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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.”

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

5th September 2021

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Open My Ears O Lord

Someone once asked me where I get my stories for my homilies. I usually get them from people...from watching people. Such was the case when I attended a political party conference a few years ago. I knew hardly anyone and passed the time watching and waiting for the chairman to bring the gathering to order. Now, one woman in particular stood out. She was adroitly moving from one person to the next. She was definitely *“working the hall”*. Each and every time she encountered someone she would speak quickly and let them know how delighted she was to see them and then move on. One person she encountered was not very cheery. When the woman traveling through the room approached her, she asked “How are you doing?” The woman who looked a bit down responded that she wasn’t doing well. Her husband was very ill and she was very concerned for him. “Oh, how wonderful,” exclaimed the woman working the crowd. “We can speak more about this later,” I heard her say as she continued on her journey through the hall. The woman to whom she spoke was left looking bewildered. I felt badly as I watched this sad human encounter. One woman carrying a heavy cross in her heart; the other, “making the rounds” and listening to no one. I felt badly that this woman with the charming personality could hear words of this worried wife without really listening to them.

However, before we get too judgmental, let’s look at our own lives. How often do we hear without listening? That’s the challenge before us this weekend. Do we listen to the voice of God? Or do we just hear God’s voice? Do we let the words of Christ sink into our hearts? Or are they just a stream of words that go in one ear and out the other?

In the Gospel this weekend Christ gives the gift of hearing to the deaf man. He proclaims “be opened” and the ears of the deaf man suddenly are able to listen. Perhaps we need to pray that our own ears might be opened and we might be able to listen to the voice of God piercing through the chatter and clutter of our own culture in our own time. We pray that we might listen to God’s voice coming to us in the poor, the lonely, the broken-hearted and the abandoned.

This weekend we might take time to recall Mary who tells the servants at the wedding feast at Cana to “do whatever he tells you.” If we cannot hear, then we cannot do and if we cannot “do” then the direction of Mary falls on deaf ears. Perhaps we need to pray: *open my ears O Lord, that I might open my heart so that I might follow your command.*

Deacon Mike Jones

Readings for next weekend:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 4:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

National Child Protection Week September 5-11, 2021

St Peter's Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.



September	In our parish this week
Mon 6 th	8.00am Mass 6.30pm ALPHA (Register Now!) 7.00pm PPC meeting
Tue 7 th	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 8 th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6.30am Mass 6.00pm Young Adults Youth Group 7.00pm Youth & Young Adults Reading Ministry Training
Thu 9 th	No Mass
Fri 10 th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Sat 11 th	5.00pm Reconciliation (or by appointment) 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun 12 th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 11.30am Korean background parishioners' get-together 6.00pm Youth-Led Mass 7.00pm High School Youth Group

Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation will likely be debated and voted on in parliament in the next week or two. Please take action now, to let the Qld Government ministers know how wrong this legislation is.



We need you to help us ensure the euthanasia Bill is defeated. We need your action – NOW.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Pray all Queenslanders might respect Church teaching that life is sacred from conception until natural death and that our MPs support a fully funded palliative care system, negating the need for assisted suicide.

2. Arrange a meeting with YOUR local Member of Parliament

To find who they are

CLICK HERE
OR TYPE IN

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list>

3. Please also email your views to YOUR local Member of Parliament

CLICK HERE
OR TYPE IN

https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

Please stand with the Queensland Bishops and medical experts in opposing this legislation.

Dying with dignity already exists - it lies in being able to access high quality palliative care statewide.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers and those who fill a fathering role.

Alpha: Alpha for all parishioners continues this Monday night **6th September at 6.30pm** so join us for a meal and some conversations about life, meaning and faith. All welcome. To register use the QR code.



St Peter's Parish 'Mask-er-ade' Dinner Dance
Saturday 30th October at Algester Sports Club, from 7.15pm. \$50 per ticket for a 3 course meal. Includes live music, lucky door prize..... Youth decorating masks for purchase.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in September 6.30pm in the church.

Youth and Young Adults Reading Ministry: Are you interested in joining the reading Ministry at Mass? We are holding a reading ministry in-service training for youth and young adults on Wednesday 8th September at 7.00pm. Current and new ministers welcome. Please join us.

