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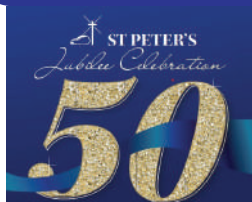


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MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

18th August 2024

Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2024

There isn't much that human beings absolutely need for survival, but two of them are food and drink. So, when Jesus speaks of food and drink, he's speaking of life and death. He says he is the living bread, that the bread that he gives is his flesh "for the life of the world". He also says that his "blood is real drink". He's talking not just of life but of the fullness of life, for which bread and water aren't enough. We must eat his flesh and drink his blood. If we do that, he says, we will live forever.

When Jesus speaks it is clearly about the Eucharist. He speaks of the feast where, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread becomes his body, and the wine becomes his blood. But he also implies that we become what we eat and drink. So, we who eat the body broken at the eucharistic table are to become the body broken; and we who drink the blood at the eucharistic table are to become the blood poured out. The mystery of the Lord's Cross becomes the truth of our life.

It's only against this background that we understand the Annual Catholic Campaign. It's a call to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church; but the giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world. You and I make a sacrifice to enable the Church to become the sacrifice. The contribution we make is ours, but the sacrifice is Christ's; and his sacrifice is for the life of the world.

We see this clearly in the Mary MacKillop Catholic Education Fund which enables students to receive a Catholic education so that they can taste the fullness of life. We see it in Centacare's pastoral ministries which provide support for the victims of domestic violence and the homeless, care for families in strife, counselling for the troubled, chaplaincy in hospitals and ministry in prisons. We see it too in the support for Holy Spirit Seminary, where numbers may be down, but the costs are up. You can't have the Catholic Church without the priesthood. No less important is to care for men at the other end of the journey, priests in retirement or suffering illness. That's why the Priests' Foundation is part of the Annual Catholic Campaign.

All of these are tax deductible. But this year we add two other appeals which aren't tax deductible but are important. The first is the Annual Grants Program in support of grassroots ministries, mostly in parishes, and other outreach programs helping the Church to become more missionary. Then there is the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre where we need to extend both the buildings and the program to make it more a powerhouse of the Archdiocese.

From the Old Testament we have heard that wisdom has prepared a feast; and St Paul has urged us to be intelligent enough to recognise the will of the Lord. To be wise and intelligent is to eat and drink the right thing. The will of the Lord is that we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood, so that we then become his sacrifice. That's the whole point and the deeper meaning of the Annual Catholic Campaign and the appeals which it supports.

Extract from Archbishop Mark Coleridge's, DD Annual Catholic Campaign Homily

In our parish this week: August 2024

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting	St Bernard 8.00am Mass with school children	St Pius X 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Bartholomew 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Social Justice Sunday 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Annual Catholic Campaign: THIS WEEKEND:

We all play a vital part in supporting the critical, local Catholic ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign. This one annual collection replaces multiple collections in the past. Following on from Vocations week, it is important to remember that this campaign supports The Priests Foundation looking after our retired priests & the Holy Spirit Seminary. The Campaign also supports the vulnerable in our society through Centacare Pastoral Ministries and the Mary MacKillop Learning Fund. Please give generously as to what you can afford. Thank you!

The Season of Creation 2024 – will be celebrated for five weeks between The Feast of Creation on September 1st and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. The Theme for this year is: **To hope and act with creation.** In the foundation belief that we will come to see the created world as a gift of our Creator God, the 2024 guiding symbol is, 'the first fruits of hope'. *Romans 8: 19-25.*

Some opportunities regarding the Season of Creation:
1. Come along to **workshops** at Our Lady of Lourdes Sunnybank Parish Centre, Sunnybank, led by Sr Margaret Endicott to explore, discuss and share with each other the following themes:

Session 1: Gratitude and Awareness

Session 2: Honouring the Pain in our world and seeing with new eyes

Session 3: Going forth

Dates: 28th August, 11th and 25th September

Time: 7:00 – 8:30pm. Register by 21 Aug: contact Julie in the Parish Office or beache@bne.catholic.edu.au

