

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."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43

23rd July 2023

"The Kingdom of heaven may be compared to man who sowed good seed in his field." Last week we also heard of a man going out to sow. Then we heard that not all the seed sown bear fruit. Now we hear that amongst the good seed some darnel, a weed similar in appearance to wheat, has also been sown. Last week's parable was about hearing and understanding the Word of God that has been sown in us, and the things that block us from hearing, and that can stop us from doing anything about what we have heard and understood. Today's parable is about the problem of evil in our midst: "Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?" as the prophet Jeremiah put it. It can all be quite discouraging for those who listen and hear the word a call to a narrower way.

What comes out clearly from the parable is that there are two kinds of people in the world – the good and the evil. Our own experience in life confirms this reality: that every time someone wishes or tries to do some good, he or she encounters enormous difficulties. Believers and even non-believers alike always advise people to ignore the difficulties that crop up on the way to doing good and say they must keep going ahead. We are also told by these advisors, regardless of whether they are religious people or simply people of the world; that, when we keep making efforts, our attempts eventually will bear fruits and there is really no substitute for hard work.

In the Bible, the existence of all types of evil are rampant. All the sins and problems the society face today are clearly dealt with various examples in the Bible. Just as Eve was tempted by the devil, so was Jesus tempted in the desert and therefore we too are bound to be tempted in everything we do. Today's parable reiterates that very theme, that is the evil one is always at work, particularly when we try to proclaim the Good News.

One important lesson to learn from the parable is not to waste too much time fighting the devil each time he intervenes in our good deeds. Like the farmer who tells the slaves not to pluck the weeds immediately but to let them grow along with what, and in the end, they will be collected first and burnt up. We are advised to focus on the work of God's Kingdom and ignore the devil's work. He will be shown his place in the end by the angels of God. Or alternately, the fruit of our good work will be so clear that the bad will be automatically eliminated and defeated. It also means that we must rely on God's power to deal with the evil one. On our own we can hardly succeed. As Jesus has said elsewhere, "For men it is impossible, but for God everything is possible." And finally, recall the first verse of the First Reading today that says, "There is no God besides you who cares for all." As well as the words of Paul, "Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness."

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In our parish this week: July 2023

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29	Sunday 30
8.00am Mass	St James 8.00am Mass with school children	Sts Joachim & Anne 10.00am-12pm Christmas in July for seniors 5.30pm Crossroads 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass 7.30pm Baptismal Info Mtg	No Mass	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Gr 4 classes	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 10.30am Baptism 10.30am Primary School Youth Grp 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday:

Thank you to all those who contributed to the **Murri Ministry** collection last weekend. We raised over \$800 to help their important work in the Archdiocese.

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.** These are malicious messages. Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

Confirmation Preparation: The Rite of Enrolment for all those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this Saturday 22nd at the 6pm Mass and Sunday 23rd 9am Mass. The Confirmation Workshop will be held this Sunday 23rd July starting at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. All candidates are required to attend this workshop. Please keep all of these young people and their families in your prayers.

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.

Readings for next weekend:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1 Kings 3,5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52



Fr Baiyi's Installation Mass: All Parishioners are invited to attend the Mass of Installation of Fr Baiyi Gong as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield at 5pm Mass this Saturday 22 July 2023 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes, 4300 RSVP by phone to Jo 0419 733 878.

3rd World Day of Grandparents & The Elderly: This weekend we celebrate all the wonderful grandparents and seniors. This day commenced by Pope Francis back in 2021. Pope Francis writes: "The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. "Engage in conversations with your grandparents, for they possess a wealth of wisdom".

Date Claimer- Parish Dinner: 2nd September at Club Southside. \$50 per ticket. This is a great night to get to know each other from the different Masses in our parish. A night of fun filled friendship. Ticket includes 2 course meal. Free lucky door prize.



Introducing our new parish **Seniors** activity group. **Wise Owl Wednesdays!**

Open to all those aged over 65 in our community.

First Event: **Christmas in July - Wednesday 26th July 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre.**

No charge, however numbers are strictly limited. RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 24th July

School performance, Christmas Cake, Lucky door prizes, high tea, chat, Santa. Bring a pretty cup or favourite mug along



New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Fr Johny has purchased a new monstrance and a set of Nativity figures for our outside crib. The total cost is around \$1500. Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated to help with the cost to the parish for these items. Cash donations should be placed in a clearly labelled envelope in the weekend Mass collection or brought to the Parish Office. Electronic payments also welcome. Thank you for your generosity.



