

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."

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

20th August 2023

Readings: Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

Right and Wrong?

A few years ago, I read the issue of who is right and wrong in situations of conflict between two people, two nations, two ideologies and indeed in our families and workspaces. It said that real conflict did not exist between right and wrong or between truth and untruth but between right and right and between truth and truth. It further said that the art of reaching an agreement is not by proving one's own point of view and who is right or wrong but by reaching an understanding of the issue without getting into endless arguments and sometimes by even agreeing to disagree. We find one of the most interesting events in the Gospel today, where a situation of conflict or contradiction is resolved through mutual dialogue between two individuals who are both ready to give in a little to accommodate the other person's point of view. And one of the two actors in this conflict situation, giving us lessons in managing conversations and dialogue, is none other than Jesus Himself, who is regarded as a perfect Communicator by a Church document on Communication.

In this passage Jesus, who is otherwise always the first to reach out to people in need, seems to come up with a rather bizarre reasoning, appearing even to put her down in the process. He tells her that he is sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. While some would argue that Jesus is making discriminatory remarks against the woman's origin and upbringing, by citing in some way the superiority of Israelites vis-à-vis the Canaanites, the argument by no means can stand scrutiny.

What Jesus offers us in the Gospel today are important lessons in conflict resolution through a process of dialogue by understanding the other even when there is initially a resistance to it. The first step in this dialogue is to recognize the truth and the identity of both parties. By asserting His own identity and that of the woman, Jesus sets clear boundaries from which to converse, operate and then move forward. What appears to be resistance to the woman's request is only leading her to what is clearly in Jesus' mind. He wishes to bring healing to her daughter also to praise her unshakable faith, such as is not found even among the Israelites.

The second lesson in conflict resolution that Jesus shows the crowds and us is how to concede a little ground each time and to make progress in a difficult situation when we seem to be going nowhere in an argument. Jesus could have stood His ground and could have even added other issues in His arguments to put His point forward. This is how most of us do even today in our modern society while discussing or debating issues with people or with the poor or the underprivileged. Though at first Jesus compares His cure to the food from the table not being for dogs, He immediately shows how not to keep persisting with a one-point agenda. Jesus shows utmost openness to the retort of the woman, almost giving the impression of losing the argument and in fact, loses it eventually by giving in to the woman's demand. This incident is one supreme lesson that Jesus offers all of us in the art of communication and dialogue.

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In our parish this week: August 2023

Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26	Sunday 27
St Pius X 8.00am Mass	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00am Mass led by the schoolchildren 4.30pm SVDP Meeting 7.00pm Mass	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	St Bartholomew No Mass <i>NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursdays</i>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Family School Mass 10.30am Baptism 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am on Wednesday 6th September at 120 Kate Court, Rochedale (Rochedale Estates). **Please note the change of day and venue.**



St Teresa of Calcutta Novena: Please join us for 8am Mass Monday 28th August. The Missionary of Charity Sisters will be with us for the 5th Day of the Novena and we will recite the Novena prayer for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, their founder, during Mass.

Children's Liturgy: We are looking for some people to help on Sundays with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Mass. Training and resources are easy and we will provide this.

Parish Dinner: Saturday 2nd September from 7.15pm at Club Southside. **Living in Faith Together:** this is a great night to get to know each other from the different Masses in our parish. A night of fun filled friendship. Tickets are \$50 per person and include 2 course meal. Free lucky door prize. Tickets on sale after Mass. Please book as early as possible. Numbers must be finalised and payments made by 25th August.



Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:

After 5 years of dedicated service to our parish in the role, Josephine Cullen has accepted a position elsewhere. We wish Jo all the very best in her new adventure and thank her for all of her tireless efforts to build up our Lay Ministry Groups. Anyone who would like more information on applying for the role, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Thank you to those who have already made generous donations to help with the cost of these purchases for the parish. To date we have received \$770 in donations. Wonderful!

Those who have died: P.J.Paul (*Rani's father*), Lawrie Kelley

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

John Kennedy, Alma Minton, Milja Atanovic, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Joan Routledge, Seseinando 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, Gloria Simpson, Lena Quinn, Lynlie Warbrooke, Fay O'Brien, James Bonwick, Shirley Colhoun, Celestine Ellison.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Sandra MacDonald, 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, 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.

Readings for next weekend:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

Annual Catholic Campaign: This weekend 19 - 20 August:

We all play a vital part in supporting the critical, local Catholic ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign. Thank you! This one annual collection replaces multiple collections in the past. This campaign supports **The Priests Foundation** looking after our retired priests, the **Holy Spirit Seminary**, **Centacare Pastoral Ministries** and the **Mary MacKillop Learning Fund** and some smaller grassroots projects. Please give generously.



