

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."



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

24th March 2024

Readings: *Entrance into Jerusalem*: Mark 11:1-10
 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philipians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

The Holy Week (Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter)

Passion Sunday is that Sunday in which we tell the world that there was a man named Jesus of Nazareth, who stepped forward from the line, and took the assassin's bullet so his friends would not have to die. Why? Because He taught us these famous words "No greater love has a person than this, that he laid down his life for the other." That is what passion is. On this Sunday Christ is hailed as King. They sang aloud 'Hosana' and the whole Jerusalem stood still at the majestic entry of this King and the whole town trembled at the din of this royal procession.

As we move forward, we find that Jesus, foreseeing His painful journey, betrayal, goes to pray and asks His disciples to do the same. To His utter frustration He finds that they are all sleeping. Is it merely because their spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak or is it a kind of un-interest in prayer itself?

Holy Thursday: The important events of the day are, washing the feet of his disciples, institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the giving of the great commandment, "for I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." It was this care for the details in love that we see in the activities that Jesus did on Holy Thursday. The details of love include humbling oneself, sharing the meal and raising others to a higher status.

Good Friday: Today, we make a journey with Jesus through his suffering, crucifixion, and death. We meet a lot of people in this journey who travelled with the Lord both positively and negatively. We meet Pontius Pilate and the authorities who condemned the Lord to death, Judas who betrayed the Lord and Peter was bold enough to say that he did not know Jesus. We meet people who supported the Lord like; Simon who helped Jesus to carry the cross, Veronica who wiped the face of the Lord, the women of Jerusalem who showed sympathy to the Lord and Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea who did bury the body of the Lord. We also meet Mary our mother and many more women and disciples. God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise and what is weak in the world to confound the strong.

Easter: One of the great feasts of the Christian Faith is Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord. It is a guarantee for all of us that if we follow the commandment of the Lord, we all will be surely given the grace of eternal life. The empty tomb is God's way of saying to us, "Relax, my child, I took the sting, death can't hurt you anymore. You too can have eternal life."

Holy Week offers us a good opportunity to go through each of those incidents meditatively and put our own selves in those or similar situations. I am sure that they would help us a great deal to make a deeper commitment to the suffering Jesus and the Risen Lord. We need to travel with the Lord in this Holy Week as we are called to be real followers of Jesus Christ, who is hailed king, crucified, died and risen.

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In our parish this week: March 2024

Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30	Sunday 31
8.00am Mass 7.00pm Musicians & choir practice for Easter services	8.00am Mass with children	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Holy Thursday Parish Office closed 7.00pm Mass Adoration until 10pm	Good Friday 10.00am The Way of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord	Easter Saturday No Reconciliation today 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (NOTE: not the usual Saturday Mass time!)	Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass No evening Mass

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 24th March

Palm Cross Folding: Saturday morning 23rd March from 8.30am on the verandah in front of the Church. Please come along, even for a part of the time.

Procession with palms at 9am Mass Sunday 24th.

Musicians & choir practice for the Easter services Monday 25th March at 7pm.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 28th March Mass **7.00pm** followed by **Adoration** until 10pm. *(Please note this is Mass time is earlier than in previous years - formerly 7.30pm)*

Good Friday 29th March

10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Please come prepared to give to the Holy Land Collection at the 3pm Passion service on Good Friday

Easter Vigil Saturday 30th March Mass **7.00pm**

Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday 31st March Mass **9.00am** only

Volunteers needed for all Easter Masses, especially the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass. Please email the Parish Office if you can be involved.

RCIA update: Please keep Linh Huynh in your prayers as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Sunday morning.

Project Compassion 23 & 24 March

As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Those who have died: Claire Manuel, Peter Ribaldone, Phillip Thelan

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

May Neilsen, Len Torrens, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Mary Nicholl, Betty Settler, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Bill Crowley, John & Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Alice Chin, Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, 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.

Readings for next weekend:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Yr B)

Vigil Mass: Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

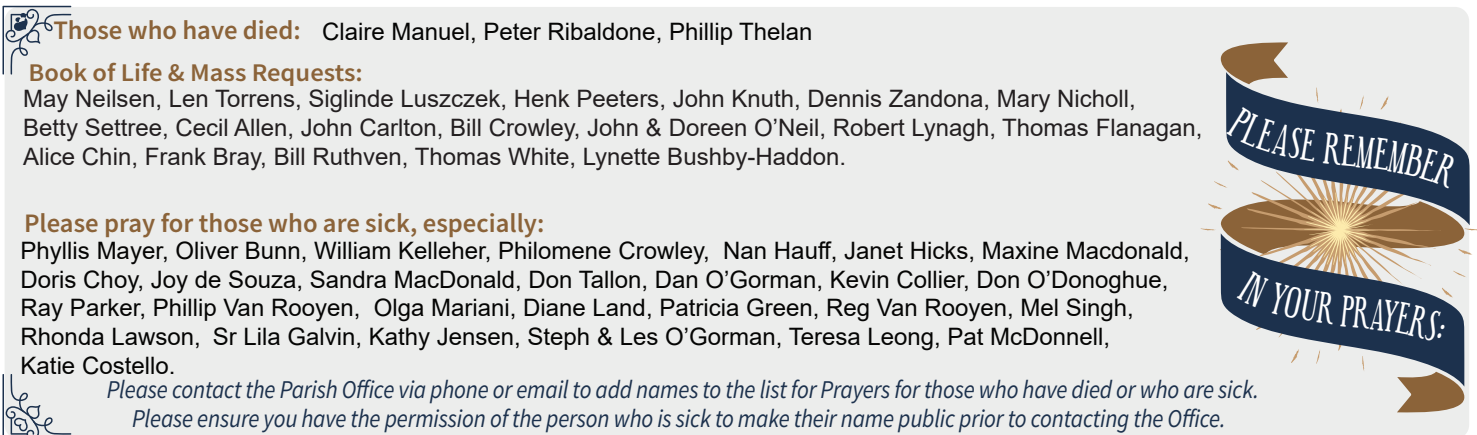
Sunday Mass: Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

