

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH



Rochedale Springwood

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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."



PARISH PRIEST

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Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

25th February 2024

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Transfiguration of Jesus

Transfiguration is the occasion upon which Jesus Christ took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on a mountain, where Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzlingly bright. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor. The Transfiguration is also referenced in the Second Letter of Peter, where Peter's presence as an eyewitness to Christ's majesty is used to assure the readers that his message is true (1:16-18). The Transfiguration is understood to have been the revelation of the eternal glory of the second person of the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. The event can also be interpreted as an anticipatory Resurrection appearance, and the presence of the two prophets is often taken to signify Christ's fulfillment of the Mosaic Law and the prophecies of the Hebrew Bible.

One question that can immediately crop up in one's mind after reading the Transfiguration passage is why Jesus chose only Peter, James, and John to accompany Him to the high mountain to witness His Transfiguration, when He had a number of other apostles and disciples? The next question, even more important than the first, would be with regard to the need for such a Transfiguration before the three men; and finally, why, as they were coming down the mountain, were they told not to tell anyone about the incident until after Jesus had risen from the dead?

Jesus said to them in the same place "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him, and after three days He will rise." And again, we find, "But they did not understand what He meant and were afraid to ask Him about it." Things become even more complicated for the disciples when Jesus tells them that He will be delivered over into the hands of men who will kill Him. Killing? In such a situation the disciples need some astonishing event about Jesus to hold on to Him until, of course, the event of the resurrection. The Transfiguration is only a kind of a preview of the glory that the Son of Man will be bestowed with, sitting on the right hand of God.

We do not know how long the Transfiguration lasts; but here the question is not of days, hours, and minutes but of that indescribable experience which they can remember at the time of His suffering. And yet we find that, when Jesus does face trouble, the disciples all disappear. They get their courage back only after His resurrection when they are ready to sacrifice their lives. While resurrection confirms the truth of the claims made by Jesus about being the Son of God and that the Father and He are one, the Transfiguration is only a glimpse of His authenticity as coming from heaven.

It is important for us to remember that while our God is mighty and strong and capable of performing the impossible for us. He also allows suffering, pain, and persecution. He, Himself went to the extent of dying a shameful death. Transfiguration of the Lord is the guarantee for all our pains, sufferings if we face them with the true Christian Faith.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: February/March 2024

Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 01	Saturday 02	Sunday 03
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm SVDP meeting 7.30pm Baptismal Info Meeting	10.00am-12pm WOW 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary (please note the changed times) 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Third Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word. 6.00pm Mass

Friday Mass change this week: Fr Johny has a BCE conference to attend so our usual First Friday celebrations will be postponed to 8th March. This Friday 1st March, Mass will be at 8am, followed by rosary at 8.30am.

Logan Deanery Fun Day 1st Sept: 2 parish volunteers needed for the organising committee. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved.

Project Compassion 24 & 25 February

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training. Those ministers who must renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years include:

Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, Adult altar servers, Mass Coordinators, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Sacramental Program leaders, Care & Concern Visitation and transport volunteers, Home Communion & Nursing Home Communion Ministers, WOW Senior's Ministry & RCIA team, St Vinnies members, counters, Office admin, musicians & choir members.

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/>.

Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Readings for next weekend:

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

The Season of Lent

Friday Evenings: Reflective Prayer from 7pm and Stations of the Cross from 7.30pm. Please join us for this weekly hour of Prayer, Reflection and Memorial in the Parish Centre and church. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to run the weekly Reflection and Stations of the Cross.

Lenten book: A Resurrected Life - Daily reflections for Lent \$5

Lenten Second Rite of Reconciliation Monday 18th March 7pm



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)

This Wednesday 28th February 10am-12pm

Safety for Seniors(including scams) with guest speaker – Julie Campbell

Morning tea, raffles and Lucky door prize

Gold Coin donation, over 65's only, numbers are limited please RSVP the Parish Office by Monday 26th February on 3341 4421 or by email to stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet on the verandah during Mass times.

Our March gathering for WOW will be on Wednesday 20th March celebrating St. Patrick's day and all things green, come dressed up if you wish. Morning tea, raffles and lucky door prize.

Gardening Working Bees: Thank you very much to those who came along on Saturdays 17th & 24th February and to the others who came during the week. The weeds have been tamed for the moment and the gardens look neat and tidy again.

