

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale 4123

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)

26th February 2023

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Be another Christ during this Lent

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Lenten Prayer: O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of laziness, faint-heartedness, desire for power, and idle talk. But give your servant the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother and sister unjustly or hastily, for you are blessed, now and forever. Amen. (St. Ephrem)

Lent is a period of penitential preparation for Easter, and it begins on Ash Wednesday. In the early centuries, fasting rules were very strict, as they still are in Eastern churches. One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter were forbidden. Millions of people do this during Lent as a sign of sacrifice and to test their self-discipline. Christians believe that this is to represent Jesus Christ's sacrifice when He went into the desert to pray and fast for the 40 days before later dying on the cross.

Why is Lent so important to Christians? Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—**Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**—as the three things we need to work on during the season. We are challenged to be another Christ in the present world here and now.

In a Hasidic story, an atheist persistently tried to catch a village rabbi in theological snares but always failed. One day the atheist asked: Rabbi, is it true that God knows everything? Yes, my son, said the Rabbi, God knows everything. Rabbi, the atheist continued, is it also true that after the fall, God asked Adam, Adam, where are you? Yes, my son, that is also true, said the Rabbi. The atheist smiled, thinking that he had finally caught the Rabbi in contradiction, and asked: But, Rabbi, if God knows everything why did God have to ask Adam where he was? My son, replied the Rabbi, Adam, where are you is not a question for information **but for reflection**.

"Where am I?" is a perennial question of life, which encompasses many other questions. What am I doing? Does it have any purpose or lasting significance? What does it all mean? These questions and those like them distil into this haunting question: When I come to die will it make any difference that I have ever lived? Lent is the time to put an end to some of our self-indulgent illusions. It is the time to realize how precious is our life and how seriously we must live it; live it in love, to appreciate this world, our self, and the people around us.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

Installation Mass Invitation: Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at St Peter's on **Saturday 25th March at 6pm** during which Fr Johny will be installed as our Parish Priest. All parishioners are invited to this very special event. Please save the date in your diaries.



PARISH PRIEST

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

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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."



Feb/Mar		In our parish this week
Mon 27th	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting	
Tue 28th	8.00am Mass with children 10.00am Lenten Session 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting 7.30pm Baptism Information Meeting	
Wed 1st Mar	6.30am Mass	
Thu 2nd	No Mass	
Fri 3rd	8.30am Rosary 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Healing Mass 7.00pm Reflective Prayer 7.00pm Youth Lenten group 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat 4th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 5th	Second Sunday of Lent 9.00am Parish School Family Mass 6.00pm Mass	

**Readings for next weekend:
Second Sunday of Lent (Yr A)**
Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

LENT 2023: From Darkness to Light

Project Compassion 2023: Pick up a donation box or pack of envelopes at Mass this weekend and support the work of Caritas during Lent.

Donate a non-perishable grocery item: Buy an extra can of food or packet of pasta, rice etc each week for those doing it tough in our local area. Bring your donation to weekend Masses during Lent and place it in the basket in front of the altar.

Tuesday mornings: Lenten Sessions will be held each Tuesday of Lent at **10am** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Friday Evenings: Reflective Prayer from 7pm and Stations of the Cross from 7.30pm beginning on Friday 24th February. This weekly hour of Prayer, Reflection and Memorial in the Parish Centre and church will be held in preparation for the events of Holy Week. **Youth and Young adults** will also gather at 7pm for a **Lenten discussion group** in the Parish Office meeting room.

Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 5pm throughout the year.

Pray-As-You-Go: Pathways of Prayer. Sat 25th March 9.30am to 12.30pm You are welcome to gather in the Parish Centre and St Peter's surroundings to consider ways to engage in prayer and reflection. Members of the Faith Enrichment Ministry will explore **Personal Prayer Choices, Times of Prayer and Avenues of Prayer**. There will be an opportunity for guided Personal Prayer in the Open Air. Elizabeth Fort will enrich our prayer experiences with a pathway through **Music and the Presence of God. Closing Blessing.**

A Refreshment Station will fortify your prayerfulness!

Tuesday 8am Mass with children - children participate in the readings, prayers & singing. Parents & parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - during the 9am Sunday Mass is suitable for primary school aged children. The children and catechists leave from Mass for about 25 mins to listen to the Word of God and participate in simple activities designed to give them a clearer understanding of God's Word. Parents are welcome to attend. Children's Liturgy will be held this weekend but will take a break next Sunday 5th March for the Parish School Family Mass.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023: We will be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages from the 4th to 20th October 2023.