2. This year **Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality** [<https://jisa.org.au/>] offers the Season of Creation Contemplations, for spiritual reflection on five themes across the five weeks. You are invited to immerse your senses in God's Creation – through stones, wind, water, trees and birds. A short audio reflection will be emailed each Wednesday for your contemplation and prayer. Access is free. **Please register** through the JISA website: **'Being with God in Nature'** <https://jisa.org.au/being-with-god-in-nature/>

Readings for next weekend: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

Annual Catholic Campaign Commitment weekend 17th & 18th August



Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world.


Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.



catholiccampaign.com.au



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our August WOW will be an **outing for morning tea and a Concert at Brisbane City Hall on Tuesday 27th August.** A contribution will be required to help cover the hire of the bus and you will need to purchase your own morning tea. Please RSVP to the Parish Office or on the form near the main doors of the church. Open to all aged over 65.



From Rochedale Vinnies: A big thank you to everyone who purchased tickets or donated to the Spring Music Festival Raffle last weekend. Your generosity meant that we raised another **\$444.15** to help those in need within our local area. Thank you also to those lovely parishioners who helped us out with ticket selling on the weekend. It was great to have you as part of the team! The raffle will be **drawn on 31st August.** Good luck.

Over the last 4 weeks, our Rochedale Vinnies has given over **\$2100.00 worth of emergency assistance to 37 people, including 18 children.** This included \$1650 worth of food vouchers (purchased from our fundraising) and \$450 worth of food items, kindly donated by St Peter's Parishioners. If you are able to help with some more food items, it would be greatly appreciated, as our stocks are running low. Thank you!

Those who have died: Matthew Byrne, Jim Dickenson, David Starr, Patricia Buzolic, John Summers (*Pauline Angus' nephew*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Luke Barber, Leslie Vincent Doyle, Laura May Gow, Lil Atkenson, Jim McKenna, John Kennedy, Alma Minton, Milja Atanovic, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Joan Routledge, Sesinando de Leon Jr, Maureen Morrissey, David Kirk, Jan Seeto, Laurie Barriere, Wanda Michell, Margaret Quail, Kim Chok Ho, Ray McGregor, Dell Leary, Rose Ahern, Kim Tian Cho, Susan Maree Foley, Daniel Michael Sullivan, Margaret Fitzsimon, Catharina Van Hoof.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Robert Cussans, Anne Fry, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, 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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FAITH MATTERS: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, was born in 1090 and died on August 20th, 1153, and was canonised on January 18, 1174. He was a Cistercian monk and mystic, founder and abbot of the abbey of Clairvaux in northeastern France and was one of the most influential churchmen of his time. Bernard was sought after for his wisdom—princes and popes asked for his counsel in their affairs, and he struggled to meet the needs of those around him and still maintain a healthy prayer life, which he most desired. He never refused a challenge.

Someone once asked St. Bernard of Clairvaux what the three most important virtues are. He famously replied, "Humility, humility and humility." St. Bernard teaches that humility is self-knowledge—the honest acceptance of myself in all my sinfulness. He explained this further by linking humility to loving God. In his devotion "On Loving God," Bernard of Clairvaux writes of four "degrees" of love: (1) one loves oneself for one's own sake, (2) one loves God for one's own sake, (3) one loves God for God's sake, (4) one loves oneself for God's sake.

St Bernard believed that union with God could not totally be experienced in this life, even through contemplation. Bernard's anthropological principles compelled him to believe that the death of a Christian, though joyful and something to be desired, would also not bring about union with God. Bernard held that the soul had to wait with a patient anticipation until the Last Day when it would be reunited with the body at the general resurrection of the dead and finally be united with God.

