

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."

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

7th April 2024

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

The Doubting Thomas

Thomas refused to believe when his companions told him that Jesus had appeared to some of them. He had said, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger on those scars, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Thomas spent between the time when a doubt arose in his mind and the time that Jesus appeared to him eight days later.

Does he spend his days in depression because his Master, died a shameful death? Or does he contemplate going back home to till his land, or go fishing, or start a new business? Might he be thinking he has wasted his time? Or does he spend the time completely confused? Or they spread lies and should stop doing so immediately? Or maybe he starts arguing with God about what he heard? We never doubt the resurrection and the gift of eternal life. What is worth reflecting on today is the doubting Thomas' eight days' time vis-à-vis our own experience when God appears absent from our life, may be for eight days or eight months or even eight years. When we keep praying for something very urgent God seems not answer our prayers, what kind of thoughts go through our minds at that time? Do we not, like Thomas, want God to intervene in a more concrete way where we could see proof of His presence?

Don't we become like doubting Thomas? I know people who argue with God, just because they want something here and now. Thomas' doubt regarding Jesus' resurrection is not addressed instantly. He is made to wait, to struggle for a time and is probably even left confused. In our journey of faith too, we are left to struggle or be confused. Like Thomas, we may not find immediate solutions.

MERCY SUNDAY – FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

In 2000 Pope John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy. It arises out of a series of apparitions to Sr. Faustina. When canonizing her, he said, today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina to the Church as a gift of God. In April 1978, Rome permitted spread of this devotion. Today we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina was privileged to receive apparitions from Jesus emphasizing His mercy. Our attitude should be one of total trust in Jesus' Divine Mercy. Jesus told to St. Faustina to tell the whole world about His inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

The second teaching is to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Communion on this Feast. The third teaching is to tell the whole world of My great mercy. We are to be merciful in three ways by deed, word, and prayer. It reminds us of many parables taught by Jesus emphasizing God's mercy. God is like a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to go in search of the lost. God is like a woman searches the entire house to find the lost coin. God is like a father who welcomes back his prodigal son.

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In our parish this week: April 2024

Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13	Sunday 14
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed 6.45pm Care & Concern meeting	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Third Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Please mark this date in your diaries!

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the history book.

It has been finalised and sent to the printers.

Plans for the big day:

- * Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton.
- * Followed by a light lunch in the Simon Peter Centre.
- * The lunch, provided by the Parish, will be catered.
- * We need to identify the number of people attending both the Mass and the lunch. Mass numbers will determine where we hold the Mass, either in the church or the Simon Peter Centre in the school grounds.

Lunch numbers are required for catering purposes. A number of options for this purpose includes an Orange coloured book located at the front door of the church at Mass.

A Trybooking site has been established for this event. To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWJP>

A QR code is also operating. We will keep you up to date via the weekly newsletter with our plans as they evolve.

We would like to make the Mass a **Multi-cultural Mass** so would love participation from all of the different ethnic groups in our parish. Please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office if you would like to be involved in the Mass.

Readings for next weekend:

Third Easter Sunday of Easter (Yr B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Thank you: A big thank you to all who helped make our Lent and Easter so special. Thanks to all those who served as Ministers at Masses, prepared liturgies, led the Stations of the Cross or Lenten Groups. Thanks to the musicians, singers, cleaners, decorators and anyone who helped to enhance our celebrations.

New Lay Ministry Coordinator: We welcome Belmira D'Souza as our new Lay Ministry Coordinator. Please make yourself known to Belmira at Mass and make her welcome. Belmira's email address is layministry.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our April gathering for WOW will be on 24th April 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please join us for 'Chair Yoga' and a movie, morning tea, lucky door prize and raffles. RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 22nd April. All those over 65 are welcome.



Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.



