

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."



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

22nd October 2023

Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-214

Hearts on fire, feet on the move (Mission Sunday)

For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples to Emmaus: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world.

1. Our hearts burned within us "when he explained the Scriptures to us". In missionary activity, the word of God illumines and transforms hearts. Today, the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples and walks beside them, particularly when they feel disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them and seeks to overwhelm them. So, "let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of hope!". The Lord is greater than all our problems, above all if we encounter them in our mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world.

2. Our eyes were "opened and recognized him" in the breaking of the bread. Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission. When they gathered around the table, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him when he broke the bread. The decisive element that opened the eyes of the disciples was the sequence of actions performed by Jesus: he took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them. Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for now he has entered the hearts of the disciples, to make them burn all the more, and this prompts them to set out immediately to share with everyone their unique experience of meeting the Risen Lord. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, one who breaks the bread and is broken bread for the world.

3. Our feet set out on the way, with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. This setting out to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord, demonstrates that "the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus. With Jesus, joy is always born and reborn". One cannot truly encounter the risen Jesus without being set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about him. Therefore, the primary resource of the mission are those persons who have come to know the Risen Christ in the Scriptures and in the Eucharist.

So, let us set out, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity.

Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ's missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us!

Pope FRANCIS

Edited & Adapted by Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: October 2023

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28	Sunday 29
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting 6.30pm C&C Meeting	10.30am Funeral of Brian Hamilton 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	Sts Simon & Jude 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Parish School Family Mass 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Memories of St Peter's: In the lead up to our 50th Anniversary next year, we would love parishioners to jot down their significant memories of parish life and send them in to the Parish Office. Some may be used in the newsletter as has happened in recent weeks. Others 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.

Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:

We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. For more information or to apply for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

Date Claimer: All Souls Memorial Mass 7pm on Thursday 2nd November including a **special blessing at the Columbarium**. Please come along to remember all those who have gone before us, especially those who have died during the past 12 months.

Readings for next weekend:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thesalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

RCIA: Sharing Our Faith – Saturday 21 October 9.30-11.30 am

St Peter's parish has shared our Catholic faith and welcomed those who are seeking to enrich their faith lives for as long as we have been a parish. In November we will welcome Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen to share their faith lives in our community. Jessie and Ken have undertaken their journey of faith with us. They have come to belong to our church family.

How might you share our faith with others as part of our church and parish mission?

The Logan Deanery RCIA Formation morning will be held at St Peters in the Parish Centre this Saturday 21st October 9.30am to 11.30am. The facilitators will be Evangelization Brisbane. Please consider coming to hear how we can enrich the faith lives those seeking, as we have, to 'belong to the household of Christ'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend 21st & 22nd October



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

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This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Those who have died: Brian Hamilton, Cyril Michael D'Silva (*Shane's father*), Isabelle Mosteart (*Eliane Besson's daughter*), John Cussans (*Dawn Evans' brother*), Joan Routledge, Bill Meulman (*Rob's brother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Michael Galea, Alfons Meerwald, Friedel Meerwald, Agnes Lovett, Henry Lovett, Ricardo Grimalt, Doreen Jensen, Jerome Taylor, Douglas Legge, Coleen Hales, Michael Hales, Evelyn Daly, Eva Dempsey.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, 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, 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.



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FAITH MATTERS: THE BENEFITS OF MEDITATIVE PRAYER

I see meditative prayer as placing myself in a state of mind where I relax and just ponder things like God's loving, caring, forgiving nature; his many gifts to me; his complex and glorious creation containing so much beauty and wonder; my own weakness and inconsistency in responding to him and to others around me; and so on—I choose a topic and think about it in depth, recognising the presence of God in it all. God tells us that he wants our hearts above all else, because when he has our hearts, he can move us in the direction he wants us to grow. The Spirit Life is not so much about "doing the right thing" as about learning to know God's heart for us, for others, and for the beautiful creation he gave us as a tangible sign of his love for us.

When we recognise God's heart in things, we are more inclined to fall in love with his ways, and to orient our lives in his love, thereby truly becoming Children of God. We are no longer "trying for perfection on our own" (as St Paul says), but we know our need for God in all circumstances of our lives, and are then carried along by the river of his grace, constantly touching the river bank of the natural world around us such that we bring God's life to it all in a way that we could never do in our own wisdom and strength. God is free to work in us and through us in the way that he knows is most effective.

