a leader among believers and she, along with other women leaders, faithfully supported Jesus' ministry.
6. Mary Magdalene was among the group of women who were at the foot of the cross and also with those who came to the empty tomb and found that Christ was risen. (John 20:1) It is clear that throughout Christ's ministry, Mary was a strong and faithful supporter. She was one of the few who did not flee when he was arrested and suffering. She was present at the foot of the cross.
7. John 20:10-18 tells us that Mary Magdalene is the very first one to whom Jesus appeared after the resurrection commissioning her to go and tell the others.

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 - Fortnightly on Sunday nights 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Fun, food, friendship....

Primary School Youth Group On alternate Sundays 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass.

Young Adults - Next meeting date to be advised.

Parish Website: Thank you to Tony Arakkakunnel who has been updating our Parish Website. We are very grateful for your expertise and help. Check it out.



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 July	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Jo Cullen
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Sharon Fong 2. Marissa Boyles	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Edmund Lai 1. Cecilia Lai 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Del Reynolds Stephanie Lenihan Junlie Hondroudakis Alan Vigor & Joan D'Netto	Megan Carroll John Blake Kate Guy
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk, Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No Cuppa after the evening Masses during winter.			
This week 16th -22nd July	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: John Blake 0411 196 775

Around the Archdiocese

College Open Days:

Clairvaux MacKillop College: Windows Day this Wednesday July 19th 9am-10.30am.

St James College: Taster Day Experiences Friday 28th July

Calling all grandparents! Join with Evangelisation Brisbane for a morning that celebrates your important role in shaping the faith of your grandchildren and children. **Grand Plans for Grandparents** is a time together created to acknowledge, equip and empower you in this special role. Discover fresh ways to engage with your grandchildren, sharing the gift of faith with renewed enthusiasm, and connect with fellow grandparents, share your experiences, and build a supportive community.

Stay on for Mass at Cathedral at 11:30am where you'll receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact you have on your family's spiritual journey. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Reserve your spot today by registering here:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>

When: Saturday 22 July, 9:15 - 11:15am (followed by optional 11:30am Mass at the Cathedral)

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$15 **RSVP: Monday 17 July**

Women's Night of Spirituality will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 25 July in St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong. The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit? Entry by donation & supper provided. Please mark the date in your calendar. See further details on event flyer available on parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au. This event will be livestreamed on the night and the link will be available via parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au

Signs of Hope-People of Faith. Concerts with Peter Kearney - songwriter, singer, guitarist. Songs, stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world. Three venues:

1. THE GAP. Monday 31st July, 7.30pm in St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Hall.

2. BURLEIGH WATERS. Wednesday August 2nd, 7.00pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

3. WAVELL HEIGHTS. Thursday August 3rd, 6.30pm in St Paschal's Catholic Church.

No set \$ admission. Donations welcome at interval. Peter's hymns and songs have been published in fifteen albums. His best-known compositions include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where is Your Song my Lord?'

Catholic Foundation Modules: These core modules are designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith.

Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion.

Module Two: Undertanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures. Commencing 21st August 2023.

You do not need to have completed Module One in order to do Module Two. Each Module stands alone.

Time: 7-9pm Dates: 10 Monday nights: 21 Aug, 28 Aug, 4 Sep, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 13 Nov

Location: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo QLD 4014)

Cost: \$250pp | \$150pp for groups of 5 or more from the one faith community

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