

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

26th March 2023

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

I am the Resurrection and the Life

Surprise! There is a Surprise Party going on right now and you are invited. The surprise is to look on life with the eyes of faith, to see exactly what you see now but to see it in a different way. An old poem written by Ravindra Kumar Karnani goes this way:

A child whispered, "God, speak to me", and a meadowlark sang. The child did not hear. So, the child yelled, "God, speak to me!" And the thunder rolled across the sky, but the child did not listen. The child looked around and said, "God, let me see you" and a star shone brightly but the child did not notice. And the child shouted, "God, show me a miracle!" And a life was born but the child did not know. So, the child cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know you are here!" Whereupon God reached down and touched the child. But the child brushed the butterfly away and walked away unknowingly.

The rising of Lazarus from the dead has deeper meanings which one finds throughout the Gospel of John. There is the issue of Jesus being completely natural in being good friends with Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus. Again, Jesus is found weeping just before He approaches the tomb of Lazarus. There is also the fact that this is going to be Jesus' last major miracle, of raising someone to life. But the central and most important theme is to do with the gift of eternal life from the One who is the Giver of Life itself for those who believe in Him as the resurrection and the life.

Throughout the Gospels Jesus makes several claims about Himself: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life", "I am the Light of the World", "I am the Bread of Life", "I am the Vine", "Son of God" etc. While offering water to the Samaritan woman He says, "those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." The many miracles He performs show that He has power over nature, evil spirits, sicknesses, physical infirmities and so on.

But the claim "I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who believes in me will never die," is the most significant one. Please note that this claim of Jesus comes after He tells Martha, "Your brother will rise again," and she responds, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." I think that, besides being the crux of the reading today, it is also the quintessential element of our faith, on which the whole of Christianity rests.

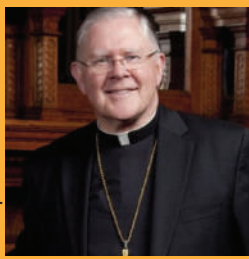
When we believe Jesus to be the giver of eternal life, do we need to be afraid of physical death, which is nothing more than a transition from one temporary life on earth. People misunderstand Jesus. They understand his words in the normal human way, but Jesus is asking them to see him in a new way, divine rather than human. The surprise party is the party of the resurrection, the entry into eternal life.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: March / April 2023

Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 31st	Saturday 1st	Sunday 2nd
<p>8.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Communal Second Rite of Reconciliation</p>	<p>8.00am Mass with children</p> <p>10.00am Lenten Session</p> <p>10.00am Social Justice Group meeting</p> <p>4.30pm SVDP meeting</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Info meeting</p>	<p>6.30am Mass</p> <p>9.30am Faith Enrichment Group meeting</p> <p>12.30pm Memorial Mass for Jesai George</p>	<p>No Mass</p>	<p>9.00am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>7.00pm Reflective Prayer</p> <p>7.00pm Youth Lenten group</p> <p>7.30pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>8.30am Folding of Palm Crosses</p> <p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>	<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9.00am Mass with Palm Procession & Children's Liturgy</p> <p>10.30am Primary School Youth Group</p> <p>4.30pm RCIA</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

Installation Mass: We welcome and thank Archbishop Mark Coleridge for joining us this Saturday 25th March as he celebrates 6pm Mass during which Fr Johny will be installed as our Parish Priest. Please join us for this important parish event.



Readings for next weekend:
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr A)
Entrance into Jerusalem: Matthew 21:1-11
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 *2nd Reading:* Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: (The Passion) Matthew 27:11-54

Palm Cross Folding: Saturday morning 1st April from 8.30am on the verandah in front of the Church. Please come along; even for a part of the time. Learn a craft, talk and share time with others, listen to great music. Enjoy morning tea together. All are welcome. Thank you, this is a lovely tradition in our parish. **Procession with palms** at 9am Mass Sunday 2nd April.



LENT 2023: From Darkness to Light

Donate to Project Compassion 2023

Donate a non-perishable grocery item at Mass

Tuesday morning 10am: Lenten Session in the Parish Office meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

Friday Evenings: Reflection 7pm. Youth Lenten Group also 7pm. Stations of the Cross 7.30pm.

Communal Second Rite of Reconciliation this **Monday 27th March at 7pm** with 3 priests available. During Holy Week, Fr Johny will be available for **Reconciliation on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April from 5pm to 7pm.**

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 6th April Mass 7.30pm
Volunteers needed for the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass. Please email the Parish Office if you would be willing to be involved.

Good Friday 7th April
10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross
3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil Saturday 8th April Mass **7.00pm**
Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday 9th April Mass 9.00am only

St Vincent de Paul Easter Raffle: Please support their wonderful work in helping those in need. Tickets on sale this Sunday.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed: Please consider joining the roster for our Sunday 9am Cuppa as we are in need of at least 2 more people to keep the popular cuppa going every 2nd week. Being on the roster means approx 6 times a year. This is a great way to meet new people in our church family. Please contact Stephanie (salenihan@hotmail.com 0413268860) if you are willing.

