

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."



PARISH PRIEST

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

18th February 2024

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Ash Wednesday and The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter. The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday and Christians wear a marking of the cross in ash on their foreheads. The ashes symbolize our mortality – "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal. In the New Testament, forty days is the length of Jesus' time of trial in the desert in preparation for his public ministry, proclaiming the Gospel.

Recall Jesus' saying, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. Entering through that "narrow gate" is a path that requires resolve and sacrificial love. To take that constricted and challenging road, we must face difficult aspects of our lives, including our sins.

Lent is the time to realize how precious is our life and how seriously we must live it and live it in love, to appreciate this world, our self and the people around us. Lent is a time of being with the Lord and with the people. "Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." We know from the Gospels that John the Baptist was arrested because, apart from courageously telling Herod how he was wrong in keeping his brother's wife, John had also challenged the existing political and religious powers. He preached to the people repentance of sin and asked them to turn away from evil.

In the Bible we have two clear evidence of temptations: one taking place in the Garden of Eden (The First Parents) and the other in the desert (Jesus). Lent is the time to put an end to some of our self-indulgent illusions. It is the time to realize how precious our life is and how seriously we have to live it; live it in love, to appreciate this world, our self and the people around us.

Like John, Jesus not only preached repentance but pointed out wrongs committed by the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Throughout the Gospels we find Him challenging the powerful. Pope Francis has been reminding everyone to go back to the Gospels and to be more like Jesus.

Today the Gospel also tells us about Satan's attempt to distract and tempt Jesus by offering Him all kinds of excuses and allurements, including bread, the most necessity for survival, to move away from His determination, vocation, and ultimate mission. One wonders if Satan did not already know he would not succeed. There is one little but important details worth considering in today's Gospel narrative, i.e., "He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts..." And wild beasts are treacherous, to say the least. Jesus was not afraid of wild beasts. I wish you a good Lenten Season to be with the Lord and the people around.

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In our parish this week: February 2024

Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Sunday 25
<p>8.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting</p>	<p>8.00am Mass with children</p>	<p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Adoration</p> <p>7.00pm Mass</p>	<p>The Chair of St Peter</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p>	<p>9.00am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass with Gr 6 Children</p> <p>7.00pm Lenten Reflection</p> <p>7.30pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word.</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

Project Compassion Sunday 17 & 18 February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations. Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children. Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who attended the Safeguarding Training sessions held in November and to those who have done the training online at home. Anyone who missed these training sessions or has not recently viewed the training video is required to do the training online at home.

Those ministers who must renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years include:

Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, Adult altar servers, Mass Coordinators, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Sacramental Program leaders, Care & Concern Visitation and transport volunteers, Home Communion & Nursing Home Communion Ministers, WOW Senior's Ministry & RCIA team, St Vinnies members, counters, Office admin, musicians & choir members.

The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>.

Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Readings for next weekend:

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

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

Lenten book: A Resurrected Life - Daily reflections for Lent \$5



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): 28th February 10am-12pm
Safety for Seniors (including scams) with guest speaker – Julie Campbell

Morning tea, raffles and Lucky door prize

Gold Coin donation, over 65's only, numbers are limited please RSVP the Parish Office by Friday 23rd February on 3341 4421 or by email to stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet on the veranda during Mass times.

Our March gathering for WOW will be on Wednesday 20th March celebrating St. Patrick's day and all things green, come dressed up if you wish. Morning tea, raffles and lucky door prize.

Gardening Working Bees: Saturdays 17th & 24th February 7.30am - 8.30am. The weeds are taking over the gardens, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. Holding 2 short weeding sessions will make it less taxing so please come along and help at either or both. All welcome.



St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee: Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 commencing with Mass at 10.30am with Bishop Tim Norton. Please mark this date in your diaries! We would love you to jot down your memories of St Peter's and hunt out any photos you may have of St Peter's parish life over the years. All will be useful in compiling our 50th anniversary book. Please send your memoirs to the Parish Office by email if possible at stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks.