Project Compassion Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. **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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Those who have died: Claire Manuel

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Elaine Fitzgibbons, Philomena Herrmann, George White, Ellen 'Nell' Elliott, Kenneth Morris, Kevin Thorley, Kerry Routledge, Lyn Murray, Matthew Liang, Linda Maria Manoi, Thomas Ray, Seiuli Foutanu, Alice Mitchell, Margaret Linnett, Cyril Cooper, Charles Steiner, Nita J Hammond, Dick Quan, Raymond Stierer

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, 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: Call to Prayer

Feast of the Annunciation Monday 8 April

As the morning light once more calls life to unfold until this evening when darkness will return all to stillness; we lift our hearts to you in grateful trust.

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

for he has looked with favour on this lowly servant, and from this day all generations will call me blessed.

The almighty has done great things for me; Holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud from their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory Be to God.....

Hymn – www.divinehymns.com

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord Is with You.

Blessed Are You Among Women and Blessed Is the Fruit of Your Womb, Jesus.

Teresa's Prayer

Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Meditation

Perfect tranquillity within consists in the good ordering of the mind, the realm of your own. *Marcus Aurelius.*

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 [@rochedaleyouth](https://www.instagram.com/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

Thanks: We are extremely grateful to a very generous parishioner who has made a donation of \$50 000 for permanent use by the parish.



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: 13th & 14th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Baji Itteera	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Edmund Lai 2. Cecilia Lai	C. Alina George 1. Fion Fiju 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Vickie Routledge 1. John Blake 2. Megan Carroll
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Shelagh Ballment Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Stephanie Lenihan Alan Vigor Julie H Del Reynolds Joan D'Netto	Cesarina Gigante Anne Fry Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Tim Hondroudakis	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass After Sunday 9am Mass 14th April - Helena Cha, Mary Barnier, Stephanie Lenihan			
This week 7th - 13th April	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		Counting: Marcos' 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: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

Notice regarding parking in the paddock next door to the Church and school property: The paddock where many of the school families and some parishioners park is the property of the Brisbane City Council. Neither St Peter's Parish nor School have any authority over the land and no ability to upgrade the facilities to the standard you would associate with parking in a church, school or business entity. Further to this, it is vital for community members to understand that parking in the paddock is at your own risk. Neither St Peter's Parish nor School can take any responsibility for Council land. We encourage you to use the main car parking facilities in the church and school grounds. If you choose to park in the paddock, please do so at your own risk.

We intend to padlock the gate between the paddock and church grounds, closest to the Parish Office, shortly, for safety. The gate further down the driveway in the school grounds will still be open. This will be a safer access point for pedestrians.

The Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Sunday 2nd June. We will begin this day with our Sacramental children receiving their First Holy Communion at 9am Mass. We would love to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am for several hours if we can get enough people to cover the times. Please speak to Fr Johnny if you would be like to participate in Adoration.

Corpus Christi Procession: Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen beginning at 2pm on Sunday 2nd June. Pick up a flyer if you are interested.

Bible-sharing Group: We are offering the opportunity for anyone interested in a Bible-reading/sharing group to advise their interest and preferences to Alan Vigor as soon as possible: Mob: 0407 962 342, or email: nalarogiv.1@gmail.com. It would be a relaxed sharing-group, familiarising us with God's love for us, along with a chance to share prayer.

Grocery donations: Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.

Entertainment Memberships: Limited time offer - **Free upgrade to a Multi city membership** when you purchase a single city membership. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Great idea for the school holidays!! Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

The Sacraments: Module 3 of the two year Catholic Formation Program, *The Sacraments*, is to commence on Monday 15th April. Once again St Declan's hall at Daisy Hill Parish will be the Hub for the Logan Deanery. Each of the four Modules is a stand-alone Module and so you do not have to have completed Modules 1 and 2 to do Module 3. There is a cost involved but please contact the Parish Office if you are interested or would like more information.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) 21-23 June is a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend getaway". It is an opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries and more deeply explore the precious nature of your relationship. It gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from the pressures and distractions of daily living. Where: The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes Contact: Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen Phone: 0481 307 821 or Email: qldbokings@wwme.org.au For more information: <https://www.wwme.org.au/dates>

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