

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

Since 1974

955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

15th May 2022

Readings: Acts 14:21-27   Revelation 21:1-5   John 13:31-35

### To be a good Christian and a good citizen

Please enjoy reading the reflection below written by Samuel Chamberlain who is a Member of the Parish Pastoral Council & the Co-ordinator of the Evangelisation Task Group. *Fr Baiyi*

**"Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save." Psalms 146: 3**

There is decreasing trust in Australia's institutions. Our political system, the media, the bureaucracy are all being viewed with more scepticism by an increasing number of Australians. The upcoming federal election will give some people optimism for the future. Others may be more downcast about our prospects.

It is important to remember two things. The first is that **it is a moral duty to give serious consideration for whom you vote. You should consider which candidates will promote justice and righteousness** and be grateful to have the opportunity to vote, a privilege that not every person has. The second thing to remember is that politics cannot save. Politicians will always fail you. They are bound to fail because they are humans. But God never fails and he is always true to his promises.

We at St Peter's Catholic Parish Rochedale invite you at this time, when you are considering what is best for the future of this country, to reflect upon your relationship between yourself and God. We invite you to make this reflection because of the following reality: if you don't worship God, you will worship something, or anything, else. It is hard not to see the idols of our time. Whether it be careerism, or the pride found in titles, or the fervour directed towards political figures, idols are abundant in our culture. These will not provide you with the fulfilment that you think they will.

St Augustine said "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Our hearts can only be complete when we orientate our lives towards what humans were designed for. Humanity has an innate desire to be in a relationship with the creator and saviour of the universe. Think about it. We live in the most prosperous, wealthy, healthy, educated, entertained, technologically advanced and connected period in human history. And yet we are beleaguered with the same slings and arrows of fate and misfortune as every generation of humans that has preceded us. Family breakdown, personal moral failings, hatred towards one another are all things that existed in antiquity that still persist in our world today.

Christian theologian C.S Lewis provided us with a logical conclusion for humanity not being able to be satisfied with worldly things or to solve our worldly problems: "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." As we are created by God, imbued with his Dignity, and orientated towards His Love and Truth, only in seeking him and guarding his commandments do we come to peace.

St Peter's Parish invites you in this time of national tumult to visit our Parish and to join us for Mass. We boldly proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and invite all members of the local community to live out the Gospel message in their daily lives.

Remember when voting to do your civic duty but also to remember that Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

*Samuel Chamberlain*



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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."



May		In our parish this week
Mon 16th	8.00am Mass	
Tue 17th	8.00am Mass with children	
Wed 18th	6.30am Mass	
Thu 19th	No Mass	
Fri 20th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	
Sat 21st	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 22nd	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.00am Mass 11am-3pm Family Festival Day 6.00pm Mass - Cuppa to follow	

**Bring A Friend to Mass:** This Sunday 15th May, is 'Bring A Friend To Mass' Day. There will be a cuppa following 9am Mass to further welcome our friends. Or you could bring a friend to the 6pm Mass that day which will be a Youth Led Mass. We wish to share our Masses with others.

**Rosary for Peace:** Please join us to pray for peace at a Rosary reflection in the church on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.

**Those who have died:** Pat Heenan

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:**

Clara Tronchini, Audrey Wren, James Hayward, Rita van der Haar, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryan McGarvey, Colin Towne, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Patricia Stanfield, Carl Becker, Dulcie Johns.

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

Helen Viola, Milja Atanatovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Marie Dingwall, Rhonda Lawson, Charles Williams, Liz Hill, Margaret Wagner, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, 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:  
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

**Sacramental Program 2022:** This Sunday 15th May the First Holy Communion class and their families will attend the 9am Mass for a Rite of Enrolment followed by a workshop on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children and families in your prayers. For more information contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421

**Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet?** We have a fabulous program this year called **Crossroads** which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information on when this journey of faith will begin.

**Logan Deanery Family Festival Day: Sunday 22nd May 11am to 3pm** at the PCYC cnr Kingston & Compton Rds, Slacks Creek. We would love to get expressions of interest to see how many people to cater for. Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BYQDB> to express interest in attending. Thank you.

**Pivotal Players:** The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....

**St Benedict – Wednesday, 1st June**

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

**Vinnies News:** Who can help "Vinnies", help others?

SVDP needs help for their **Winter Appeal** - 5th June after 9am Mass

\*Donations for Raffle Prizes

\*Volunteers to help on the day with set-up, serving, clean-up

\*Donations of baked cakes, sweets and slices that we can sell. (Please include a list of ingredients of with any baked goods.)

