

Congratulations to Fr Gerard Lai on his Priestly Ordination:

About 60 parishioners were able to travel to St Stephen's Cathedral on Thursday 29th June to be present at the Ordination to the priesthood of Frs Gerard, Minje and Isaac. You can still watch the recording of the Mass on the Archdiocesan website at brisbanecatholic.org.au



Fr Gerard will celebrate a **Thanksgiving Mass** at 9am this Sunday 9th July here at St Peter's. All Parishioners are invited to attend. Join us for a special cuppa afterwards. Please keep Fr Gerard, Fr Minje and Fr Isaac in your prayers.

Introducing our new parish **Seniors** activity group.

Wise Owl Wednesdays!

First Event: **Christmas in July**
Wednesday 26th July 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. School performance, Christmas Cake, Lucky door prizes, high tea, chat, Santa. Bring a pretty cup or favourite mug along



Pilgrimage: 4 spaces available but must be registered with Harvest by 11th July. Call Steph asap! 0413268860

Those who have died: Ernest Gehrke, Michael Sarich, Neville Capra, Maureen Flynn, John Donohue

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Horace Peters, Maud Winter, Richard Ryan, Paul Ray, Lillian Francis, Violet Jackson, Harold Adcock, Michael Saii, Brian Fitzgibbons, Walter Bloxsidge, Darryl George, Doris Pinto, Johann Weverink, Gerald Loy, Margaret Weston, Ken Neilsen, Aub Evans, Patrick O'Leary, Maureen Rosso, Ian Thompson, Warren Nicholl, Olga Mahony, Maurice Machin, Mark Goodwin, Perc Feeney, Mary Warnaminde, Veronica Smith.

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:

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Baptismal Congratulations:

This weekend Fr Johny will baptise Louie S, Bodhi L, Ruby & Bella S & Hamish T. Please pray for these children and their families.



Sacramental Program - Confirmation: We recently began the process to bring a new group of children into the Sacramental Program. Though the Parent Information meeting has been held, there is still an opportunity to join this year's program. If you have a child in Grade 3 or above who would like to begin preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation, please contact the Parish Office asap.

Crossroads: We have 3 teenagers who have begun the Crossroads program this week to further their Sacramental journey. Please keep all of these young people and their families in your prayers.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: Next weekend 15th & 16th July we will celebrate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday at all Masses. As is our usual custom we will take up a **Retiring Collection** for the Murri Ministry at all Masses next weekend to support their work in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

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.

St Peter's Online Order Page is
<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

St Peter's Coffee Get Together: Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 10th July at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Rd, Rochedale South



Scam warning There is a scam going where people receive text messages or emails from various priests asking for money urgently. **Do not respond.** Please report it to the parish office.

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FAITH MATTERS: Discipleship

Fr Johny's homily last weekend regarding the cost of discipleship may have been a bit confronting when considering the apparent severity of Jesus' call on our lives.

Isn't our Catholic way of life meant to be based on prayer, the Mass, participation in the sacraments, and being a decent human being?

The wonderful aspect of Jesus' sufferings, death and resurrection is that we who choose to accept the free gift of salvation that God won for us in Jesus, have been saved from the horrors of Hell, and given the key to Heaven's grace, beauty and wonder in the full experience of God's immense love for us. Jesus suffered to give us the opportunity to experience "life in abundance" (Jn 10:10), but not without challenges. Jesus said people of the world will hate us because we uphold the standards Jesus stood for (Jn 15:18).

How does that affect our daily life as Christians? Doesn't it mean there are times when we are called to stand up for what is good and right, even when it's inconvenient and we may be shouted down and ostracised? Or do we just try to keep our heads down and avoid awkward confrontation with others over moral issues? We all fail to act courageously at some point, just like Peter, but so long as we keep refocussing on God's loving way, we will triumph in the end. And as far as suffering death in this world is concerned, it is eternal Life that is our true goal, not a pleasant, unruffled life in this passing world.

