

# 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."

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year A) 9th April 2023

Readings: **Vigil Mass:** Genesis 1:1-2 2 or 1:1,26-31 Genesis 22:1-18  
 Matthew 28:1-10  
**Sunday Mass:** Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

### Jesus is Risen (Hallelujah/Praise) Happy Easter. May the Risen Lord bless us.

My faith in the resurrection of Christ rests on two pieces of solid evidence: first, an empty tomb and second the testimony of Jesus' followers who had nothing to gain from proclaiming Jesus' resurrection except their own martyrdom. They would never have had the courage to preach about Jesus if Jesus hadn't risen and appeared to them. Our belief too, as St. Paul tells us, is not only that Jesus rose from the dead to live in eternal glory, but it is a glory we hope to share with him some day. No matter how powerful and final is the force of death, because of Jesus' resurrection, we believe that life has the final word not death and it is the life eternal.

In one of his lighter moments Benjamin Franklin penned his own epitaph. Influenced by St. Paul's teaching of the resurrection of the body here is what he wrote: "The Body of Benjamin Franklin, Printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and script of its lettering and gilding, lies here, food for worms, but the work shall not be wholly lost: for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more perfect edition, corrected and amended by its Author." So, our belief in Christ's resurrection is our hope that one day we too will join him to share the glory of eternal life.

The poet Laureate Maya Angelou captures this sense in her poem: "Out of the huts of history's shame I Rise, up from a past that is rooted in pain I Rise, leaving behind nights of terror and fear I Rise, into a daybreak that tis wondrously clear I Rise, bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I Rise I Rise I Rise."

Easter proves that God is in control. He may be silent, but he is not still. He moved out of the tomb and is moving amidst us. He is here with us and will be with us all the time. Watch on, lest we miss Him who comes in forms and shapes we know not.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu says, "Easter says to us that despite everything to the contrary, His will for us will prevail, love will prevail over hate, justice over injustice and oppression, peace over exploitation and bitterness."

What do the words "Peace be with you" say to us? They say that no matter how many times we sin, no matter how grievous our offenses are, God stands ready to forgive us and release us from guilt. He does this so that we can experience the peace that comes from being reconciled with him. As long as we stay with him, his peace will stay with us.

The peace that Jesus brings helps us face troubling circumstances without becoming swallowed up by anxiety or anger or fear. It brings a quiet confidence to our hearts that guides us as we face challenging decisions. It's a peace that depends not on the events of our day but on the boundless love of the Lord: "I belong to Christ, and I know that he will never abandon me!"

*Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI*

### In our parish this week: April 2023

Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th	Saturday 15th	Sunday 16th
<b>Easter Monday</b> <i>(Public Holiday                      Parish Office                      Closed)</i> <b>8.00am Mass</b>	<b>8.00am Mass</b>  <b>4.30pm</b> St Vincent de Paul Meeting	<b>6.30am Mass</b>	No Mass	<b>9.00am Rosary</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>5.00pm</b> Reconciliation  <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>(Divine Mercy Sunday)</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b>

**Pray-As-You-Go: Pathways of Prayer.**  
**Saturday 15th April 9 am to 12.30pm**

Join the Faith Enrichment Ministry for a morning of prayer and reflection.

See Faith Matters in this newsletter for details.

Register your interest with the Parish Office 3341 4421

**Date Claimer: Marian Valley Retreat**  
**Saturday 6th May.**

Leaving Parish at 8.30am and leaving Marian Valley at 1.30pm. BYO Lunch. A bus may be available if we have enough people wanting to travel by bus OR Car Pooling may be an option. Please let Jo Cullen know if you are interested by phoning the Parish Office.

**Church Lighting Upgrade 17th - 21st April:**

It has become increasingly evident that the lighting in our church has become inadequate.



We would be very grateful if out of your generosity we might receive donations however large or small to fund this upgrade. Please place your donations in an envelope marked "Lighting Upgrade" and place them in



the normal Parish Mass collection or use any of our Electronic transfer systems or hand them in to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Access to the church will be limited during the work from 17th to 21st April. Weekday Masses that week will be held in the Parish Office meeting room.

**Safeguarding Commitment:** St Peter's Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy (Yr A)**  
Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

**'Pass the Pastor' Home visits:** Fr Johny would love to come to visit the homes of parishioners for a chat. This will be a great way for Fr Johny to get to know us and for us to get to know him.



Fr Johny would be willing to bless your house at the same time if you wish.

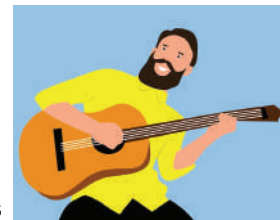
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time for Fr Johny to visit.

**Calling for Musicians and Singers:**

Dear Parishioners, as you know, at St Peter's we are always encouraging people to sing!

St Augustine is often quoted as saying that 'one who sings prays twice.'

