

# 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 Advent (Year B) 10th December 2023

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11      2 Peter 3:8-14      Mark 1:1-8

### John the Baptist and his teaching

John the Baptist is "to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths". Without much ado Mark described how, "John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Later, Mark also described how John lived, and what he ate and wore. The curious thing about John's preaching is that 'people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and being baptized by him in the river Jordan, and they acknowledged their sins.'

John certainly was not the first one to preach about repentance for sins. Others had constantly reminded people to leave their sinful paths and turn to God like; Joel, Isaiah, Job, Jeremiah, and Jonah. So, what was so special about John's message? There are three answers to this question. The first is that John himself was filled with the Holy Spirit. We need to note that during the visitation of Mary, the moment Mary's greeting reached Elizabeth's ears, the child (John) in her womb leapt for joy. The second reason is that it was John who was seen baptizing people in the Jordan. And the third is that it was John alone who tells them directly, "one mightier than I, is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

As we follow the message of John in preparation to receive Jesus, we have our job cut out for us. We have no excuse to say we do not know what we are expected to do and how. The first requirement for us is to invite the Holy Spirit to fill us with His presence. The second requirement is to repent of our sins and make our paths straight so that our lives, point to someone else more important than ourselves (Jesus). Like John, our lives should show that we have found another reason to live our lives differently. The third point to remember is to be authentic and truthful in all humility about who we Christians are and what our task is. This is easier said than done.

What our preparation during this season of Advent can do is to lead us steadily to repentance and to expect the coming of someone – the Lord Jesus Christ - who alone can set us on the right path and give us real self-worth. What more as true Christians would we look for and require for Christmas than the glory of God being revealed through us and people able to witness it in our life? Would that not make our Christmas, our whole life, a joyful one?

**The Advent wreath** is to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ. **The four candles** represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

First candle / Sunday: HOPE (The Prophecy Candle).

**Second candle / Sunday: PEACE (The Bethlehem Candle):** It is a reminder that the Christ-child will bring peace to a troubled world.

Third candle / Sunday: JOY (The Shepherd's Candle).

Fourth candle / Sunday: LOVE (The Angel's Candle).

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### In our parish this week: December 2023

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass	St Lucy	St John of the Cross	9.00am Rosary	5.00pm Reconciliation	Third Sunday of Advent
	10.30am Mass at Arcare Springwood	6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i>	9.30am Mass	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Mass 10am - 10.20am Primary School Youth gathering
		7.00pm Mass				6.00pm Mass

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

This Christmas share the gift of hope by giving ...

**Cash Donation** or **\$10/\$20 Gift Cards** - from Woolworths, Drakes, Coles, Aldi, K Mart, Target, Big W  
**Food Donations** – *these only*  
Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Rice, Cordial

Gift Cards or Cash, in marked envelopes can be pinned on the **"VINNIES' GIVING TREE"** at Mass



by this  
**Sunday 10th December!**

**LAST WEEKEND FOR DONATIONS**



**LETTER BOX DROP** Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Mass Times' letter-box drop? This year we have had the cards professionally printed. The cards are all packaged up with maps covering areas including the new Rochedale Estates to welcome any new residents to our church. Please select your preferred map and card bundle, cross it off on the large map and get some exercise while you spread the word about St Peter's. Thank you.



**Books for Sale from the Church or Parish Office**  
**With Expectant Hearts** - \$6 - a 22 day prayer and reflection guide for Advent or anytime  
**Break Open the Word 2024** - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word. This commences with the readings for this weekend.  
**God's Word 2024** - \$15 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2024 plus daily reflections.

**St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:** Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024. Please mark this date in your diaries! We would love you to jot down your memories of St Peter's and hunt out any photos you may have of St Peter's parish life over the years. All will be useful in compiling our 50th anniversary book. Please send your memoirs to the Parish Office by email if possible at [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au) Many thanks.