Those who have died: Kerr Richards, Darrell Lusk, Alf Garrone, Gladys Hines-Smith

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Margaret Linnett, Ricci Stein, Luke Timbs, Mohan Varghese, Tom 'Joe' Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards, Gwladys Wicks, Mark Christensen, Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy, Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Brian Hallewell.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Phillip Thelan, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, 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: Lent

Lent has begun – a time of prayer, fasting and alms-giving to help us realise the relationship of love that Jesus offers us on the cross.

A few quotes about Lent from Pope Francis:

'The Lenten practices of almsgiving, prayer and fasting are not mere external practices; they are paths that lead to the heart, to the core of the Christian life. Christians are called in Lent to love the brothers and sisters all around us, to be considerate to others, to feel compassion, to show mercy, to share all that we are and all that we have with those in need.'

'Lent is an occasion for conversion and internal renewal through listening to the Word of God, caring for brothers and sisters who need our help, and prayer, especially to obtain the grace of peace in the world.'

'Prayer, almsgiving, and fasting are not three unrelated exercises, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying. We cast out the idols that weigh us down and the attachments that imprison us. Then will our atrophied and isolated heart revive.'

'Do you want to fast this Lent?'

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness, fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words be silent and listen.'

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 @rochedaleyouth

Seeking volunteers or beneficial ideas on growing our youth ministry: Do you have a passion for promoting the Catholic faith to our young people? Do you have any great ideas for ways to engage our primary school, high school and young adults? Are you a parent or grandparent or a young adult yourself who would like to be involved? Please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au



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 Feb.	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Eric Quan	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Edmund Lai 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Alina George 1. Megan Philpott 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Vickie Routledge 1. John Blake 2. Cesarina Gigante
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Ann Maree Collier	Del Reynolds Alan Vigor Deseree Quan Stephanie Lenihan Anne Scanlon	Anne Fry Helen Graczyk Megan Carroll
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Tim Hondroudakis	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Tina Nguyen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Following the Sunday 9am Mass 25th Feb: Peter Hondroudakis Joan D'Netto & Sharita Lobo.			
This week 18th -24th Feb.	Sacristan: Prashanithi Selvarathnam		Counting: Bob'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

Entertainment Memberships: You can purchase a 3, 12 or 24 month Entertainment Membership for Brisbane or for multiple cities. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Books for Sale from the Church or Parish Office:

Break Open the Word 2024 - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word at weekend Masses but is also great for anyone to better understand the Sunday readings.

St Peter's Coffee Get-Together: Our next gathering will be on Monday 4th March at 10.00am at "More" at Springwood Mall (near Woolworths). All are welcome. Come and join us.



The Catholic Leader: In 2024 The Catholic Leader has moved to an individual subscription distribution model. Readers will need to take out individual subscriptions and will receive the newspaper delivered to their door. A Yearly Subscription will be \$65. Subscription envelopes available on the table near the doors in the church where you will find the last copies of the Christmas edition.

Around the Archdiocese

Lent 2024 with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes: Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Catholic Mission: Prayer for Peace in Nigeria

Loving God, We pray for peace and reconciliation in Nigeria, seeking hope amidst the despair. Grant strength to those who have lost family and friends, bringing comfort in their sorrow. Grant eternal rest to those whose lives have been lost due to violence and conflict. Hear the heartfelt prayers of those enduring instability, to those grappling with fear and uncertainty. Be their steadfast rock and shield. Give freely to your people the wisdom to navigate difficult times and to find a way forward. Give your people the courage to be peacemakers, and guide them toward peace. Amen.

Learn more about how you can help train seminarians in communities in need by visiting catholicmission.org.au/peace

Living Liturgy: Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents *Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*. Wednesday 13 March 2024 7:00pm – 8:45pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral) 60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat, 20 minute Q&A \$10pp (or \$8pp for bookings of five people or more) For more information and to register, contact Liturgy Brisbane W: www.liturgybrisbane.net.au E: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au P: 07 3324 331

The Sacraments: Module 3 of the two year Catholic Formation Program, The Sacraments, is to commence on Monday 15th April. Once again St Declan's hall at Daisy Hill Parish will be the Hub for the Logan Deanery. Each of the four Modules is a stand-alone Module and so you do not have to have completed Modules 1 and 2 to do Module 3. There is a cost involved but please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

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