

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."

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

29th October 2023

Readings: Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thesalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

7th World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis, on the 7th World Day of the Poor, issues a resounding call to action, urging solidarity and advocacy for the impoverished. He emphasizes the directive: "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (*Tobit 4:7*), since neglecting the poor risks missing an encounter with Jesus. The Pope observes our inclination to shield ourselves from the harsh realities of poverty, its causes and effects, and calls on Christians to work alongside the poor. He cites the example provided by Tobit, who, despite suffering injustice, blindness, and poverty himself, by word and deed instilled in his son a devotion to God complemented by generosity to the destitute. The Pope urges us to engage in generous faith-filled giving since everyone in need is our neighbour in Christ, regardless of background.

The UN's World Inequality Report 2022 reveals a stark global income gap that demonstrates the validity of the Pope's observation that poverty has grown like a "great river...swelling to the point of overflowing." The top 10% now command over 50% of global income, while the bottom 50% receive a mere 2% - a 6% decline since 2021. In September 2023, the University of NSW reported an alarming surge in wealth inequality and poverty in Australia, with the wealthiest growing 82 times faster than the poorest.

The Pope delineates the causes and consequences of poverty, spotlighting how war strips individuals of their health, livelihoods, and dignity. He urges a collective effort to promote peace and justice. Pope Francis addresses the death of hope among young people often unfairly labeled and denied the support they need to thrive as adults.

He also identifies the agonizing choices faced by many poor individuals when confronted with rising prices, driven up by speculation and greed. The poor often grapple with decisions between vital needs like food and healthcare. He condemns the profit-centric mindset that causes mistreatment and underpayment of workers and escalating job insecurity. Echoing Saint John Paul II's conviction that work should serve humanity, the Pope says that we should be pressuring public institutions to fulfill their duty to alleviate poverty while also taking concrete grassroots action as individuals, families, and communities working in collaboration with the poor.

He expresses gratitude for those dedicated to aiding the marginalized, asserting that they breathe life into the Kingdom of God through selfless service. At St. Peter's, we celebrate the efforts of St. Vincent de Paul, The Social Justice and Care and Concern Groups, and Fr. Johny and his team. However, Pope Francis contends that more must be done, cautioning against relegating charity to others and stresses that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be personally engaged.

In conclusion, Pope Francis underscores that by serving the poor, we experience the transformative force of giving and receiving mercy and charity. Poverty corrodes self-worth, impedes progress, and undermines societal cohesion. Gandhi's words, "poverty is the worst form of violence," hold true, and Pope Francis' reflections emphasize its insidious nature. On the other hand, as Christians, it is our duty to spread love and benevolence. When we share, we are thanking God and standing against the shadows. Pope Francis asks each of us to embody Gospel-based love and charity, ensuring that no one is left behind as we journey forward together.

Social Justice Ministry

In our parish this week: October / November 2023

Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday 01	Thursday 02	Friday 03	Saturday 04	Sunday 05
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Baptismal Info Meeting	ALL SAINTS 10.00am Coffee Morning at Flying Pepper 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	ALL SOULS 7.00pm All Souls Memorial Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i>	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Healing Mass 11.30am Liturgy of the Word with Year 1.	St Charles Borromeo 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 10am - 10.30am Primary School Youth gathering 12pm Tongan Mass 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

This week at St Peter's:

All Saints Day: Wednesday 1st November
Adoration 6.30pm, Mass 7pm

All Souls Memorial Mass 7pm this Thursday 2nd November including a **special blessing at the Columbarium**. Please come along to remember all those who have gone before us, especially those who have died during the past 12 months.

First Friday of the month: 3rd November
8.30am Rosary, 9am Adoration,
9.30am Healing Mass

Memories of St Peter's: In the lead up to our 50th Anniversary next year, we would love parishioners to jot down their significant memories of parish life and send them in to the Parish Office. Some may be used in the newsletter as has happened in recent weeks. Others 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 Many thanks.

Readings for next weekend:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 Matthew 23:1-12

RCIA: St Peter's parish has shared our Catholic faith and welcomed those who are seeking to enrich their faith lives for as long as we have been a parish. On 12th November at the 9am Mass, we will welcome Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen to share their faith lives in our community when they will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion. Jessie and Ken have undertaken their journey of faith with us. They have come to belong to our church family. Please keep Jessie and Ken and their family in your prayers and join us on 12th November.

Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries: We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. For more information or to apply for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: This **Wednesday 1st November** at 10.00am at the **Flying Pepper Cafe**, 120 Kate Court, Rochedale



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Those who have died: Mary Vigor (*Alan's mother*), Maria Depaz de Zepeda (*Jose's mother*), Brian Hamilton, Cyril Michael D'Silva (*Shane's father*), Isabelle Mosteart (*Eliane Besson's daughter*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Evelyn Daly, Eva Dempsey, Sally Feeney, Marcella Cunningham, Alfons Meerwald, Friedel Meerwald, Agnes Lovett, Henry Lovett, Catherine Doyle, Kathleen Flanagan, Mary Santhing, Jim Wetherspoon, Mary Browne, Kathleen Carmody, Rodney West, Russell Hawkins, Desmond Baptist, Mary-Liz Field, Monica Moran, Lew Spowart, Inge Kurth, Joseph Reilly, Mary Bowden, Veronica Cullen, Bridget Finn, Doris Edna Duffey, Margaret McGovern, Luigi Raffaldi, Margaret Walton, Kevin Turner, Margot Harris, Ray Swan.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, Sandra MacDonald, 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, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, 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.