Calling for Musicians and Singers: Dear Parishioners, as you know, at St Peter's we are always encouraging people to sing! St Augustine is often quoted as saying that 'one who sings prays twice.' I would like to encourage any parishioners who would be able to assist the congregation to sing at Mass, by singing at the microphone, to please contact me or just ask one of the organists at Mass. We love to have singers assisting. We would also love to hear from anyone who plays a musical instrument. Perhaps your child is learning one and would be able to start learning some parts of the Mass or simple hymns? Our group would love to support them in playing at Mass. Perhaps you know how to play an instrument and could help us. Please consider this vital role in our Parish! You may like to start your singing or playing journey at **choir practice for Holy Week and Easter!** This will be held on **Wednesday 5th April at 7pm** in the Church. Musicians on different instruments are also strongly encouraged to come along to this practice. You will all be warmly welcomed! Hope to hear from you as we would love to have you in the Music Ministry team! Thank you for your support. Elizabeth Fort (07 3341 0852) Leave a message if I am not home and I will get back to you.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME
Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands
4th to 20th Oct 2023:



For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email salenihan@hotmail.com asap.

Those who have died: Len Torrens, Jesai George, Denise Gordon

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Dennis Zandona, Betty Settree, 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, Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana, Matthew Cogliati

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Kerriane Meulman, Ray Parker, 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, Rhonda Lawson, Step & Les O'Gorman, Kaye Torrens, 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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'Pass the Pastor' Home visits: Fr Johny would love to come to visit the homes of parishioners for a chat. This will be a great way for Fr Johny to get to know us and for us to get to know him. Fr Johny would be willing to bless your house at the same time if you wish. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time for Fr Johny to visit.

Church Lighting Upgrade 17th - 21st April: It has become increasingly evident that the lighting in our church has become inadequate. We would be very grateful if out of your generosity we might receive donations however large or small to fund this upgrade. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Lighting Upgrade" and place them in the normal Parish Mass collection or use any of our Electronic transfer systems or hand them in to the Parish Office. Many thanks.



FAITH MATTERS: The Raising of Lazarus

In the Gospels, when Christ heals, the healing is not for the sole sake of the one healed, but for the sake of others and the entire community. Today's reading is a perfect example of this. Jesus raised Lazarus for Mary and Martha. When we pray and ask to be healed, this healing is never just for me, so that I feel better, and my sufferings go away. Jesus gives us healing for the sake of others too.

The Gospel story about the raising of Lazarus shows us the humanity and the divinity of Jesus as well as his deep compassion. Jesus tells them clearly "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus then challenges Martha asking "Do you believe this?" Her faith in Jesus then formed the basis of his actions.

But importantly also we see the compassion of Jesus in his weeping and sighing at the presence of death for his friends – Jesus was still sighing when he reached the tomb. But then Jesus prays to his Father that all around may believe that Jesus was sent by the Father, and that through the resurrection of Lazarus, all may believe. In this Gospel account from John, we see another proclamation of the divinity of Jesus, and then the resurrection of Lazarus showing the compassion of Jesus and proof of his claim of divinity.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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Please contact our Youth Ministry Coordinators, Feba & Shenelle, for information about Rochedale Youth

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 (26th March) topic: "Jesus entered into Hell"



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: 1st & 2nd April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. David Crowley 1. Sharon Fong 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Alan Vigor 1. Arthur Leow 2. Eric Quan	C. Megan Carroll 1. David Roati 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan Jo Cullen Julie Hondroudakis	Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 1: Kate Guy, Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk, Helen Graczyk			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Sun 2nd April 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Cristy Vecchio, Bernie Vecchio			
This week 26th Mar - 1st Apr:		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	Counting: Marcos'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:

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

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

Project Compassion: Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

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



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. Bonus offer till 5th April get a **free multi-city upgrade** for 3, 12 month and 24-month single-city memberships! St Peter's Online Order Page

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Date Claimer: Marian Valley Retreat Saturday 6th May. Leaving Parish at 8.30am and leaving Marian Valley at 1.30pm. BYO Lunch. A bus may be available if we have enough people wanting to travel by bus OR Car Pooling may be an option. Please let Jo Cullen know if you are interested by phoning the Parish Office.

Around the Archdiocese

Men's barbeque breakfast invitation: Saturday 1 April 2023 from 7am to 9am in the Avocado Room of the Paloma Reception Centre. Bacon, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, baked beans, toast, jams, juice, tea and coffee are all available for the cost of \$10 per person. If you would like to attend, please leave a message for Lindsay on 0480 494 627 or reply to our email directly at fom.sunnybank@gmail.com before Thursday 30 March 2023 for catering purposes.

The Archbishop's Dinner for Men is an evening event that provides a space for men who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. This year's dinner will be held at 6pm on April 13th at Wynberg in New Farm. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for men to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey. To express interest in attending, email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023

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 to which we are called.

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

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

Cost: \$200pp | \$170pp for groups of 10+

We would love to encourage our parishioners to attend. Please see Jo where a payment plan can be provided if necessary. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.

Find out more and register at brisbanesummit.com

Thank you: Patti Camp and family would like to sincerely thank Father, Julie, Helen, Celine and everyone at St Peter's for their prayers, love, cards, support and kindness following the death of my beloved husband, Alan Camp. May God bless you all. *Patti*

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