Family comes second to God? If this notion seems askew, it is essential to recognize that putting God first in ALL aspects of our life – no matter what – gives us a heavenly perspective. We gain peace, insight and right balance – God's heart for it all.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

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 - Fortnightly on Sunday nights 7pm - 8pm in the Parish Centre after 6pm Mass. Fun, food, friendship....

Primary School Youth Group On alternate Sundays 10.15am to 11.15am in the Parish Centre after 9am Mass.

Young Adults - Next meeting date to be advised.

Parish Website: Thank you to Tony Arakkakunnel who has come forward to help us to update our Parish Website. We are very grateful for your expertise and help.



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: 15th & 16th July	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Anne Fry
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. David Crowley 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Fion Fiju 2. Feba Baji	C. John Blake 1. Edmund Lai 2. Cecilia Lai
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment	Julie Hondroudakis Anne Scanlon, Joan D'Netto Del Reynolds Stephanie Lenihan	Vickie Routledge Malcolm Carroll Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield & Kathy Winter..			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after 9am Mass on Sunday 16th July: Rashelle Johnson, Anne Scanlon, Rosie Bertolacci			
This week 9th -15th July	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: John Blake 0411 196 775

Around the Archdiocese

Sea Sunday: This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. Please pray for sea farers and for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

Father James Spence: Although already officially retired, Father James Spence is finally retiring from pastoral work with the Italian community at St Thomas More Church, Petrie Terrace! He has worked within the Brisbane diocese for 55 years. He will be farewelled at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 16 July at The Italian Catholic Centre, St Thomas More, cnr Chapel Street, Caxton Street and Hale Street Petrie Terrace.

Light refreshments will follow at the church from 10.15am Please rsvp (for catering purposes) to lucyvaleri@hotmail.com or message 0417615923 by 9 July. Limited parking at church or parking at The Barracks, Caxton St Petrie Tce. Monetary contributions towards a farewell gift can be brought to the church on the day.

College Open Days:

Clairvaux MacKillop College: Windows Day Friday July 19th

St James College: Taster Day Experiences Friday 28th July

Calling all grandparents! Join with Evangelisation Brisbane for a morning that celebrates your important role in shaping the faith of your grandchildren and children. **Grand Plans for**

Grandparents is a time together created to acknowledge, equip and empower you in this special role. Discover fresh ways to engage with your grandchildren, sharing the gift of faith with renewed enthusiasm, and connect with fellow grandparents, share your experiences, and build a supportive community.

Stay on for Mass at Cathedral at 11:30am where you'll receive a special blessing, reaffirming the impact you have on your family's spiritual journey. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Reserve your spot today by registering here:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/grandparents>

When: Saturday 22 July, 9:15 - 11:15am (followed by optional 11:30am Mass at the Cathedral)

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$15 RSVP: Monday 17 July

Celtic Winter Concerts: It has been said that there are only 2 types of people in this world; the Irish and those who wish they were! If you are Irish, or would like to be, even for an afternoon, join the Queensland Irish Choir at one of our Celtic Winter Concerts and enjoy an afternoon of Irish and Celtic songs and music that will warm the cockles of your heart!

By popular demand, we are holding 2 concerts this Winter; the first 2 PM on Sunday, 23 July 2023 at the Chermside-Kedron Community Church at Kedron and the 2nd at St Thomas Catholic Primary School Hall at Camp Hill at 2 PM on Sunday, 30 July 2023. Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained on our website at <https://www.qldirish-choir.org.au/events>. We look forward to seeing you, to be sure!

Women's Night of Sprituality will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 25 July in St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong. The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit? Entry by donation & supper provided. Please mark the date in your calendar. See further details on event flyer available on parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au. This event will be livestreamed on the night and the link will be available via parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au

Grocery donations:

When you are able, please bring non perishable grocery items and place them in the baskets in front of the altar at Mass so that Fr Johny & St Vinnies can help families in need in our parish.

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