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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."



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 30th July 2023

Readings: 1 Kings 3,5,7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY : "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50)

Dear brothers and sisters!

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the Magnificat, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities.

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In our parish this week: July /August 2023

Monday 31	Tuesday 01	Wednesday 02	Thursday 03	Friday 04	Saturday 05	Sunday 06
St Ignatius of Loyola 8.00am Mass	St Alphonsus Liguori 8.00am Mass with school children 4.30pm SVDP Mtg	4.30pm Confirmation Practice 5.30pm Crossroads 6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	St Dominic No Mass	St John Vianney 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Healing Mass 11.30am Liturgy of the Word with Gr 2 children	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord 9.00am Mass 11.30am Young Adults Lunch 4.30pm RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Thank you: St Peter's Vinnies Conference would like to sincerely thank the Parish and school communities for the wonderful support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal on 18 June. To date, more than \$6,350 has been raised to support struggling families in our area. Happily, donations and some fundraising activities are ongoing.

Confirmation: Please pray for the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Tim Norton will confirm the children on Friday 11th August.

Children's Liturgy: We are looking for some people to help on Sundays with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Mass. Training and resources are easy and we will provide this.

Parish Dinner: Saturday 2nd September at Club Southside. **Living in Faith Together:** this is a great night to get to know each other from the different Masses in our parish. A night of fun filled friendship. Tickets are \$50 per person and include 2 course meal. Free lucky door prize. Tickets will go on sale this weekend.

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. One or 2 bunches of flowers please, would be lovely each week. If you would like, we can specially remember your family or loved ones in prayer during the Mass.

Scam warning There is a scam going where people receive text messages or emails from various priests, including Fr Johny, asking for money urgently. **Do not respond or follow any links in these messages.** These are malicious messages. Please report to the Parish Office if you receive such a message.

Those who have died: Audrey Parratt, Anna Alsters

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Anne Bates, Bill Graham, Lester de Mello, Graham Bourke, Bill Bray, Yvonne Mesalic, Jean Lilburne, Helena Scott, Lesley Winter, Irena Wlodarczyk, Tom Lyng, James Durham, Fr Bill Taylor, Michael Allen, Margaret Lewis, Michael Kerlake, Thomas Flanagan, George Kirehner, Tom Curtin, Agatha Thien, Elizabeth Field, Blanche Naughton, Jane Doyle, Arthur McKenna, Mary White, Patrick Naughton, Julia Smith, Vivienne Broomell, Alfred Duffey, Ella Dixon, Perry Tzavellas, James Murray, Forde Ewart, John Scott, Kathleen Smyth, Hilda Thomson, Raymond Littlefield, Narelle Cogliati.

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:

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

RCIA: We have a few people wishing to come into full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is a journey where they learn to deepen their relationship with God, understand the traditions of the Church and grow their prayer life. They are supported by a small team of local parishioners and sponsors. The candidates are Linh who has not been baptized and Ken and Jessie who have been baptized in other faith traditions. The team ask that the community of St Peter's pray for these people and make them welcome in our Parish. You will see their photos on the notice board.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our new Seniors Activity group kicked off with a fabulous Christmas in July function on 26th July. Great fun and fellowship was had by all who attended. WOW is open to all over 65's in the local area, not just parishioners, so bring a friend. Next WOW gathering will be on Wednesday 30th August 10am in the Parish Centre for BINGO! Mark this in your diaries. Free activity.

Youth Led Mass Sunday 20th August at 9am Calling all young people in our parish. This is your opportunity to take part in our Youth Led Mass. Be a participant not just a member. Please let our Youth Leaders, Feba and Shenelle, know if you are willing to take part.

New monstrance and Nativity Figures: Fr Johny has purchased a new monstrance and a set of Nativity figures for our outside crib. The total cost is around \$1500. Any donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated to help with the cost to the parish for these items. Cash donations should be placed in a clearly labelled envelope in the weekend Mass collection or brought to the Parish Office. Electronic payments also welcome. Thank you for your generosity.



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FAITH MATTERS: Celebrating World Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. 1491-1556 - 31st July

We are no doubt familiar with the story of St Ignatius of Loyola. In short, he was a young ambitious Spanish Court Dandy and soldier who became badly wounded in battle, found Jesus, went on to found a powerful Catholic Order and to develop a hugely helpful and practical guide to living and experiencing life with Jesus.

Struck down and badly wounded by a cannonball in a battle at Pamplona, and butchered by battlefield surgery, his enforced recuperation brought him face to face with Jesus through reading stories of the lives of the Saints and of Jesus which were the only books available. This experience changed his whole pattern of life and convinced him to give away his former ambitious self-seeking lifestyle and to focus on living his life to the glory of God. Expressed in his motto AMDG/Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the Greater Glory of God). Together with Francis Xavier and Peter Faber he formed the **Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)**. All three were later canonized.

He developed a set of Spiritual Exercises which form a manual for living life with Jesus at a practical achievable level. It is meant to be done rather than just read and provides a way into experiencing the Eucharist like no other.

Undertaking the Spiritual Exercises is a life changing experience, open to all people and not just the theologically minded. It is well worth the time and effort involved.

We pray the St Ignatius prayer:

Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, My memory, my understanding And my entire will; all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, That is enough for me.

Faith Ministry Group

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.

Primary School Youth Group On alternate Sundays 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass. Next gathering this Sunday 30th July, then 13th August.

Young Adults - Lunch Sunday 6th August from 11.30am at Cafe 63 Springwood.

Youth Led Mass: Sunday 20th August 9am Mass.

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon. Portugal is on this week from Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th August.

Please pray for all those attending this special event.



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 Aug	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Anne Fry
AV Operator	Jonathan Vigor	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Marissa Boyles 1. David Crowley 2. Sharon Fong	C. Lauren Cocks 1. Eric Quan 2. Alina George	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Megan Carroll 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey	Del Reynolds, Joan D'Netto Stephanie Lenihan Deseree Quan Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk, John Blake, Cesarina Gigante & Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Tim Hondroudakis	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty & Jo Cullen.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Sunday after 9am Mass 6th Aug.: Cristy & Bernie Vecchio.			
This week 30th July -5th August		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	Counting: Marco'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
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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

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Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day.

Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit. Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Pope Francis

Around the Archdiocese

Signs of Hope-People of Faith. Concerts with Peter Kearney - songwriter, singer, guitarist. Songs, stories and reflections about people whose faithful lives have brought compassion, hope and justice into our world. Where: THE GAP. Monday 31st July, 7.30pm in St John's Wood/The Gap Parish Hall. No set \$ admission. Donations welcome at interval.

Catholic Foundation Modules: These core modules are designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion.

Module Two: Understanding , Praying and Living the Scriptures. Commencing 21st August 2023. You do not need to have completed Module One in order to do Module Two. Each Module stands alone. Time: 7-9pm Dates: 10 Monday nights: 21 Aug, 28 Aug, 4 Sep, 11 Sep, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23 Oct, 30 Oct, 6 Nov, 13 Nov Location: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo QLD 4014) Cost: \$250pp | \$150pp for groups of 5 or more from the one faith community.

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