New Lay Ministry Coordinator: We welcome Belmira D'Souza as our new Lay Ministry Coordinator. Belmira started with us on 4th March. Please make yourself known to Belmira at Mass and make her welcome. Belmira's email address is layministry.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. Ministry coordinators will have a chance to meet Belmira at morning tea this Saturday 23rd March 10.30am

Vinnies News: Our St Peter's Vinnies is active within the Parish and the suburbs of Rochedale, Rochedale South, Springwood and Underwood. We undertake charitable works and assist people and families with emergency assistance. Last year we gave out some \$44,800 and gave assistance 483 times. Our small group raises its own funds. At the moment, we are running an **Easter Raffle**, which will be drawn on Sunday night. Tickets can be purchased before and after each Mass this weekend, or you could make a donation at the Vinnies table on the verandah. We can take cash or card. Easter blessings to all.

Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.



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FAITH MATTERS: God's Idea of Love

I recently heard a long-term Christian acquaintance say that Jesus' call for us not to ask for things back when someone steals from us, and to "turn the other cheek", was a load of rubbish! He refused to accept these notions as reasonable. He wants to see 'justice' done.

My understanding is that it's all about Love. God's kind of Love, not our self-oriented human concept of what real love is. It's clearly not based on making sure we are not taken advantage of. Or on our standing in regard to the principle of 'justice'.

Was it 'just' from God's point of view that He should come into this world to pay the price for our efforts at self-determination? Was Jesus experiencing 'justice' when he was challenged, rebuked, vilified, rejected and brutally killed by the very people who claimed to represent God's nature and call in this world?

Perhaps it was because of a kind of love that involves great humility, and an over-arching desire to give those who are not following God's ways more opportunity to rethink their attitudes, and to turn back to the God of all that is good.

Acting without animosity, but with **generosity**, toward someone who wrongs us is more likely to make them stop and think, than if we retaliate. Retaliation is not only the typical response, but can also easily lead to an escalation of wrongs.

Does this mean we should never challenge wrongs done to us or others? I don't think so. But the desire to see everyone and everything brought into God's light and healing, is surely paramount. If our heart is truly for God, and for the spiritual well-being of our fellow human beings, then we can be assured of God's care for us, no matter what.

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: 30th & 31st Mar	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator			
AV Operator			
Readers	Special Roster for Easter	Special Roster for Easter	No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion			
Musicians			
Cleaning Group 2: Brian Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Tina Nguyen, Kathy Winter			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No cuppa next weekend - 5th Sunday of the month			
This week 25th -30th Mar.	Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha		Counting: Carl'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

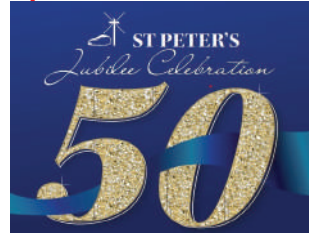
Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024
Please mark this date in your diaries!

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the history book. Submissions have now closed.

Plans for the big day:

- * Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton.
- * Followed by a light lunch in the Simon Peter Centre.
- * The lunch, provided by the Parish, will be catered.
- * We need to identify the number of people attending both the Mass and the lunch. Mass numbers will determine where we hold the Mass, either in the church or the Simon Peter Centre in the school grounds.

Lunch numbers are required for catering purposes.

A number of options for this purpose includes an Orange coloured book located at the front door of the church at Mass. A Trybooking site has been established for this event. To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWJP>
A QR code will also be operating for the formal invitations. We will keep you up to date via the weekly newsletter with our plans as they evolve.

Bob Burns

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Save the date:
Our April gathering for WOW will be on 24th April 10am

St Peter's Coffee Get-Together: Our next gathering will be on Easter Monday 1st April at 10.00am at "More" at Springwood Mall (near Woolworths). All are welcome. Come and join us.



Bible-sharing Group: We are offering the opportunity for anyone interested in a Bible-reading/sharing group to advise their interest and preferences to Alan Vigor as soon as possible: Mob: 0407 962 342, or email: nalarogiv.1@gmail.com. It would be a relaxed sharing-group, familiarising us with God's love for us, along with a chance to share prayer.

Grocery donations: Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.

Entertainment Memberships: You can purchase a 3, 12 or 24 month Entertainment Membership for Brisbane or for multiple cities. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

The Sacraments: Module 3 of the two year Catholic Formation Program, *The Sacraments*, is to commence on Monday 15th April. Once again St Declan's hall at Daisy Hill Parish will be the Hub for the Logan Deanery. Each of the four Modules is a stand-alone Module and so you do not have to have completed Modules 1 and 2 to do Module 3. There is a cost involved but please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

Guided Retreat - April: Find the presence of God at this week-end-long guided retreat at the beautiful Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. You will have the opportunity to encounter the person of Christ through the Sacraments, as well as opportunities for group discussion, input, personal prayer and reflection.
When: Friday 12 April 6 pm - Sunday 14 April 1 pm
Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
Find more information at <http://tinyurl.com/EBretreat0424>

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