Those who have died: Audrey Parratt, Anna Alsters, Ernest Gehrke

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

John Coyer, Rev Fr John Mary Chin, Gregory Chin, Agatha Thien nee Chin, Paul Mah, Patrick Kelleher, May Winter, Jack Bates, May Winter, Jack Bates, Frank Denaro, John Manuel, Jim Marrinan, Ted Carter, Ken Thomas, Helena Kostecka, Mina Sartori, Norm Richards, Faber Armstrong, Bonnie Armstrong, Catherine Sullivan, Bridget Weeks, Philomena Joyce, Anne Bates, Bill Graham, Lester de Mello, Graham Bourke, Bill Bray, Yvonne Mesalic, Jean Lilburne.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Joyce Lyster, Kerry Creevey, 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, P.J. Paul, 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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♥ 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 alternate Sundays 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass. Next gathering next Sunday 30th July, then 13th August.

Young Adults - Lunch Sunday 6th August from 11.30am at Cafe 63 Springwood.

Youth Led Mass: Sunday 20th August 9am Mass.

There are a lot of containers left in the Parish Centre from Care and Concern functions and funerals. Could people please collect them this weekend?



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:

Celebrating 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' on 23 July 2023

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50)

The ABC feature program, 'Old People's Home for 4-Year Olds' recorded the touching and often humorous interactions between the older residents and the exuberant 4-year-olds. The program is a warm reflection of our shared wisdom and humanity across a lifetime.

We recall Luke's 1:39-56 gospel rendition of the visit of a very young Mary of Nazareth as she 'set out in haste' to visit her older 'cousin' Elizabeth. Both mothers-to-be, both in need of familial support, each entrusted with a life-changing role in the history and future of the Christian story.

Pope Francis reminds us of the close links and the life-giving dynamic between young people and the elderly. Such connections enrich our social, emotional, and spiritual lives.

"I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots.

From the elderly we receive the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!"

Luke 1:39-56

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Roster: 29th & 30th July	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Calista Jesuthansan	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. yndal Bray-Claridge	C. Pauline Angus 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Megan Philpott	C. David Roati 1. Anne Fry 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jo Cullen Joseph Varkey Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen, Alan Vigor Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Deseree Quan	Helen Graczyk Megan Carroll Volunteer
Musicians	Ihsan	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Tina Nguyen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No Cuppa after the evening Masses during winter.			
This week 23rd -29th July		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	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

Around the Archdiocese

Calling all grandparents! Join with Evangelisation Brisbane for a morning that celebrates your important role in shaping the faith of your grandchildren and children. **Grand Plans for Grandparents** is a time together created to acknowledge, equip and empower you in this special role. Discover fresh ways to engage with your grandchildren, sharing the gift of faith with renewed enthusiasm, and connect with fellow grandparents, share your experiences, and build a supportive community. Stay on for Mass at Cathedral at 11:30am where you'll receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact you have on your family's spiritual journey. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Reserve your spot today by registering here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>
When: This **Saturday 22 July, 9:15 - 11:15am** (followed by optional 11:30am Mass at the Cathedral)
Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$15

Prayer Retreat :Saturday 29th July 10am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St., Ormiston. Morning Tea \$20.00. Please contact Jo at the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

Women's Night of Spirituality will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 25 July in St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong. The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit? Entry by donation & supper provided. Please mark the date in your calendar. See further details on event flyer available on parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au. This event will be livestreamed on the night and the link will be available via parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au

College Open Days:

St James College: Taster Day Experiences Friday 28th July

Signs of Hope-People of Faith. Concerts with Peter Kearney - songwriter, singer, guitarist. Songs, stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world. Three venues:

1. THE GAP. Monday 31st July, 7.30pm in St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Hall.
2. BURLEIGH WATERS. Wednesday August 2nd, 7.00pm in Mary Mother of Mercy Church.
3. WAVELL HEIGHTS. Thursday August 3rd, 6.30pm in St Paschal's Catholic Church.

No set \$ admission. Donations welcome at interval. Peter's hymns and songs have been published in fifteen albums. His best-known compositions include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where is Your Song my Lord?'

Catholic Foundation Modules: These core modules are designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith.

Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion.

Module Two: Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures. Commencing 21st August 2023.

You do not need to have completed Module One in order to do Module Two. Each Module stands alone.

Time: 7-9pm Dates: 10 Monday nights: 21 Aug, 28 Aug, 4 Sep, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 13 Nov

Location: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo QLD 4014)

Cost: \$250pp | \$150pp for groups of 5 or more from the one faith community

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