

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."

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 12th November 2023

Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

Memories of St Peter's

It is my absolute pleasure to write to you about my beloved parents, Charlie and Monica O'Leary, and just some of the contributions they made to the opening up of, and continuing success of the parish of St Peter's, Rochedale. My parents lived on Underwood Road and operated an earth moving business (whilst Dad worked as a motorcycle cop, and they raised their seven children). The business had a few names but older Rochedale residents will remember 'Mr Fill' and 'O'Leary Rochedale' being painted on the arms of various excavators and trucks. As a proud Catholic Irish Australian, our Dad always told the story of how it was 'just right' that he dug the foundations for both the church of St Peter's, and the Springwood Pub!

Our family had a wonderful relationship with the founding priest, Father Rollo Enright. He was often at our house for dinner on Friday nights, and would listen patiently and laugh loudly at the antics of all seven little O'Leary kids. He was a beautiful man, with a very deep voice, a big heart and a hearty laugh. One time, Dad managed to find an old car for a really cheap price and would drive us endlessly around the back paddock, as we all had to have turns doing laps as the driver on his lap. I clearly remember Father Enright being there and happily joining in on quite a few of the laps, as we all took turns to steer the wheel. It was Father Enright who managed to find the famous 'St Peter's rock' that sits out the front of our church. He had found it somewhere in his home town of Beaudesert and it was Dad's happy job to take one of his trucks down there, pick up the massive rock, and place it into the position it still holds to this day. I often think about just how many happy children have climbed up and sat on that rock as their parents have chatted. Dad's own grandchildren attended St Peter's School many years later and we are so lucky to have pictures of them on that very rock. Dad always told the story of how Father Enright had envisioned a 'colonial Australia' type building for the new St Peter's Church, and how he wanted a nice, big, open verandah as a place for parishioners to meet and feel welcome. That was certainly achieved.

When St Peter's Primary School opened, Mum was delighted to be given the job as the founding teacher, along with the other person on staff, the founding Principal, Sr Lynn. My youngest sister, Megan, was in that very first year, with Mum as her teacher! Mum would tell us the story of how, when the school was picking house names, she was asked if she would agree to one being called, 'O'Leary House'. Ever humble, and worried about hearing her surname screamed out at sports carnivals for many years, she declined, and they went with another name. Mum absolutely loved teaching at St Peter's and did so for many, many years, making many friends. We were all so lucky to benefit by those friendships and connections made in the early years, and marvel that we are all still in contact with quite a few of the early families from then. One of Mum's proudest achievements was getting her bus license so that she could drive the school kids to and from Laurie Lawrence Swim School. The actual bus was hilarious, as it was fairly old looking, had been painted by the Youth Group of the time, under the watchful eye of one of the dads, Michael Murphy, who was a great painter and artist in our parish.

Carmel O'Leary

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In our parish this week: November 2023

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
8.00am Mass 7.00pm Safeguarding Training		6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i> 6.30pm C&C meeting	St Elizabeth of Hungary 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Safeguarding Training: Safeguarding training must be renewed every 2 years. All ministers are invited to one of our training sessions: This **Saturday 11th Nov at 10am** or **Monday 13th November at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please mark these dates in your diary. If you minister in a role that appears on the new Volunteer matrix you must renew your Safeguarding Training. The last parish wide training we held was in 2021. If your role is only as Minister of the Word or Extraordinary Minister at Mass, Church cleaner or hospitality, you are no longer compelled to attend training but are most welcome.

'CHRISTMAS BRUNCH' hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre.
Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 1pm
Tickets \$15. Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship, ALL WELCOME!
Carols sing-a-long, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. *(Please be prepared with Cash)*
Please place your name and contact in the yellow folder at the back of the church.
Contact Lynn for any queries on 0403051103.
Payments to Julie at the Parish Office by 20th Nov..

Memories of St Peter's: In the lead up to our 50th Anniversary next year, we would love parishioners to jot down their significant memories of parish life and send them in to the Parish Office. Some may be used in the newsletter as Carmel's has this weekend. Others 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 Many thanks.

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.

Those who have died: Queenie Patricia Gill (*Carmel Northey-Cherrett's mother*), Mary Vigor (*Alan's mother*), Maria Depaz de Zepeda (*Jose's mother*), Brian Hamilton

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Christopher Langford, Richard Kemp, Reginald Smith, Bill Steele, Terry Breen, Bunny Hall, Ryan Dawson, Ethel Cussans, Gertrude Young, Lloyd Hagstrom, Eileen Van Rooyen, Ruth Culbert, Clement Fernandes, Glen Sullivan, Allen Thrower, Len McGovern, John Pritchard, Roy Bowser, Darryl Fisher, Lionel Hurley, Robert Kelly, Arthur Simpson, John Hayward, Peg Ryan, Teresa Slattery, Deceased members of the Chin & Mah families.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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, Kerriane Meulman, 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.

