

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st January 2023

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

### Farewell to St Peter's, my loved parish

I still can't believe, even after I have received my new appointment letter for over three months now, that I have been serving this lovely parish, St Peter's, for nearly six years. I clearly remember the day when I moved in. It was a Monday with lovely weather. I was welcomed by Julie, our parish secretary, and then we started talking about Ash Wednesday Masses as Ash Wednesday was only two days away. With the good timing of my arrival here, I settled down very quickly. Before I leave St Peter's, there is so much for me to talk about. With the limited space in our newsletter, I would like to share two points with you on faith and community below.

Probably this is the right time to repeat what I have kept saying: Do not do anything just for the sake of the parish priest, and do not refuse to do anything just for the sake of the parish priest, either. The parish priest comes and goes but our spiritual family stays here as long as we are in this area. **Let us do everything for God's sake and for the sake of love, the love for God and for people.** If we think our parish is a good community, then we work harder on making her even better. If we don't think our community is good enough, then we sit down, work out some good ideas, get some more people in the team and build her up. I always believe that the community itself is more important than any parish priest, no matter who he is. For the sake of our common spiritual family, I would like to encourage all of you to support and cooperate with our new parish priest, Fr Johny and all future parish priests as you have been supporting and cooperating with me. I urge all of you to always put the interest of the parish as your top priority.

As some of you may have noticed, for the past nearly six years, I have been sticking to a particular dismissal after the blessing at the end of Mass, though there are several options available in the missal. It is: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. As I am leaving St Peter's, I would like to explain why I love this one the best. After we have listened to the Word of the Lord and received the Lord into our hearts, we have filled with the wisdom and love of the Lord. We should have peace in our hearts so now it's time to go in peace. Though the Mass is ended, our faithful life has just begun, since our faithful life exists in our everyday life. We worship our Lord in the church building through liturgical celebrations, but we can only glorify our Lord by everyday life. By saying to people: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, **I hope that my parishioners will bring what they have learned at Mass and lead a genuine Christian life every day.** This is the best way to glorify our Lord.

Dear friends, **I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support, cooperation, understanding and prayers over the past nearly six years.** I wish you all a beautiful year of 2023 and beyond with Fr Johny. God bless and happy new year.

*Fr Baiyi*



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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."



January		In our parish this week
Mon	2nd	<b>Saints Basil and Gregory</b> (Public Holiday) No Mass
Tue	3rd	No Mass Parish Office re-opens
Wed	4th	No Mass
Thu	5th	No Mass
Fri	6th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass - Fr Johny's first Mass at St Peter's (No Healing Mass)
Sat	7th	<b>Welcome Fr Johny &amp; 25 yrs ordained</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday followed by Cuppa & Chat
Sun	8th	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass Note: Both Masses followed by Cuppa and Chat to welcome Fr Johny

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord (Yr A)**  
 Isaiah 60:1-6    Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6    Matthew 2:1-12

**Farewell Fr Baiyi:** Fr Baiyi's last weekend with us as Parish Priest will be this weekend, 31st December & 1st January. Please join us for a cuppa after each Mass this weekend to bid him farewell. If you can come along, please bring a plate of food to share.

Please note: Sunday evening 6pm Mass will be Fr Baiyi's last Mass with us. There will be no weekday Masses until Friday which will be Fr Johny's first Mass with us.

**Welcome Fr Johny:** Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI, our new parish priest, will join us this week. Fr Johny's first Mass here will be the 9.30am Mass on Friday. To make things a little simpler for Fr Johny's first Mass here, that Mass will be a normal Mass, NOT a Healing Mass as would normally occur on the first Friday of the month. Thank you for your understanding.

On Monday 9th January Fr Johny celebrates 25 years of priestly ordination and had already planned holidays from 12th January before he received his posting to St Peter's. After each Mass next weekend, 7th & 8th January, please join us to welcome Fr Johny and congratulate him on 25 years of serving the Lord as an ordained priest. We will also be wishing him well for his holidays. Fr Johny will return to St Peter's in mid February.

**Books for sale in the church or Parish Office**  
**Break Open the Word 2023** - \$20 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.  
**God's Word 2023** - \$15 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2023 plus daily reflections.  
**The Catholic Leader** - Christmas Edition - \$4  
 December edition still available - \$4 (Gerard is on the cover!)

**Care & Concern Thank You:** A very big thank you to all who supported Care & Concern's Christmas lunch in support of St Vinnies on Saturday 3rd December and to our Committee members, those volunteers who assisted through service & provision of food, Rita & the Freedom choir, Julie, Jo, Fr Baiyi, Anne Mack & all those who made the day a great success.

