

# 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."

## Saints Peter & Paul (Parish Feast Day)

25th June 2023

Readings: Acts 12:1-11    2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18    Matthew 16:13-19 (Feast of Sts Peter & Paul)

## Weakness is our strength!

Hearty Festive Greetings to all as we celebrate our titular Feast. May St. Peter intercede for all of us.

The central theme of St. Peter's life is the encounter with Christ. He experienced a love that healed him and set him free. Peter, the fisherman from Galilee, was set free from his sense of inadequacy and his bitter experience of failure thanks to the unconditional love of Jesus. Although a skilled fisher, many times, he tasted the bitterness of frustration at having caught nothing and, seeing his empty nets, was tempted to pull up his oars. Even after saying that he was ready to give his life for Jesus, he denied the Master.

Jesus nonetheless loved Peter and was willing to take a risk on him. He encouraged Peter not to give up, to lower his nets once more, to walk on water, to find the strength to accept his own frailty, to follow him on the way of the cross, to give his life for his brothers and sisters, and to shepherd his flock. He gave him the courage. It was Peter whom Jesus called to strengthen his brothers in faith. He gave him the keys to an encounter with the Lord. Peter is important because he was the first Pope and kept the Church united while it was growing very rapidly after Pentecost. In the first years it was the Jewish people who accepted Jesus as the Saviour. So, Peter had very important tasks in the early Church.

It is a reminder to us that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others if we allow. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us; God can work through us, as he did with Peter. It is this love that reminds us that with God all things are possible. St. Peter exemplifies to us that even if we are different and even if we have disagreements, we can still live and work together in the Church and we can find reconciliation one to another through God's grace and love, that is, if we are willing.

In the Gospel today the Lord asks Peter, who do you say that I am?" Peter answers Him, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." The Lord then responds to him, "Flesh and blood have not revealed this to you but rather my Father who is in Heaven." Jesus did not judge him or humiliate him. Instead, he shared his life with affection and closeness. He supported him by his prayer, and even at times reproached him to make him change. To Peter, Jesus gently says: "I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail." (Lk 22:32).

St. Peter shows us that there is no easy Christian faith. Trials and temptations, the dark night of doubt, confusion, and uncertainty, are not just unfortunate accidents. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail. Peter was God's role model for humanity, a luminary who was known to all. Why was someone so unremarkable raised up as an exemplar by God and extolled by successive generations?

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

## In our parish this week: June / July 2023

Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 01	Sunday 02
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass  7.30pm Baptismal Information Meeting	St Irenaeus  6.30pm Adoration  7.00pm Mass	Sts Peter and Paul  No Mass  Gerard Lai's Ordination at St Stephen's Cathedral at 7pm	9.00am Rosary  9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation  6.00pm Vigil Mass	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  9.00am Mass 10.15-11.15am Primary School Youth Group Mtg. 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm High School Youth Group Meeting

### Parish Feast Day this weekend!

This weekend we will celebrate our **Parish Feast Day**, the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul, at all Masses.

Come along to celebrate with us.

Stay for cuppa & cake after the 9am Mass.

Cake also after the evening Masses.

Ministers of the Word, please note the readings for Mass are not those in *Break Open the Word*. Please check your inbox for the correct readings to practice for the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul.

**Peter's Pence Collection:** This weekend the annual **St Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up as a Retiring Collection **24 & 25 June** at all Masses. This collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give generously of what you can afford.



**Gerard's Ordination:** All Parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Gerard Lai at St Stephen's Cathedral, this Thursday 29th June at 7pm. Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to attend this inspiring ceremony. We have hired a bus which will leave St Peter's Parish at 5.45pm and return from the Cathedral at 9pm. The cost will be \$15 per person. Please put your money in an envelope marked Gerard Lai's ordination and give it to Fr Johny or Jo or bring it to the Parish Office. Many thanks. Please keep Gerard Lai, Minje Kim and Isaac Falzon in your prayers

**Those who have died:** Michael Sarich, Neville Capra, Maureen Flynn, John Donohue, Meryl Elliot Mitchell (*Raylee Burns' sister*), Kathy Seymour, Robert Fuchs

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** David J.E. Harris, Agnes Brady, Joe Harry Holden, James Toy, Valma Genn, Annie Kelleher, Thomas Crowe, Nell Irvine, Henry Bevan, Ruth Hayward, Lyn Coquerand, William Jones, Bill Scheele, Lorna Jean Feeney, Mary Orr, Alice Litster, Carmel Erin May, Daphne Laverty, Ada Maloney, Shirley Neilsen, Charles Seymour-Smith, Eileen Seymour-Smith, Charles Orr, Col Blackley, Robyn Smith, Rod Earle, Stuart Sarich, Gert Kelly, Judy Copely, Christine Burgess, Eileen Carter, Richard Murra, Bernard Vanden Boom, Horace Peters, Maud Winter, Richard Ryan, Paul Ray, Lillian Francis.