Readings for next weekend:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31 * 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 * Matthew 25:14-30

RCIA: This Sunday **12th November at the 9am Mass**, we will welcome **Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen** to share their faith lives in our community when they will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion. Jessie and Ken have undertaken their journey of faith with us. They have come to belong to our church family. Please keep Jessie and Ken and their family in your prayers and join us on Sunday.

Sacraments for teenagers: We will be commencing Crossroads RCIA for high school children who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Holy Communion. The first session will be held on this Sunday 12th November after 9am Mass. Please bring your child along and speak to Jo after Mass or contact the Parish Office

WOW Seniors Ministry: Nine people from St Peter's WOW attended the St Phillip's Church invitation to their event on Thursday and all had a good time.



Next WOW gathering: Café 63, at 99 Cinderella Drive, Springwood on 29 November. We will meet for morning tea at 10am and stayers are then free to go on and have lunch there too. We will also have a raffle and prizes. Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you would like to attend or put your name on the Expression of interest form in the church.

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!

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

Flowers to decorate the church: If any individuals or families would like to donate flowers to decorate the church especially for weekend Masses, please contact the Parish Office.



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St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee: Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024. Please mark this date in your diaries! Your suggestions are requested for the celebrations. Please hunt out any photos you might have of parish life over the years - either hard or soft copies.

♥ **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



Are you missing a container or plate? There are a many left in the Parish Centre from various functions and funerals. Please collect yours this weekend.



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 Enrichment Ministry

Roster: 18th & 19th Nov	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Marissa Boucher 1. Cecilia Lai 2. Edmund Lai	C. Alina George 1. Megan Philpott 2. Pauline Angus	C. Anne Fry 1. John Blake 2. Sharon Fong
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Carl de Mello	Del Reynolds Joan D'Netto Jo Cullen Julie Hondroudakis Deseree Quan	Megan Carroll Kate Guy Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Recordings	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty de Jesus & John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 19th Nov 9am Mass: Rashelle Johnson, Anne Scanlon & Rosie Bertolacci.			
This week 12th - 18th Nov.		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

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

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At the beginning of the parish, there were also some 'Family Groups' established and we were lucky enough to have get-togethers, BBQ's, and the odd trip away down the coast to some of the old convents that had accommodation right near the beach. Some of the families involved in the early days were the Scullys, the Murphys, the Sorohans, the Leadbetters, the Burns, and so on. Really great memories. There are many, many more stories of Mum and Dad's connection with this wonderful parish; Mum was a fantastic reader at Mass, on the Parish Board at one stage, and a Eucharistic Minister in later years. They both lived through many wonderful times with fetes, bush dances, parish meetings, getting to know quite a few different priests in their time, and many, many friendships. We were all blessed to be there at the very beginning of St Peter's and a few of us are lucky enough to have had our children attend the school, plus I taught there for a while. We are also lucky enough to not be too far away so that we can still drop by for various, lovely things that are happening down there.

I hope you enjoyed this trip down memory lane and thanks for reading.

Carmel O'Leary

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

With Expectant Hearts - \$6 - a 22 day prayer and reflection resource for Advent or anytime.

Break Open the Word 2024 - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

God's Word 2024 - \$15 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2024 plus daily reflections.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together:

Wednesday 6th December at 10.00am at the **Flying Pepper Cafe**, 120 Kate Court, Rochedale



Around the Archdiocese

Guided Men's Retreat: 'Awake, Attentive, Called'. The week-end-long retreat will provide opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, as well as time to explore the breathtaking grounds and outdoor meditation activities of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Participants will also get the chance to meet other men walking the faith journey and take part in occasional group discussions. Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

Dates: 6:00pm Friday 24 Nov to 12:00pm Sunday 26 November
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)
Cost: Live in individual - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation); live out individual - \$230 (includes morning teas, lunch and dinners)
RSVP: Mon 20 Nov, register online at tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023

Queensland Irish Choir - A Celtic Christmas Celebration:

The Queensland Irish Choir presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Chermshire-Kedron Community Church, Gympie Rd, Kedron on Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 2 PM. Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Celtic song and music. The Choir will present a number of well-known Christmas carols and hymns (but with stunning arrangements) and also many carols of Celtic origin with which you may not be familiar. It will be a wonderful way to prepare for the most beautiful time of the year which heralds the birth of Jesus Christ. Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained online <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTCA> or at the door. Enquiries 0493 455 487

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