A very big thank you also to our Committee members, Volunteers, Julie, Jo & Fr Baiyi for your wonderful support in 2022. Wishing you and your families a very happy joy filled Christmas and New Year.


Many thanks & God Bless you all. *Lynn*

**Those who have died:** Li Shaofang (Fr Baiyi's aunt), Matthew Arnold, Rachel McCrow, Alan Dare, Kay Topping, Clyde Spearitt, Gerard Gillen, Graham Swan, Mary Joseph

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Joan Marrinan, Jennifer Ann Lee, Paul Young, Ronald Connors, Kathleen Murray, Daniel Lourigan, John Mackintosh, Anne Praske, Fr Tom Concannon, Ludlow Pettiford, Angelina Cho, Anthony Winter, Thomas Power, Colin Simpson, Eileen Naughton, Gai Hocking, Francis Waters, Ken Evans, Jesse Nicholson, Kane Thorpe, John 'Jack' Elliott, Violet Williams, Trish Pareezer, William Mahony, Patrick Clarke, Greta Van Bekkum, Colleen Watt, Michael Sullivan, Isabel McCarthy, John Carvel, Richard Smith, Patrick Kelly, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan.

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:**  
 Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Ray Kelley, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Margaret Woltmann, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, 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:

As the new year dawns, let us begin this year with a prayer.

### The Year Ahead

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart;  
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most,  
and by making us anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

- Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney

### The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled,  
When the star-topped tree is taken down,  
When family and friends are gone home,  
When we are back to our schedules  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To welcome the refugee,  
To heal a broken planet,  
To feed the hungry,  
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,  
To share our gifts,  
To seek justice and peace for all people,  
To bring Christ's light to the world.

- by Michael Dougherty, a variation on Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled' <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/new-years-prayers>

Faith Enrichment Ministry

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Youth will be taking a short break over the Christmas holidays, but we will be back on 4th and 5th February for young adults and high schoolers!

Happy New Year everyone! Have a safe and happy holidays!  
*God Bless, Chloe*

St Peter's has 2 youth groups: One for High School students and one for young adults aged 18 to 35 and both groups meet fortnightly for a variety of activities. Contact Chloe if you are interested in more information about Rochedale Youth.



### 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: 7th & 8th January	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Brisha Jesuthasan	Sam Chamberlain	Ryan Lin
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Marissa Boyles	C. Alan Vigor 1. Feba Baji 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Raylee Burns 1. Bob Burns 2. Cecilia Lai
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jo Cullen Carl de Mello Joyce Lyster	Julie Hondroudakis Anne Scanlon Joan D'Netto	Anne Fry Cesarina Gigante Megan Carroll
Musicians	Ihsan Laksmana	Lydia Chew	Rita Bishop
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After all three Masses this weekend - volunteers needed!			
This week 1st -7th January:		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	Counting: Mike'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](mailto: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 [sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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

## Wishing all in our Parish Family a Happy & Healthy 2023

**Thank you** to all lay ministers who supported the Christmas Masses. I know it is an honour and privilege to be a minister at St Peter's but I can't thank you enough for making our Christmas Masses so reverent and successful. I am extremely grateful for your support and patience throughout the year.

**Rosters** for those who Minister at weekend Masses for January to March have been emailed so please check your inbox. Thank you to all ministers for all you do for our parish family. If there is anyone who is interested in joining one of our Ministry groups, please contact me. *Jo Cullen, Lay Ministry Co-ordinator*

**St Peter's Coffee Get Together:** Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 9th January at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South



## St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands October 2023:

If you would like to join us or to receive more information, please contact **Stephanie Lenihan** at [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) or mobile: 0413 268 860. Numbers need to be finalised soon so please contact Stephanie asap.

## Make and offer on items in the LOST PROPERTY BOX

The items in the Lost Property Box in the church are up **FOR SALE**.

The proceeds will be given to St Vinnies.

No reasonable offer refused. Please check out the mutiple umbrellas and water bottles now for sale when next you are at the church.

There are also **multiple platters and containers** in the Parish Centre kitchen left from various functions.

Please check and collect any that belong to you.

**House-sitting:** Would you like your home, garden and pet minded while you are away? A parishioner's family is coming to Brisbane from 6th/7th January to 27th/28th January and would love to stay in a home in our parish area. Please call Carmel on 0431375065.

## Around the Archdiocese

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