If you'd like to receive an itinerary with indicative prices please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com As we need to provide registration forms and deposits to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.



Those who have died: Raewyn O'Grady, Alan Camp

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Noreen Hanlan, Brian Hallowell, 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, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux, Bette Davis, James Jensen.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Step & Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Margaret Woltmann, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, 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: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – 2023

Last year, I studied a course called “The way of beauty”. It basically looked at how God communicates to us through the beauty in the world around us - visual, aural, touch, taste - God being the greatest beauty that there is and the source of all beauty. In a question and answer session, the question arose as to why, if God is the source of all beauty and that Jesus is God the son, why was there basically nothing written about the beauty of Jesus, while there is much mentioned about the beauty of Mary his mother and especially in her many apparitions.

One possible explanation that was delivered was that Jesus, by his passion and death, took on all the weight and ugliness of sin in the world. “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned— Romans 5:12

Sin results in ugliness, pain and severe isolation.

During Lent, we strive to break the habits of sin in our lives. We take extra steps to be people of praise, dependence on God, people who strive towards God and away from sin, and people of forgiveness.

May we prepare well during Lent to rid our lives of sin and so celebrate the resurrection – by challenging ourselves out of being too comfortable and self-centred.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome !

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 [@rochedaleyouth](https://www.instagram.com/rochedaleyouth)
Youth Lenten discussion group: 7pm on Friday nights during Lent in the Parish Office meeting room - open to anyone from high school age to young adults.

Young Adults: Coffee & Catechesis

An initiative of the Young Adults: Have a coffee with your friends in the Parish Office meeting room while Fr Johny explains aspects of the Catechism. This week's timely topic: Fasting for Lent.



St Peter's has 2 youth groups: One for High School students and one for young adults aged 18 to 35 and both groups meet fortnightly for a variety of activities.



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: 4th & 5th March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Baji Itteera	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Mick Denton	Sam Chamberlain	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Marissa Boyles 1. Jo Cullen 2. Peta Grandin	C. Tram Nguyen 1. Fion Fiju 2. Pauline Angus	C. Raylee Burns 1. David Crowley 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Joseph Varkey	Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan	Vickie Routledge Cesarina Gigante Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Julie & Basil Britto.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sunday 9am: Peter Hondroudakis & Stephanie Lenihan.			
This week 26th Feb - 4th Mar:		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:**

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♥ **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

First Friday: This Friday 3rd March. Please join us for Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am then 9.30am Healing Mass. All welcome.

Crossroads RCIA: Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet?
We have a fabulous program called **Crossroads**, starting in May, which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information.

Project Compassion: After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Invitation: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank will be hosting Bruce Downes (The Catholic Guy) from 2nd to 7th March for Lent Parish Mission and we would like to invite parishioners from nearby parishes to attend. There will be 2 session times each of the 4 days, 9.15am & 7.00pm. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for more information or contact Sunnybank Parish Office on 3345 3766 or via email sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Around the Archdiocese

International Women's Day Event: This International Women's Day, Catholic Mission and the Archdiocese of Brisbane invite you to celebrate the difference women are making in diverse areas of mission. Wednesday 8th March 10am to 11am (9.45am for a 10am start) at the Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth St, Brisbane.

Our guest speaker is **Josephine Cullen** who holds the key role of Coordinator of Lay Ministries for Regents Park Parish and St Peter's Rochedale Parish. Last year, she was also organising committee member for the successful Logan Deanery Family Fun Day – which was attended by more than 1,000 people. Josephine is making a difference in her work in Lay Ministries.

SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

The Summit is a key moment in the implementation of the decrees of the Plenary Council. Though we do not yet have papal approval, there is much we can do.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vision for the Archdiocese alongside a number of other leading voices, including Sherry Weddell (*author of Forming Intentional Disciples*).

The Summit will create a place where each person can encounter Christ, be formed in faith, and equipped for the mission we are called to.

When: 6pm Thursday 18th - 3pm Saturday 20th May 2023

Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks)

Cost: Early bird is \$170pp | \$150pp for groups of 10+ (ends 12 March) After early bird is \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+

Find out more and register at brisbanesummit.com

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VISITORS' DAY

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023
3.45PM

MacKillop Theatre followed by college tours.

The Thomas More Café will be open for afternoon tea.

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