#### 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.

### Readings for next weekend:

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42

### OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

**Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th - 20th October 2023:**

For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or via email [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) asap.

Registrations must be submitted to Harvest Journeys **no later than 30th June.**



### Sacramental Program:

Congratulations to the 32 children who received Holy Communion for the



first time on 11th June at the 9am Mass on the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). It was a lovely celebration.

**Confirmation:** Last week, we began the process to bring a new group of children into the Sacramental Program. The Parent Information meeting was held on Monday night 19th June. If you have a child in Grade 3 or above who would like to begin preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Please keep all of these young people and their families in your prayers.

**Mass Ministers Roster:** Thank you to all who minister in any way at weekend Masses. An updated roster was emailed this week for July to September. Please check your inbox.

**Urgent:** A Catholic family in our parish is in need of **cheap housing locally** - contact the Parish Office if you can help.



### PARISH OFFICE

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#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

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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.**

**High School Youth Group** - Fortnightly on Sunday nights 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Fun, food, friendship....

**Primary School Youth Group** Sunday 2nd July 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass.

**Young Adults** - Next meeting date to be advised.



### 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: The Eucharist

Things Jesus did NOT say about the Eucharist

- This looks like my body.
- This represents my body
- This symbolises my body.

Flannery O'Connor was a devout Catholic and her faith was central to her life and work. In a letter she wrote in December of 1955, she recounted a dinner party where the topic of the Eucharist came up. She famously had this to say of the Eucharist: "Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it." She also said that the Eucharist "is the center of existence for me; all the rest of life is expendable."

Things Jesus DID say about the Eucharist

- "While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this IS my body.' (Mark 14:22)

- "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (John 6:56).

- "Then He took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.'" (Luke 22:19-20).

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'" (John 6:35).

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.'" (John 6:51)

*Faith Enrichment Ministry*

Roster: 1st & 2nd July	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Jo Cullen	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Julie Hondroudakis	Mike Collier
Readers	C. David Crowley 1. Sharon Fong 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Alan Vigor 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Eric Quan	C. Megan Carroll 1. David Roati 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Shelagh Ballment Carl de Mello Jo Cullen	Stephanie Lenihan Jo Cullen, Deseree Quan Julie Hondroudakis & Anne Scanlon	Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Roger and family	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty & Jo Cullen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :9am Mass Sunday 2nd July: Peter Hondroudakis, Joan D'Netto, Sharita Lobo			
This week 25th June -1st July		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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

### OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

**Care & Concern: Transport:** 0450 287 902

♥ **Co-ordinator:** Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ **Memorial Wall & Gardens:**

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ **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](mailto: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:** 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 EOFY promotion** to celebrate Entertainment Publications 29th Birthday! Until 11:59 pm, this Friday June 2023 **get \$29 off all Memberships.** This means you could try a 3 month single city membership for only \$0.99 or a 3 month Multi City membership for only \$10.99! If you haven't tried the Entertainment Membership before this is a great offer to test it out! Of course you could also buy a 12 month or 24 month Single or Multi City membership! So many options! Get in quick for this great offer! **Fabulous for the school holidays.**

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

### 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: 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 RSVP: Monday 17 July

### Clairvaux MacKillop College



## 2023 College Tour

Please join us for a College Tour on

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

9.00am to 10.30am

This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Mentors; meet our Principal, Mr Wayne Chapman, and senior members of staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Additional Tour Date: Wednesday 6th September 9am to 10.30am



Please register online [www.cvmckl.edu.au](http://www.cvmckl.edu.au) via the Enrolments tab or telephone 3347 9275

*Great learning. Great teaching. Great people.*

**Celtic Winter Concerts:** It has been said that there are only 2 types of people in this world; the Irish and those who wish they were! If you are Irish, or would like to be, even for an afternoon, join the Queensland Irish Choir at one of our Celtic Winter Concerts and enjoy an afternoon of Irish and Celtic songs and music that will warm the cockles of your heart!

By popular demand, we are holding 2 concerts this Winter; the first 2 PM on Sunday, 23 July 2023 at the Cherside- Kedron Community Church at Kedron and the 2nd at St Thomas Catholic Primary School Hall at Camp Hill at 2 PM on Sunday, 30 July 2023. Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained on our website at <https://www.qldirish-choir.org.au/events>. We look forward to seeing you, to be sure!

**Are you looking for a grand home for your grand piano?** The Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane is needing to replace its grand piano and would be delighted to receive the donation of a pre-loved grand piano in good working condition. The Cathedral will commemorate its 150th anniversary this year and the piano will be a vital addition to its liturgical music celebrations. For more information please contact Raushen Perera, Senior Donor Relations Manager, The Catholic Foundation on 3324 3632.

### Grocery donations:

When you are able, please bring non perishable grocery items and place them in the baskets in front of the altar at Mass so that Fr Johny & St Vinnies can help families in need in our parish.

### Advertise Your Business Here

If you are interested in promoting your business in our community via our newsletter, please contact the Parish Office for pricing and more details.

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