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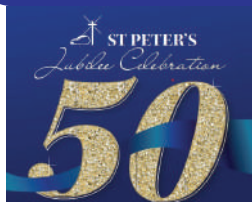


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MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

29th September 2024

Readings: Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

The 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, observed on September 29th, invites us to recognize the challenges faced by displaced people and to support global solidarity, compassion, and action through our local efforts. This day also provides an opportunity to reflect and affirm our ongoing Christian duty to care for those who are forced to flee their homes.

Pope Francis's message for this day, titled *"God Walks with His People,"* calls us to see the presence of the Lord in refugees—those driven from their countries by conflict, persecution, poverty, and the climate crisis. He reminds us that when we encounter a refugee or anyone in need, we encounter Christ himself. Reflecting on the words of Matthew 25, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," he emphasizes, "as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." On this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, His Holiness encourages us to unite in prayer and action to support all who have had to leave their homeland in search of a dignified life.

Globally, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency and the Worldometer site there were about 117.3 million displaced persons in 2023—1.45% of the world's population—a number that continues to grow. Here in our local area, there are asylum seekers living on temporary visas with limited rights, hoping for permission to remain in Australia, while facing the constant uncertainty of being sent back to the countries they fled.

Australia has a proud tradition of welcoming migrants and refugees, reflecting our multicultural identity: over 50% of our population are either migrants or refugees themselves or have a parent who was. This rich diversity is evident in the Catholic Church of Australia, the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and our own parish.

The Church's teachings on migration are rooted in Jesus's directive to welcome the stranger, which calls for both a compassionate attitude and concrete actions—loving our neighbours as ourselves and acting in ways that reflect this love. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office advocates for responses grounded in compassion, justice, mercy, acceptance, and encounter. These principles drive our efforts to comfort the afflicted, provide sanctuary for the persecuted, and create a home for the exiled. The Archdiocese of Brisbane embodies these teachings through initiatives like the Romero Centre, which has been supporting refugees and asylum seekers since 2000.

St. Peter's multicultural parish, with its tradition of welcoming and supporting migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers, continues to live out the Gospel's call to love and serve others, reflecting the core values of our Church.

St Peter's Social Justice Ministry

In our parish this week: September/October 2024

| Monday 30 | Tuesday 01 | Wednesday 02 | Thursday 03 | Friday 04 | Saturday 05 | Sunday 06 |
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| St Jerome 8.00am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass Nic Bakker | St Therese of the Child Jesus 8.00am Mass with children | The Holy Guardian Angels 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass | <i>Parish Office closed</i> | St Francis of Assisi 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Healing Mass | 4.30pm RCIA Baptism Yvette Kim 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass <i>followed by Cuppa</i> 10.30am RCIA Baptism Janelle Luchetti 6.00pm Mass |

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):

Our October WOW will be held on **Wednesday 16th October** (a little earlier in the month than usual) from 10am to 12 noon. Please join us as we celebrate all things German in our **Octoberfest!** Join us for morning tea, raffles and a German themed morning. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office or on the form in the church by Monday 14th October.



RIP Nicolaas Bakker: A Funeral Mass for long term parishioner Nic Bakker will be held to celebrate his life on Monday 30th September at 11am.

The Season of Creation 2024 – will be celebrated for five weeks between The Feast of Creation on September 1st and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. The Theme for this year is: **To hope and act with creation.** In the foundation belief that we will come to see the created world as a gift of our Creator God, the 2024 guiding symbol is, 'the first fruits of hope'. *Romans 8: 19-25.*

Parish Pastoral Council: We welcome 3 new PPC members Belmira D'Souza, Conrad D'Netto & Hanson Pereira. We will commission them in the near future.

Marian Valley Retreat: Please join us for a one day retreat to Marian Valley on Saturday 19th October. Marian Valley – Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians is about 10km from Canungra and south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The Pauline Fathers founded it in 1995. Its main chapel is dedicated to the Black Madonna and has many other smaller chapels built by pilgrims of the Shrine. We have booked a bus to carry 40 people to Marian Valley. The bus will leave St Peter's at 8.30am and return about 3pm. We ask that you please contribute \$20 per person for the cost of the bus hire.

Morning Tea Gathering: Our next regular monthly get together at the local coffee shop will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 7th October.** All are welcome to come along.