Youth Update: New members always welcome!
High School Youth Group: Parish Centre 7pm: 12th Sept

Young Adults Group:
Wed 8th Sept 6pm & Sun 19th Sept after 9am Mass

Date Claimers:

Youth-Led Mass – Sunday 12th Sept, 6pm

Ignite Youth Conference, Redcliffe – 22–25 Sept

God Bless, Olivia & Gerard ✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Booking in to attend weekend Masses: Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BPPWH>

Check In Qld App: Everyone is required to register their attendance at all Masses with the Check-In Qld App.

This app does not replace TryBooking for weekend Masses as we must have ticketed seating to allow us to continue to have full capacity in the church. So, please continue to book online but bring your phone to church to register with the **Check-In Qld App**. Please arrive early to assist the Marshalls.



Season of Creation 2021

Pope Francis has called the global Catholic family to celebrate the Season of Creation in communion with the wider ecumenical family. From the 1st September to 4th October, 2.2 billion Christians around the world will be marking this special season. The theme this year is: **“A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.”** Oikos is the Greek word for home or household. “More than ever before the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home.

Last weekend, every household received an envelope with 5 beautiful prayers for creation. Please use these prayers often, praying them as a family or as individuals, in response to the urgent need to heal our relationship with creation and with each other. Alternately, use your own prayers during the Season of Creation and beyond.

The Social Justice Group

Annual Catholic Campaign: Thank you to all who donated to support the vital ministries of the Archdiocese including Centacare, Holy Spirit seminary and the Priests Foundation. You can still donate using the special envelopes in any collection at Mass this weekend or online by going to <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/catholic-campaign/>

Faith Matters – Father’s Day

Happy Father’s Day to all fathers. *Fathers are not born, but made* Pope Francis said in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*. *A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.* - Pope Francis.

The essence of Fatherhood remains the same over time and cultures. St Joseph is an excellent role model for us of Fatherhood – he was an adaptive, creative, flexible, innovative, provider for his family. His actions led him and the Holy Family on difficult paths and circumstances; yet he was solid in his faith and trusted in God to direct and protect his family. Joseph was bestowed with the privilege, together with his wife Mary, to care for, protect, teach, encourage and love our Blessed Saviour Jesus. Your role as a father is no less a gift and responsibility. Life leads us in mysterious and unexpected “roads less travelled”.

May we also trust in God, to provide and protect us and our families, as St Joseph did.

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/fathers-day-prayers>

Faith Enrichment Ministry

St Peter’s Planned Giving: Please continue 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.

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.



Tap & Go Donations: No cash? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter’s Parish.

To help with seminarian costs: Account Name: Vocations Support BSB: 064-786 Acct #: 100026892

Roster: 11 th & 12 th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Stephanie Lenihan	Jo Cullen
AV Operator	Mick Denton	Sam Chamberlain	Tristan Edison
Readers	C. Joyce Lyster 1. Lyndall Bray-Claridge 2. Monika Svarc (Jnr)	C. Megan Philpott 1. Del Reynolds 2. Zach Smith	C. Olivia Brown 1. Feba Baji 2. Jada Nathan
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jo Cullen Carl de Mello Monika Svarc (Snr)	Julie Hondroudakis Gerard Lai Joan D’Netto	Olivia Brown Megan Carroll Deacon Mike Jones
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Youth Group
Cleaning Group 5:	Neil Mone, Dona Thomas, Telesia Naupoto, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield, Kathy Winter		
Cuppa & Chat:	After Saturday 6pm Mass 11 th September: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin, Mike Jarvis		
This week, 5th – 11th September: Sacristan:		Counting:	
Suma Joseph		Mike’s Group	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Vince Hurley, Inge McIntosh, Denise Cadman

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Alice Harvison, Mariah Egan, Jennifer Johnstone, Kevin Sorohan, Johannes “John” van Hoof, Roy Bevan, Mary Hanson, Bernard Burke, Thomas White, Edward Lynch, Anthony Aliprandi, Ursula Knuth, Blanche Kay, Kath Lourigan, Peter Lee, Vi Christensen, Robert Cussons, Harold Littleton, Michael Bray, Bessie Wiltshire, Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham, Mercia Rance, Barry James Elmes, Frank Nelsen, John Potts

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Callum Poynter, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, Pat McDonnell, Rod Jones, Katie Costello, Carole Hester, Tony Price, 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.

Are you new to our Parish? 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:

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or

sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Social Justice Group Facebook:

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

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