I would like to encourage any parishioners who would be able to assist the congregation to sing at Mass, by singing at the microphone, to please contact me or just ask one of the organists at Mass. We love to have singers assisting. We would also love to hear from anyone who plays a musical instrument. Perhaps your child is learning one and would be able to start learning some parts of the Mass or simple hymns? Our group would love to support them in playing at Mass. Perhaps you know how to



play an instrument and could help us. Please consider this vital role in our Parish! You will all be warmly welcomed!  
Hope to hear from you as we would love to have you in the Music Ministry team! Thank you for your support. Elizabeth Fort (07 3341 0852) Leave a message if I am not home and I will get back to you.

**Holy Land Collection:** The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing.

**Those who have died:** Margaret Woltmann (*Mary Crowley's sister*), Mary Nicholl (*Gabrielle Connolly's Mother*), Len Torrens, Jesai George, Denise Gordon.

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:**

Matthew Liang, Linda Maria Manoi, Kevin Thorley, Kerry Routledge, Lyn Murray, Thomas Ray, Seiuli Foutanu, Alice Mitchell, Cyril Cooper, Charles Steiner, Nita J Hammond, Raymond Stierer, Lynn Robinson, Peta Power.

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:**

Phillip Van Tooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Kerriane Meulman, Ray Parker, Dawn Evans, Kathy Seymour, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, Maureen Flynn, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Rhonda Lawson, Step & Les O'Gorman, Kaye Torrens, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, 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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## 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**

**High School Youth Group** - Saturday 29th April 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass.

**Primary School Youth Group** Sunday 30th April 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass

**Young Adults** - please look out for details of our next get - together



### 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.

### FAITH MATTERS:

#### Pray-As-You Go: Pathways of Prayer

Pope Francis points to Jesus as the 'model and soul of all prayer'. Throughout the gospels we are reminded that for Jesus, prayer was a continuing conversation with the Father (1). Prayer preceded Jesus' decisions and drew his followers into times and places of prayer throughout his ministry.

Jesus invites us and offers a model for prayer, 'when you pray ...' your prayers through the Father are of praise, thanksgiving, and intercession (2).

#### Pray-As-You-Go: Pathways of Prayer. Saturday 15th April 9am to 12.30pm

You are welcome to gather in the Parish Centre and St Peter's surroundings to consider ways to engage in prayer and reflection. Elizabeth Fort will enrich our prayer experiences with a pathway to prayer through Music and the Presence of God. Members of the Faith Enrichment Ministry will explore, Times of Prayer, Guides and Prompts for Prayer and the potential of Places for Prayer. There will be an opportunity for guided Personal Prayer in the Open Air or in our Church. Fr Johny will share insights on his experiences of prayer.

A Refreshment Station will fortify your prayerfulness!

Please let us know that you are coming – via Julie at the Parish Office 33414421

1. Pope Francis (2021) Prayer: Jesus as model and soul. San Damaso Courtyard
2. Luke 11: 2-4

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Roster: 15th & 16th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Jo Cullen	Baji Itteera	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Brisha Jesuthasan	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. Marissa Boyles 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Fion Fiju 2. Feba Baji	C. John Blake 1. Joseph Varkey 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Joyce Lyster Carl de Mello	Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Joan D'Netto	Vickie Routledge Malcolm Carroll Megan Carroll
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Ihsan Laksmana	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Julie & Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass :Sunday 16th 9.00am Mass: Parish Pastoral Council members			
This week 9th - 16th Apr:		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	Counting: Bob'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:**  
Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ **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

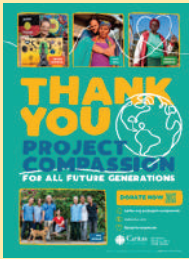
**Social Justice Group Facebook**

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

**St Vincent de Paul:**

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

## Project Compassion:



**Happy Easter** from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow.

**For All Future Generations.** You can still donate through Project Compassion by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



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## Around the Archdiocese

**Invitation from New Farm Parish: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)** at Holy Spirit Church 16 Villiers Street, New Farm on April 16th Reconciliation 1.30pm then from 2.15pm Rosary, Chaplet, Benediction, Veneration - St Faustina's Relic, then Holy Mass. Refreshments to follow.

**The Archbishop's Dinner for Men** is an evening event that provides a space for men who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. This year's dinner will be held at 6pm on **April 13th** at Wynberg in New Farm. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for men to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey. To express interest in attending, email [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)



**The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023**  
 Archdiocesan Summit 2023 - New ticket options available  
 SUMMIT23 is a three-day gathering of clergy, religious, educators, catechists, lay leaders and communities from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane for keynote presentations, workshops, panel discussions, prayer and encounter with Jesus.

You're invited to this significant event in the Archdiocese, and there are now more ways to participate. Creche tickets are now open for Friday and Saturday mornings (for small children of adult delegates) as well as day ticket options for those unable to attend the whole time. Visit [brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com) for all the registration options.

**When: 6pm Thursday 18th May - 3pm Saturday 20th May**  
**Where: Riverlife Centre (47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks)**  
*We would love to encourage our parishioners to attend. Please see Jo where a payment plan can be provided if necessary. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity.*

## OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME Travel with St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 4th-20th Oct 2023:



For more information, please contact Stephanie Lenihan on 0413268860 or email [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) asap.

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