Readings for next weekend:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Sunday 27th October 10.30am to 1.30pm in the Simon Peter Centre (St Peter's School hall) Cost:\$45 (includes morning tea and a free glass of champagne/orange juice on arrival). Drinks available for purchase on the day. Join us for a morning of support and fundraising for The Breast Cancer Foundation. Your participation will make a difference. Event Highlights: Morning tea, fashion show, raffles, auctions. To reserve your spot please text Carmel on 0417 213 702. Invite your friends and let's see a sea of pink.

Ministers for weekend Masses - the new **rosters** for October to December have been emailed on Friday. Please check your inbox. Thank you to all ministers who help our Masses run smoothly.

News From Our Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) Food Stocks Low

Each week we give out food parcels to those in need and currently our food stock is very low. We would really appreciate it if you could assist us by bringing in some non-perishable food. Please place items in the wooden baskets to the left-hand side of the sanctuary (near the candle stand).

An Invitation

We would like to invite you to consider being a part of St Peter's Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies). There are many ways in which you could be involved and so provide a *hand up* with some basic necessities to those in need. We will talk about this during Masses on the weekend of October 13 and 14 and will be available before and after the Masses to chat with you about how you may want to be involved. As the Prophet Isaiah (58: 7) says: *Share you bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.*

RCIA: Please continue to pray for RCIA Catechumens Janelle Luchetti, Jim Wright and Yvette Kim as they begin formal preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Yvette & Janelle will be baptised next weekend 5th & 6th October and Jim on 13th October.

Those who have died: Nic Bakker, Pat Gray

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Robert Smith, Ian Derbyshire, Margaret Homas, Don Dewar, Colin Pettiford, Joan Stevens, Tom Stevens, Yat-Fung Choi, Shum Kong, Andrija Slivka, Ronald Paten, Sarah Denton, Sergio Viola, K. Wiltshire, Simon Doyle, Valentine Pollard, John Mitchell, Col Henderson, David Irvine, Anna Irwin, Joseph Kenway, Peter George, Merle Miller, Veronica Sheridan, Gys van Bekkum Snr, Gys van Bekkum Jnr, Willem van Bekkum, Mary O'Brien, Andrew Aranha, Angele Vanden Boom, Patrick Bradley.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Ian Forno, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, 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:

Creation, Formation, Literature and Reading:

Pope Francis' recent letter on the Role of Literature in Formation speaks to us of the creative part we play as readers in the making and enrichment of our inner selves. How many of us will freely and joyously admit our conviction that 'I am a reader!'

We are encouraged by Pope Francis' validation of our attachment to reading and literature: *'in moments of weariness, anger, disappointment or failure, when prayer itself does not help us find inner serenity, a good book can help us weather the storm until we find peace of mind'*.

The act of reading imaginative literature enables us to see through the eyes of others to gain deeper understandings and to foster connections with a diverse array of human experiences. We are drawn into other worlds to develop an 'imaginative empathy, to see how other's see, experience and respond to reality'.

Pope Francis emphasises, *'Without such empathy, there can be no solidarity, sharing, compassion, mercy. In reading we discover that our feelings are not simply our own, they are universal, and so even the most destitute person does not feel alone'*.

Such an endorsement of literature and reading, is part of a resounding chorus of voices reminding us of our creative role with the writers of imaginative literature.

Sr Veronica Brady of the Loreto Order, Australian essayist, poet, author, biographer, political and social activist reminded us of the value of literature and story: *'There are stories and stories: ones that make you conform and ones that set you free. The ones that set you free we call literature – firstly because they make demands on you, oblige you to reflect on your own ideas and feelings and bring them to bear on what you read; secondly because you have to work with the language, to wring it out as it were, to irrigate your life.'*

Read, Share, Pray, Hope and Act with Creation.

A Letter of His Holiness on the Role of Literature in Formation (2024)
Sr Veronica Brady (1994). The Written World.

