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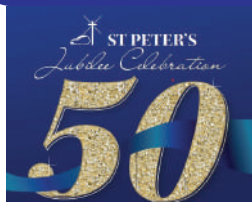


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MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

22nd September 2024

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

'Our Faith?'

Our faith can be understood as a cycle. We can think of at least four major stages in this cycle of Christian faith. **Faith Received:** We are Christians because someone shared with us their faith. Perhaps, most of us were born in a Christian family, and our parents shared their faith with us during our early years of life. They brought us up as good Christians. The impact of the parish church and the parishioners contributed a lot to it.

Faith Personalised: We remain Christians because we see that Christianity offers us the possibility to quench our inner thirst; it has the possibility to satisfy our spiritual quest. But we really become Christians when we can personalise the faith that we have received.

Faith Witnessed: We personalise it through our ongoing experience of God in the person of Jesus, and we live that faith – we witness. We are all called to be true witnesses of our faith by serving our neighbour. **Faith Proclaimed:** St Paul says, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel". Proclamation is simply being able to share with others how Christian faith has given me hope and inviting them to find that same sense of hope. We proclaim our faith so that someone else can receive it, and the cycle of Christian faith continues.

In a bustling city, there lived a wealthy merchant who prided himself on his riches and success. One day, he encountered an old poor man who quietly swept the streets every morning. Curious, the merchant asked, "Why do you serve others when you have so little?" The old man smiled and replied, "True greatness is not found in wealth or power, but in serving others with a humble heart. Each time when I help others, I grow richer in ways money cannot buy." Over time, the merchant noticed the old man was well-loved by the community and respected for his kindness. Eventually, the merchant realized that despite his wealth, it was the old man who was truly great in the eyes of the people and God. Greatness is to be found in littleness, in humility, in simplicity – all symbolised by the smallness and innocence of a child. Where there is wrangling, and where there is jealousy and ambition we are called by Jesus to return to the littleness and simplicity of children – children who are so open to God, to the working of His Spirit, to the hearing of His voice – and to move away from the cynicism and competitiveness, the self-focussed ambition, that comes with thinking that we are in charge. This is the key to greatness; this is the key to being great in the eyes of God.

Let us pray that the Spirit will unify us, make us of one heart in the service of God and one another. Let us pray that the Spirit will heal the wounds of division, self-centredness and unholy ambition, and keep us rightly focussed on God's will and plan. Let us be peacemakers, so that by the peace that dwells here, in the Church, in our community, and that begins in our hearts, others will come to know the truth of the Gospel, will desire to embrace it, and will reap its rich rewards in lives of joy and holiness.


Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: September 2024

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28	Sunday 29
St Pius of Pietrelcina 8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting	10.00am-12.00pm WOW Seniors' Ministry gathering 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed 6.30pm Care & Concern meeting	St Vincent de Paul 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Migrant & Refugee Sunday 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):

Our September WOW will be a Book & plant swap, Faith Video clip and discussion on Wednesday 25th September 10am to 12 noon. Bring your plant cuttings or potted plants or books to swap or just join us for morning tea and raffles! RSVP by Mon 23rd Sept to the Parish Office or put your name on the list near the main doors of the church.



Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community.

Parish Pastoral Council: We welcome 3 new PPC members Belmira D'Souza, Conrad D'Netto & Hanson Pereira. We will commission them in the near future.

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.*

Donations for flowers to decorate the church are always welcome. Please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office

Marian Valley Retreat: We are organising 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. We have enough people interested so we will hire a bus so that we can travel together. We need to finalise numbers so that we can book the appropriate sized bus. Please indicate your interest on the form near the main doors in the church.

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 7th October TBC.** All are welcome to come

Readings for next weekend:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Sunday 27th October 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Simon Peter Centre (St Peter's School hall) Cost:\$45 (includes morning tea and a free glass of champagne/orange juice on arrival). Drinks available for purchase on the day. Join us for a morning of support and fundraising for The Breast Cancer Foundation. Your participation will make a difference. Event Highlights: Morning tea, fashion show, raffles, auctions. To reserve your spot please text Carmel on 0417 213 702. Invite your friends and let's see a sea of pink.

News From Our Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

As a result of the fundraising activities of the 2024 Spring Music Festival held in the school's Simon Peter Centre recently (which included the raffle tickets sold on our veranda a few weeks ago), Vinnies has received \$2429.00. This will go towards our continuing work with those in need of urgent assistance in our local area of Rochedale, Rochedale South, Springwood and Underwood. Congratulations to all raffle winners!! They have been notified of their success. A huge thanks to all those who contributed by buying raffle tickets, making a donation and by helping with ticket selling and BBQ assistance on the day. Rochedale St Vincent de Paul are so grateful to have this wonderful contribution and opportunity at this event. Thank you!!

Over the last 4 weeks, our Rochedale Vinnies has given over \$2750.00 worth of emergency assistance to 50 people, including 29 children. This included \$1920 worth of food vouchers, \$657 help with emergency accommodation and medicines (all financed through our fundraising), and \$160 worth of food items generously donated by our Parishioners. Donation of more food items into the wooden baskets to the left-hand side of the sanctuary (near the candle stand) would be very welcome.