Perhaps Bernard's greatest devotion was his special understanding of the role of Mary. For St. Bernard, the greatness of Mary was rooted in her exalted status as the Mother of the Incarnate Word. He once said that if we realize whose Mother she is, we would understand that we "cannot admire her enough". He taught extensively of the centrality of Mary's role in salvation history and of her union with Christ in suffering. In one of his mystical experiences Bernard is said to have received milk from the breast of the Virgin Mary.

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Ignite Conference 24: 19 - 22 September 2024 at St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Rd, South Brisbane. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Experience four days of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship. St Peter's Parish is willing to financially support our youth to attend Ignite by covering half of the ticket fee. Please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office to discuss. For more information about Ignite Conference 24 go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/brisbane>



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: 24th & 25th August	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Kate Guy & Arul Mani
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Eric Quan	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Neil Ballment 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Alina George 1. Pauline Angus 2. Lisa Hammett	C. Vickie Routledge 1. John Blake 2. Cesarina Gigante
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Ann Maree Collier	Alan Vigor Del Reynolds, Fion Fiju Shilgy Mathew Deseree Qyan	Laly Chackoo Anne Fry Kate Guy
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty De Jesus & John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass 25th Aug: Peter Hondroudakis, Joan D'Netto & Sharita Lobo.			
This week 18th-24th August		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

First Aid Training: Contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend a First Aid Training Day organised by the Logan Deanery on Saturday 28th September 9am to 3pm at Kingston Marsden Parish. St Peter's will support our parish participants by paying half of the costs.

Mass Series: Each weekend we will watch the Mass series with Archbishop Mark Coleridge during weekend Masses.

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 2nd September. All are welcome to come along.



Marian Valley Retreat: We hope to organise a one day retreat to Marian Valley on Saturday 19th October. Marian Valley – Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians is about 10km from Canungra and south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The Pauline Fathers founded it in 1995. Its main chapel is dedicated to the Black Madonna and has many other smaller chapels built by pilgrims of the Shrine. If we get enough people interested we will hire a bus so that we can travel together. Please indicate your interest on the form near the main doors in the church.

Entertainment Memberships: Special Entertainment 30th Birthday promotion until 11.59am AEST, Friday 30th August - get a bonus Multi City upgrade with every Single City Membership purchase, plus go into the draw to win 1 of 30 prizes - from luxury dining experiences and thrilling theme park passes to gift cards and holidays. Help boost St Peter's fundraising.

St Peter's Online Order Page is

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

Multicultural Mass: Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass. This year's Mass will be held at 2 pm on Sunday 25 August, recognising 2024's theme for World Day of Migrant and Refugees "God walks with his people", and will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Note a new date and venue for 2024! We'll be gathering at the brand new Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church in Inala. Cultural performances, refreshments, and activities for children will follow in the church grounds after Mass - all are invited, and all are welcome! Find out more and register at <https://tinyurl.com/MCMass24>

The Welcome Walk is the Romero Centre's major annual fundraiser, and an opportunity to welcome people seeking asylum in Brisbane. This year's event will be held on Sunday 25 August at Davies Park, West End, beginning at 8 am. Participants have the option of walking 3km or 6km along the beautiful Brisbane River. Afterwards, stick around for coffee and food, cultural performances, art displays, market stalls and inspiring speeches! Register, grab your exclusive Welcome Walk T-shirt and start fundraising today! Find out more and register at <https://tinyurl.com/welcomewalk2024>

SYNOD24 marks the Implementation Phase of the Fifth Plenary Council. "How can we be a more co-responsible church on mission?" On September 6th and 7th and October 11th and 12th of 2024, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Synod to mark the next phase of the Plenary Council journey, the Implementation Phase. Our Archdiocesan Synod will discern the practical and Spirit-led actions that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake in the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Bearing in mind that the Decrees have yet to be officially approved by the Apostolic See, these actions will be practical and able to be implemented immediately.

Opening Mass (open to public): Friday September 6th 9am– 10am at the Australian Catholic University Chapel, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

Closing Mass (open to public): Saturday October 12th 2pm– 3pm at the Australian Catholic University Chapel, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

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