St Peter's 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: 5th & 6th October | Saturday 6pm Mass | Sunday 9am Mass | Sunday 6pm Mass |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mass Co-ordinator | Carl De Mello | Stephanie Lenihan | Kate Guy |
| AV Operator | Callista Jesuthasan | Mick Denton | Jonathan Vigor |
| Readers | C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Pat Bransdon | C. Fion Fiju 1. Eric Quan 2. Bianca Mastrangeli | C. Megan Carroll 1. David Roati 2. Anne Fry |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Joseph Varkey Joyce Lyster Carl de Mello | Stephanie Lenihan Alan Vigor, Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Lisa Hammett | Cesarina Gigante John Blake |
| Musicians | | Rita Bishop | Elizabeth Fort |
| Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan. | | | |
| Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after 6pm Saturday Mass on 5th Oct.: Care and Concern group. | | | |
| This week 29th Sept- 5th Oct. | | Sacristan: Celine Phillips | 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: 0403 051 103

♥ 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: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

How to Leave a Legacy that makes a Difference Forever!

Thanks to one of our generous parishioners, the **St Peter's Rochedale Family endowment fund** has been established and will permanently be invested for growth and the principal will never be spent down. Each year the fund distributes 5% of the balance back to the Parish. As the fund matures over time, through investment growth and donations, the distributions increase and become a steady stream of annual income for the good works of our Parish.

Please consider making a gift to our parish endowment. You can put an extra cheque marked "endowment" into your giving envelope or put your donation into a plain envelope marked "endowment".

This is a way for parishioners, who believe in sharing their gifts and reaching out to others, to leave a legacy of care and support far beyond their lifetime. I hope that each of you will prayerfully consider a gift today or name the St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund in your Will as a special offering to the Rochedale Parish Community.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity. Please pray that our parish perpetual fund grows like the loaves and fishes!

Entertainment Memberships: Special Offer available till 11.59am on Monday 30th September: Receive a Bonus \$40 Visa eGift Card with a Multi-City Membership or a \$20 Visa eGift Card with a Single City Membership!

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

Date Claimer: Logan Deanery Christmas Carols Friday 22nd November 5.30pm to 9pm at St Edward's Daisy Hill.

Around the Archdiocese

Brisbane Historical Society Journal Archive: The Brisbane Catholic Historical Society is pleased to announce that its journal archive from 1988 to 2022 is now entirely available **online** from <https://www.brisbanecatholichistoricalsociety.org.au/journals/table-of-contents/>

The journal includes articles on the history of bishops, priests, churches, parishes and prominent figures in the history of Catholic Queensland.

SYNOD24 The two-day session on 6th & 7th September brought about 140 voices of Brisbane archdiocese together at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Every action examined at the synod cleared the two-thirds majority required for endorsement, with one action re-written with broader language before it was ultimately endorsed. The actions spanned topics like mission in the digital environment, how the power of governance should be supported by the laity, dialoguing with survivors of sexual abuse and reconciliation. The synod will reconvene in October for another two-day session to examine other decrees of the Plenary Council.

Closing Mass (open to public): Saturday October 12th 2pm- 3pm at the Australian Catholic University Chapel, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

Faith Foundations Short Course for Parish: If you've wondered, What's next? Or are looking for new ways to share, experience and learn about your faith with others - this is your chance to dip a toe in the water. This online course features six live, fortnightly workshops with interactive discussions - all from home. Suitable for both newcomers and those advancing their education journey, it includes contemporary teaching, lively discussions, and optional personal reading and videos to deepen your Bible understanding. The course caters to various learning levels, exploring the Bible's key themes and divine inspiration. It aims to enhance your personal faith and can be applied in parish or ministry settings. *You may also pursue the 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology with assessment from the Institute of Faith Education (National Provider No. 31402).* Contact us to enrol! Phone: 07 3324 3485 Visit: ife.qld.edu.au/parish Email: ife@bne.catholic.net.au

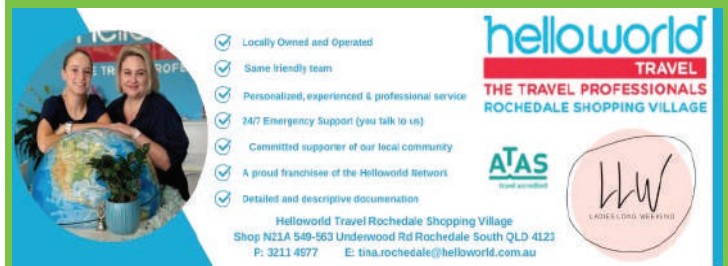
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