### Readings for next weekend:

**Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Gardening Working bee: Saturday 9th Dec

**from 8am** to weed the gardens and get the church looking good for Christmas. If you could spare any time, even half an hour, that would be greatly appreciated. **BYO hat, gardening gloves and gardening tools.** We will finish with morning tea at 10am. See you there!



**Care & Concern Thank you:** A very big thank you to the very kind & generous donor of all the raffle prizes for the Care & Concern Christmas brunch who wished to remain anonymous.

### Gifts from the Crib:

#### An Advent Retreat afternoon

Saturday 9th December in the Parish Centre.  
3pm Cuppa  
3.30pm - 5.30pm Retreat



### Advent Date Claimers:

**Reconciliation (2nd Rite):** 6:30 pm Monday 18 Dec

**Choir & Musicians Practice for 9pm & 9am Christmas**

**Masses:** 7pm Tuesday 19th Dec

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** is also Christmas Eve this year - so Masses 6pm Saturday 23rd Dec & 9am Sunday 24th Dec will be 4th Sunday of Advent.

The evening Masses on Sunday 24th will be Christmas Masses.

### Christmas Masses:

**Christmas Eve** Sunday 24th December

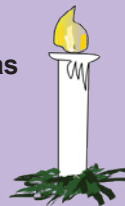
**6.30 pm** (Family Mass with children's pageant)

**& 9.00 pm** (Vigil)

**Christmas Day** Monday 25th December **9.00 am** only

**Children's Christmas Pageant Leaders needed:** Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to assist with the Children's Pageant at the 6.30pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve. We would love a mix of experienced and new helpers!

**Pageant practice** (including musicians & singers) will be held in the church at 10am on Saturday 23rd December.



**Those who have died:** Stella Joseph (*Tony's wife*), Mark White

### Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Vincent Blundell, Charlie Fry, Anastasia Medcraf, Desmond Van Der Haar, Mary Becker, Clifford Sharp, Frederick Taylor, Doris Quan, Lindsay Maiden, Jim Whewell, Philippe de Baritault, Margaret Quigg, John Jolley George, Thelva O'Shea, Ethel Bevan, Noela Parker, John Francis Doyle, Mary Duncan, Gagry Patinggale, Margaret Lynch, Margaret Bradley, Hanorah Henderson, Rod Caligari, Udhav Mone, Emily Jane Mahony, Sarah Hamill, John Pulley, Maria Riccobon

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

Darrell Lusk, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Kevin Collier, Leigh O'Shea, Ray Parker, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, 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.*



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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

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## FAITH MATTERS:

**Call To Prayer** *This is the day the Lord has made let us be glad and rejoice.*

### Psalm 51

Have Mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash me thoroughly from my offences and cleanse me of my sin!

Behold, I was brought forth in a sinful world, but you desire truth in my inmost being.

Teach me wisdom in the depth of my heart.

Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my guilt and blot out all my wrongdoings.

Create in me a clean heart; put a steadfast spirit within me.

Cast me not from your presence; take not your spirit from me.

Give me again the joy of your salvation, with a willing spirit uphold me.

Glory be to God.....

**Hymn - Morning has broken** like the first morning,

Blackbird a has spoken like the first bird.

Prais for the singing: praise for the morning.

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

### Augustine's Prayer

Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may all be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love nothing but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

**Meditation** *The quieter you become, the more you are able to hear.* - Rumi.


Faith Enrichment Ministry

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au    📷 @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

**Primary School Youth gathering: This Sunday 10th Dec 10am to 10.20am (after 9am Mass).** Sorry parents - it is not a cuppa Sunday, but you can have a chat while Rosie leads the children in some faith based activities. All primary school students welcome. 