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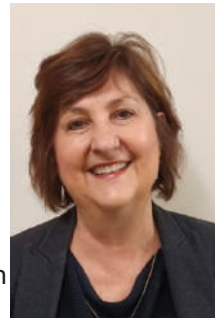


Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



BIG Thank you – I would sincerely like to thank my church family for the wonderful support and dedication you have all given to myself and the parish over the years. It has taken time to build the ministries and I have worked with many different people but I know the next person in my role will be a huge support to the Ministry Leaders as they have been for me. I will still be around the parish and involved in some way or another.



I have been blessed with an opportunity to work with Catholic Mission which will help me to grow my faith as well as being able to reach out and live my faith in the true mission of God. If you are ever in town please come and visit me for a cuppa.

Josephine Cullen



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♥ **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.

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

Youth Led Mass: This Sunday 20th August 9am Mass. All youth and young adults are encouraged to come along and join in. Children's Liturgy will not be held this Sunday so everyone can join in the Youth Led Mass.

Young Adults - Q&A with Fr Johny after the Youth Mass



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.

FAITH MATTERS: The Assumption

'In a very real sense, the doctrine of the assumption of Mary celebrates the destiny that all the faithful will experience—that is, an existence of risen glory. Mary shared in the destiny of the risen Christ, just as we all will. But, by virtue of her special role in the history of salvation, Mary experienced the fullness of the risen life immediately upon the conclusion of her earthly existence.' 1.

Mary: Prayer at the Assumption

She lies as if she were at rest and slips away at last from all the pain and loneliness,
 From all the simple joys and cares of Nazareth, Into the glory now. The Angel comes again to call her home.
 The simple hidden lady unfolds at last the splendour she had hidden for so long as if the Spring had come,
 As if she were a daffodil. Arise my love, my beautiful one and come. *Sr Veronica Brady ivbm 2.*

Pope Francis invites us:

'Let us be attracted by true beauty, and not be drawn in by the petty things of life, but let us choose the greatness of heaven. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, gate of heaven, help us to look with confidence and joy every day towards the place where our true home is, where she is, and where she our mother awaits us.' 3.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

1. *The Word Among Us: The Assumption of Mary Mitch Finley*
2. *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jamberoo Abbey 2021*
3. *Pope Francis Homilies Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15.08.13 Castel Gandolfo*
4. *More about Sr Veronica Brady ivbm – Loreto Farewells Their 'Larrikin Angel'.*

Roster: 26th & 27th Aug	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. David Crowley 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Del Reynolds 1. Eric Quan 2. Shenelle Nelson	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jo Cullen Shelagh Ballment Sharon Fong	Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor Julie Hondroudakis Jo Cullen & Joan D'Netto	Vickie Routledge Jo Cullen Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Rita Bishop	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 evening Masses during winter.			
This week 20th - 26th August		Sacristan: Prashanti Selvarathnam	Counting: Marcos' 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



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)

Next WOW gathering will be on Wednesday 30th August 10am in the Parish Centre for BINGO! Mark this in your diaries. Open to all those over 65. Bring a friend.

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.** Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

The Parish Office: Will be closed on Thursdays.

Flowers to decorate the church: If any individuals or families would like to donate flowers to decorate the church especially for weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office. One or 2 bunches of flowers please, would be lovely each week. If you would like, we can specially remember your family or loved ones in prayer during the Mass.



Columban Calendars for 2024 have arrived. You can purchase your copy from the SVDP Piety Stall for \$10.

Around the Archdiocese

Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Social Justice Statement Launch 2023: The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday, 23rd August at 7pm. Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo
RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023

Information Session on Marriage Annulments:

There will be an information session on marriage annulments in the Catholic Church, given by staff of the Regional Tribunal for Queensland. What is an annulment? Who needs one? What's involved? FAQ's answered and the chance to have your own questions answered.

Tuesday 22 August 2023, Mary Immaculate Hall, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley (parking adjacent), 7:45pm.

Enquiries to tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3033.

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Calling all Singers: Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be part of a massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral on Friday 29 September at 5:30pm as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane. Archbishop Mark will preside at this special Mass which will be attended by bishops, clergy, religious and lay conference delegates from around the country. Please complete the registration form at <https://lbsurvey.weebly.com/conference-cho-risters.html> where you will be able to download the list of music tracks. For enquiries phone Liturgy Brisbane on 3324 3321.

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