It is a gradual process, tending to be very slow at first, but building in momentum as we learn to yield more and more of the different facets of our lives to his grace. God's aim is to build sure foundations in every aspect of our lives, so we must be patient, trusting that when we ask him to make us over into the person he always meant us to be, he gets to work straight away and never gives up. He is completely faithful, even if we are not, and it is one of our most basic tasks to hold fast to the belief that he will not give up until he has accomplished all he desires in us. His plans for us are "for good, not for evil" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Pondering the things of God quietly, without rushing or thinking what we need to get done next, allows us to open up to the Creator who loves us beyond human love, and gives him an opportunity to lift our minds to his level, drawing us ever closer to him in joy, peace and sure-groundedness. There is so much to look forward to!

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

Primary School Youth gathering: Sunday 5th Nov 10am to 10.30am (after 9am Mass). Parents can enjoy a cuppa on the verandah while Rosie leads the children in some faith based activities. All primary school students welcome.



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 Oct	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Baji Itteera	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Calista Jesuthansan	Jonathan Vigor	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Sharon Fong	C. Pauline Angus 1. School - Child or teacher 2. School - Child or teacher	C. David Roati 1. Bob Burns 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Joseph Varkey Carl de Mello	Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor, Deseree Quan Julie Hondroudakis Kathleen Crawford	Anne Fry Cesarina Gigante Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter & Jackie Leena.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No Cuppa (5th Sunday of the Month)			
This week 22nd - 28th Oct.		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: 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

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Sunday 29th October 10.30am to 1.00pm in the Simon Peter Centre (St Peter's School hall) Cost:\$40 (includes a free glass of champagne /orange juice on arrival). Join us for a morning of support and fundraising for The Breast Cancer Foundation.
Event Highlights: Morning tea, fashion show, raffles.
To reserve your spot please text Carmel on 0417 213 702.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together:

Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held on **Wednesday** 1st November at 10.00am at the **Flying Pepper Cafe**, 120 Kate Court, Rochedale



Date Claimer: 'CHRISTMAS BRUNCH' hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 1pm. Tickets \$15. Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship, ALL WELCOME! Carols sing-a-long, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. (Please be prepared with Cash). Please place your name and contact in the yellow folder at the back of the church. Contact Lynn for any queries on 0403051103. Payments to Julie at the Parish Office. RSVP: Monday 20/11/23

Safeguarding Training Date claimers: Safeguarding training must be renewed every 2 years. All ministers are invited to one of our training sessions in November: Saturday 11th Nov 10am or Monday 13th Nov 7pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

Around the Archdiocese

St Don Bosco's Relic Visit to Brisbane: The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!

Brisbane Program - 13th to 22nd October, 2023

Sat 21st - Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am and 1pm to 3pm

Sun 22nd - Marian Valley Shrine, Canungra - 9am to 6pm

Up to date information at www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com

A Morning's Prayer: Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team will host its final A Morning's Prayer Retreat for 2023 this month, with a focus on the road to sainthood and what God is calling us to in this lifetime. The 3-hour retreat will include personal prayer, meditation, input and fellowship, providing a revitalising opportunity to get away and spend some quality time with God before the end-of-year busyness begins.

Date: Saturday 28 October Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston) Cost: \$25

RSVP: Fri 27 Oct, register online at tinyurl.com/amorningspray-erect2023

Guided Men's Retreat: Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team is excited to host a three-day guided retreat for men this November: 'Awake, Attentive, Called'. The weekend-long retreat will provide opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, as well as time to explore the breathtaking grounds and outdoor meditation activities of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Participants will also get the chance to meet other men walking the faith journey and take part in occasional group discussions. Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

Dates: 6:00pm Fri 24 Nov to 12:00pm Sunday 26 November

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: Live in individual - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation);

live out individual - \$230 (includes morning teas, lunch and dinners)

RSVP: Mon 20 Nov, register online at

tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023

Entertainment Memberships: Support St Peter's Parish Fundraising and get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals at a huge number of dining, retail, tourism and accommodation businesses. **Special limited time offer:** From 6pm Thurs 26th Oct until 11.59am, Mon 6th Nov you will receive **25% off** the original price of your chosen Membership. St Peter's Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

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