### 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: 16th & 17th Dec	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Neil Ballment 2. Edmund Lai	C. Fion Fiju 1. Mae Marfil 2. Caitlin Marfil	C. Bob Burns 1. Raylee Burns 2. Megan Philpott
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Sharon Fong Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment	Anne Scanlon Deseree Quan Jo Cullen     Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis	Cesarina Gigante Ann Maree Collier Anne Fry
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Francis Yoo			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass: Helena Cha, Mary Barnier, Stephanie Lenihan			
This week 10th - 16th Dec.		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helen Cha	Counting: Carl'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:

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  
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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



**Thank you:** A big Thank You from the Meulman family to our St Peter's community for their prayers, love and concern during Kerriane's cancer journey this year. We thank God that she has now received the all clear. *Rob & Trish Meulman*

**Position Vacant: Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:** We are looking for someone to take over the role of recruiting volunteers and coordinating our parish ministry groups. For more information or to apply for the role of Lay Ministry Coordinator, which is a paid position for 10 hours per week, please contact the Parish Office.

**Safeguarding Training:** Thank you to those who attended the Safeguarding Training sessions and to those who have done the training online at home. Anyone who missed these training sessions or has not recently viewed the training video will still be required to do the training online at home. Those ministers who must renew their Safeguarding Training every 2 years include Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, Adult altar servers, Mass Coordinators, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Sacramental Program leaders, Care & Concern Visitation and transport volunteers, Home Communion & Nursing Home Communion Ministers, WOW Senior's Ministry & RCIA team, St Vinnies members, counters, Office admin, musicians & choir. 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/> Please contact Julie or Malcolm for more information.

**Mass Ministers:** The new rosters for January to March 2024 will need to be compiled soon. Could all those who minister in any way at weekend Masses, please advise any dates that you will be unavailable either by email to Julie or on the yellow slips on the table near the doors in the church. Thank you all!

**The Catholic Leader:** The December issue has arrived and is available in the church \$4. This will be the second last issue available from the church - only the Christmas issue to come.

In 2024 The Catholic Leader will move to an individual subscription distribution model. Parishes will no longer receive a bulk delivery of the paper after the Christmas 2023 delivery. The production of the digital online edition of the paper will also stop at this time. Readers will need to take out individual subscriptions and will receive the newspaper delivered to their door. If you take out a subscription for \$65 before 10th December you will receive the December & Christmas editions as well as all 2024 editions. Subscription envelopes available at the church beside the paper copies of the Catholic Leader.

### Around the Archdiocese

See the noticeboards on the Church verandah for the events below

**Advent Concert Series at St Stephen's Cathedral in December:**

5pm Sunday 10th - Christopher Trikilis (Pipe organ) \* Ticketed admission

5pm Sunday 17th - (in the chapel) Susan Colins (violin) \* Ticketed admission

3pm Saturday 23rd - Christmas Carol Service \* Free admission

**The Queensland Choir presents: Sounds of the Season.** A Choral Christmas with the Queensland Choir conducted by Kevin Power - 7.30pm Saturday 16th December at the Concert Hall, Old Museum Building, 480 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Tickets \$45, Concessions \$40, Full-time Students \$20. Call 3257 4089 or visit [www.oldmuseum/event](http://www.oldmuseum/event)

**Entertainment Memberships:** You can purchase a 3, 12 or 24th month Entertainment Membership for Brisbane or for multiple cities. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. Great for the school holidays or as a Christmas gift! St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

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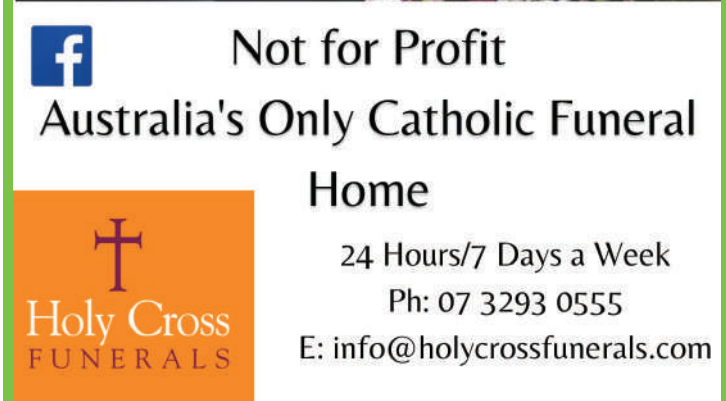
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