RCIA: Please continue to pray for RCIA Catechumens Janelle Luchetti, Jim Wright and Yvette Kim as they begin formal preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Those who have died: Pat Gray, Nat Faranso, Jelmana

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Elizabeth Severein, Roy Boyland, Dorothy Jackson, Wilfred Howell, Marilyn Croft, Ricquard Lyster, Ann Ryan, Gus Mitchell, Walter Blattman, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara, Barbara Gleeson, Joan Jebamalai, Bernard Bevan, Ante "Tony" Bekavac, Mary Cecilia Taurino, William Howard, Cecilia Carlton, Louisa Swan, Melville Donohue, Mary Josephine Lynch, George Grundy, Mostyn Morgan, Dorothy Wright, Robert Smith, Ian Derbyshire, Margaret Homas, Don Dewar..

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Nic Bakker, Ian Forno, Robert Cussans, 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: St Matthew, the Apostle.

St. Matthew the Apostle, also known as Levi, was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ and traditionally regarded as the author of the first Gospel in the New Testament. Before becoming a disciple, Matthew worked as a tax collector in Capernaum, a profession viewed with disdain and hatred by many Jews for its association with Roman oppression and corruption. His calling by Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (9:9-13), (where Jesus is criticised for taking a meal with him and other “sinners”) demonstrates the inclusive nature of Christ’s ministry, welcoming even those seen as sinners.

Matthew’s Gospel emphasizes Jesus as the Messiah and is particularly geared towards a Jewish audience. It presents Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and highlights his teachings, such as the Sermon on the Mount. The Gospel also reflects Matthew’s interest in the church and community, making it a significant text for early Jewish / Christian congregations.

According to tradition, after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, Matthew preached the Gospel in Judea before traveling to other parts of the world, possibly including Ethiopia and Persia. While the details of his later life and martyrdom are uncertain, St. Matthew is venerated as a saint and his feast day is celebrated on 21st September.

We pray, that whatever our status in life or however we may have fallen short of God’s plan for us, we may, like St Matthew, answer the call of Jesus and respond to his reconciling love by actively supporting Christ’s body the Church and serving the Community, witnessing to Christ’s love by the way we live.

St Peter’s 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: 28th & 29th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Chris Jesuthasan	Francis Yoo	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Callista Jesuthasan	Eric Quan	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Neil Ballment 2. Pat Bransdon	C. Alina Jacob 1. Pauline Angus 2. Lauren Cocks	C. Bob Burns 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Laly Chackoo	Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Fion Fiji Deseree Quan Shilgy Mathew	Anne Fry Sharon Fong Megan Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ihsan Laksmana	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty De Jesus and John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No Cuppa			
This week 22nd-28th September		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	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: 0403 051 103

♥ 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

How to Leave a Legacy that makes a Difference Forever!

Thanks to one of our generous parishioners, the **St Peter's Rochedale Family endowment fund** has been established and will permanently be invested for growth and the principal will never be spent down. Each year the fund distributes 5% of the balance back to the Parish. As the fund matures over time, through investment growth and donations, the distributions increase and become a steady stream of annual income for the good works of our Parish.

Please consider making a gift to our parish endowment. You can put an extra cheque marked "endowment" into your giving envelope or put your donation into a plain envelope marked "endowment".

This is a way for parishioners, who believe in sharing their gifts and reaching out to others, to leave a legacy of care and support far beyond their lifetime. I hope that each of you will prayerfully consider a gift today or name the St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund in your Will as a special offering to the Rochedale Parish Community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity. Please pray that our parish perpetual fund grows like the loaves and fishes!

Entertainment Memberships: Special Offer available till 11.59am on Monday 30th September: Receive a Bonus \$40 Visa eGift Card with a Multi-City Membership or a \$20 Visa eGift Card with a Single City Membership!

Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Date Claimer: Logan Deanery Christmas Carols Friday 22nd November 5.30pm to 9pm at St Edward's Daisy Hill.

Around the Archdiocese

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Those couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends, the annual Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at The Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday the 28th of September at 11:30am.

RSVP by Wednesday 25th September to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3030

SYNOD24 The two-day session on 6th & 7th September brought about 140 voices of Brisbane archdiocese together at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Every action examined at the synod cleared the two-thirds majority required for endorsement, with one action re-written with broader language before it was ultimately endorsed. The actions spanned topics like mission in the digital environment, how the power of governance should be supported by the laity, dialoguing with survivors of sexual abuse and reconciliation. The synod will reconvene in October for another two-day session to examine other decrees of the Plenary Council.

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

Faith Foundations Short Course for Parish: If you've wondered, What's next? Or are looking for new ways to share, experience and learn about your faith with others - this is your chance to dip a toe in the water. This online course features six live, fortnightly workshops with interactive discussions - all from home. Suitable for both newcomers and those advancing their education journey, it includes contemporary teaching, lively discussions, and optional personal reading and videos to deepen your Bible understanding. The course caters to various learning levels, exploring the Bible's key themes and divine inspiration. It aims to enhance your personal faith and can be applied in parish or ministry settings. *You may also pursue the 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology with assessment from the Institute of Faith Education (National Provider No. 31402).* Contact us to enrol! Phone: 07 3324 3485 Visit: ife.qld.edu.au/parish Email: ife@bne.catholic.net.au


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