St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee: Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024 commencing with Mass at 10.30am with Bishop Tim Norton. Please mark this date in your diaries! We would love you to jot down your memories of St Peter's and hunt out any photos you may have of St Peter's parish life over the years. All 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 by the end of February. Many thanks.

Those who have died: Margaret Masters, Marie Foley, Kerr Richards, Darrell Lusk, Alf Garrone

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Brian Hallewell, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S. McNaughton, Joseph Bishop, Cyril Scott, Evelyne Orr, Gus 'Jnr' Mitchell, June Payne, Salvatore Russo, Andrew Neilsen, John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey, Eileen O'Doherty, Sr Agnes Rita, Harry Steinheuer, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

William Kelleher, Phillip Thelan, 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.



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FAITH MATTERS: Reflection on the Transfiguration

Today's Gospel relates the amazing transformation of the appearance of Jesus on a high mountain where Jesus had taken Peter, James, and John. What we call the Transfiguration not only involved the transformation of Jesus' appearance in the presence of Moses and Elijah, but also the very voice of God confirming Jesus as his Son and the command to "Listen to Him".

Even though he was terrified, Peter obviously experienced a great emotional high; a "Mountain Top Experience". Peter didn't seem to want to leave and suggested building three tents or shelters as holy places as if to prolong the amazing spiritual experience. This thought is interrupted by the Father God affirming Jesus as God's Son and commands them to listen to him.

They descend the mountain, and in Luke's version, at the bottom they find a man whose son needs healing from demon possession. There is work to do, blessings to give as Jesus heals the lad.

Perhaps we have experienced these high spiritual moments which we would like to prolong and linger in, whether in prayer, spiritual reflection or just in sheer joy and exhilaration. We must remember however that it is necessary to descend from our Mountain Top Experience and share the blessings to those below for there is Christ's work of making disciples, baptizing, and teaching to be done, as he has told us to do in the Great Commission (*Matthew 28 19-20*).

We Pray, that our lives may also be transformed so that we may bring the blessing of Christ to others.

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.

Kate Guy

Roster: 2nd & 3rd March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	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. Blanca Mastrangeli	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Shelagh Ballment Sharon Fong	Anne Scanlon Alan Vigor Julie Hondroudakis Deseree Quan Joan D'Netto	Vickie Routledge Helen Graczyk John Blake
Musicians	Roger & Family	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty De Jesus & John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Following the Saturday 6pm Mass 2nd March: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin & Mike Jarvis.			
This week 25th Feb -2nd Mar.		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	Counting: Marco'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

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>

Books for Sale from the Church or Parish Office:
Break Open the Word 2024 - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word at weekend Masses but is also great for anyone to better understand the Sunday readings.

St Peter's Coffee Get-Together: Our next gathering will be on **Monday 4th March** at 10.00am at "More" at Springwood Mall (near Woolworths). All are welcome. Come and join us.



The Catholic Leader: In 2024 The Catholic Leader has moved to an individual subscription distribution model. Readers will need to take out individual subscriptions and will receive the newspaper delivered to their door. A Yearly Subscription will be \$65. Subscription envelopes available on the table near the doors in the church where you will find the last copies of the Christmas edition.

Around the Archdiocese

Lent 2024 with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes: Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Catholic Mission: Prayer for Peace in Nigeria
 Loving God, We pray for peace and reconciliation in Nigeria, seeking hope amidst the despair. Grant strength to those who have lost family and friends, bringing comfort in their sorrow. Grant eternal rest to those whose lives have been lost due to violence and conflict. Hear the heartfelt prayers of those enduring instability, to those grappling with fear and uncertainty. Be their steadfast rock and shield. Give freely to your people the wisdom to navigate difficult times and to find a way forward. Give your people the courage to be peacemakers, and guide them toward peace. Amen.

Learn more about how you can help train seminarians in communities in need by visiting catholicmission.org.au/peace

Living Liturgy: Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents *Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*. Wednesday 13 March 2024 7:00pm – 8:45pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral) 60 minute presentation, 20 minute tea/coffee/chat, 20 minute Q&A
 \$10pp (or \$8pp for bookings of five people or more)
 For more information and to register, contact Liturgy Brisbane
 W: www.liturgybrisbane.net.au E: liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au
 P: 07 3324 331

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.

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