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FAITH MATTERS: *Taking time for Contemplative Prayer*

We are reminded by Pope Francis to make a space for contemplative prayer.

He says 'every human person has a "contemplative dimension" which is like salt that gives flavour to our day.

We can contemplate birds chirping, the sun rising, or art and music.

"To contemplate is not primarily a way of doing, but a way of being".

"Being contemplative does not depend on the eyes, but on the heart."

"And here prayer enters into play as an act of faith and love, as the 'breath' of our relationship with God."

In the Litany below, Fr Richard Rhor invokes the Holy Spirit in thought-provoking images. Each image provides a point for deep contemplation.

Take some time with the couplets and images

Breathe deeply to draw in, to absorb the rich attributes of the Holy Spirit.

Litany of the Holy Spirit

Pure Gift of God Indwelling Presence

Life of Jesus

Pledge and Guarantee

Eternal Praise Inner Anointing

Reminder of the Mystery

Homing Device

Knower of All Things

Stable Witness

Overcomer of the Gap Always Already Awareness

Compassionate Observer

Magnetic Centre God Compass

Inner Breath Divine DNA

Pope at Audience: Contemplative Prayer: a guide along the path of love. Vatican News

Fr Richard Rhor (2023) Centre for Action and Contemplation

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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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

Primary School Youth gathering: Sunday 5th Nov

10am to 10.30am (after 9am Mass). Parents can enjoy a cuppa on the verandah while Rosie leads the children in some faith based activities. All primary school students welcome.



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 Nov	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Francis Yoo	Anne Fry
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. David Crowley 2. Sharon Fong	C. Eric Quan 1. Mae Marfil 2. Caitlyn Marfil	C. Vicki Routledge 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jo Cullen Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey	Alan Vigor, Deseree Quan Joan D'Netto Anne Scanlon Julie Hondroudakis	Helen Graczyk Ann Maree Collier Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Roger Ta'ale & Family	Elizabeth Fort	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 1: Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk, Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 5th Nov 6pm Mass: Peter Hondroudakis, Joan D'Netto & Sharita Lobo.			
This week 29th Oct - 4th Nov.		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: 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

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: This Sunday 29th October 10.30am to 1.00pm in the Simon Peter Centre (St Peter's School hall) Cost:\$40 (includes a free glass of champagne /orange juice on arrival). Join us for a morning of support and fundraising for The Breast Cancer Foundation. Event Highlights: Morning tea, fashion show, raffles. All welcome to join in. To reserve your spot please text Carmel on 0417 213 702 or come along after 9am Mass!

Sacraments for teenagers: We will be commencing Crossroads RCIA for high school children who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Holy Communion. The first session will be on the 5th November after 9am Mass. Please register your child in the Parish Office by phoning 3341 4421.

Date Claimer: 'CHRISTMAS BRUNCH' hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre. **Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 1pm.** Tickets \$15. Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship, ALL WELCOME! Carols sing-a-long, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. *(Please be prepared with Cash)*. Please place your name and contact in the yellow folder at the back of the church. Contact Lynn for any queries on 0403051103. Payments to Julie at the Parish Office. RSVP: Monday 20/11/23



Safeguarding Training Date claimers: Safeguarding training must be renewed every 2 years. All ministers are invited to one of our training sessions in November: Saturday 11th Nov 10am or Monday 13th Nov 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please mark these dates in your diary. More details soon.

Flowers to decorate the church: If any individuals or families would like to donate flowers to decorate the church especially for weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office.

Around the Archdiocese

A Morning's Prayer: Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team will host its final A Morning's Prayer Retreat for 2023 this month, with a focus on the road to sainthood and what God is calling us to in this lifetime. The 3-hour retreat will include personal prayer, meditation, input and fellowship, providing a revitalising opportunity to get away and spend some quality time with God before the end-of-year busyness begins.

Date: Saturday 28 October Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston) Cost: \$25
RSVP: Fri 27 Oct, register online at tinyurl.com/amorningspray-erect2023

Guided Men's Retreat: Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team is excited to host a three-day guided retreat for men this November: 'Awake, Attentive, Called'. The weekend-long retreat will provide opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, as well as time to explore the breathtaking grounds and outdoor meditation activities of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Participants will also get the chance to meet other men walking the faith journey and take part in occasional group discussions. Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

Dates: 6:00pm Friday 24 Nov to 12:00pm Sunday 26 November
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)
Cost: Live in individual - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation); live out individual - \$230 (includes morning teas, lunch and dinners)
RSVP: Mon 20 Nov, register online at tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023

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 limited time offer:** From 6pm Thurs 26th Oct until 11.59am, Mon 6th Nov you will receive **25% off** the original price of your chosen Membership. St Peter's Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

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