Please Contact Lyndal on 0408180568 or the Parish Office on 33414421 to assist or for more information.

**St Vinnies Free Migrant Advice Service:** Please call the St Vinnies Help Line 1800846643 to register for an appointment with qualified Migrant Agents who offer advice to any nationality or cultural background. This service is provided free of charge.

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## Faith Matters: The Feast of our Lady of Fatima

May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October, 1917.

The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War and a year before the Communist revolution in Russia. First an "Angel of peace" appeared urging them to accept the sufferings which awaited them, as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him (Our Lord), and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners.

Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of a woman holding a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." Our Lady appeared to the children on the 13th of the month from May until October declaring "My Immaculate Heart will triumph".

Today we are urged to pray for peace in our troubled world, especially in Ukraine so take the opportunity to pray the rosary, at home with your family or individually, also

- in our parish come along to pray the rosary on a Friday morning before the 9.30am Mass.

- on Tuesday evening 24th May at 7.30pm there will be a devotion and rosary in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians in the church.

"To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen." Pope Francis.

<https://www.catholnewsagency.com/saint/our-lady-of-fatima-485>

Faith Enrichment Group

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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St Peter's has a **High School Youth Group** and a **Young Adults Group** (for 18 to 35 year olds).

Both groups meet regularly, usually fortnightly. Unfortunately, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, Elisha, has accepted a full time job elsewhere so will be leaving us after the Youth Led Mass this Sunday. We thank Elisha for her work with the youth and young adults of St Peter's and wish her well for the future. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator, please contact the Parish Office.



### 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: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 21st & 22nd May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Stephanie Lenihan	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Brisha Jesuthasan	Arthur Leow	David Crowley
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. Peta Grandin 2. Marissa Boyles	C. Megan Philpott 1. Lauren Cocks 2. Alan Vigor	C. Lynn White 1. Feba Baji 2. Alina George
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Honora Wong	Bob Devere Jim Nathan Julie Hondroudakis	Megan Carroll Jo Cullen Taisy James
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4. Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, John Viola & Francis Yoo.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass After 6pm Mass Sunday 22nd May- Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk & Malcolm Carroll			
This week	15th-21st May	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam	Counting: Mike'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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

### OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337

♥ 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](mailto:sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

LOGAN DEANERY PRESENTS



**FOOD TRUCKS & COFFEE VANS**

**LIVE MUSIC & STALLS**

# Family FESTIVAL DAY



**VENUE**  
**PCYC**  
 Logan Youth Club  
 Cnr Kingston Rd  
 and Compton Rd  
 Slacks Creek

**DATE**  
**22nd May 2022**  
**11am till 3pm**

Fun for all the family.  
 Come along.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES**

## Flood affected areas of Northern NSW need your help.

Carmel Northy-Cherrett is collecting donations to be delivered to the flood affected area around Lismore, Coraki, Woodburn, Broadwater and Wardell in northern NSW. If you can help with any of the following items, please call Carmel on 0417213702.

**Items needed: Non perishable food** eg tins of food, tuna, pasta sauce, cereal, long life milk and juice, tea, coffee, biscuits, muesli or energy bars, cooking oil, jam, honey.

**Pet food** either in cans or bags of dry pet food.

**Cleaning supplies** such as soap, detergent, laundry liquid, pegs, disinfectant, mould killer, bleach, vinegar, mops, brooms, rakes, sponges, garbage bags, spray bottles.

Sunblock, insect repellent, fly spray, mozzie coils, batteries, towels, tea-towels, saucepans, frypans, sets of cutlery, mugs.

**Warm weather clothing** such as jackets, gloves, boots, gumboots.

*All donations in new or excellent condition please.*

*Thank you for your help!*

**Clairvaux MacKillop College**, Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt is accepting enrolments for Grade 7 in 2023. Call the Enrolment Registrar on 3347 9223. Visit [www.cvxmck.edu.au](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au)

**Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement:** Read the Australian Catholic Bishops 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

## Around the Archdiocese

**Walking in the Spirit:** The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

**May Rosary Prayers:** Catholic Mission is once again excited to invite you to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary online. Monday to Friday 2pm. Join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/prayers>  
 Meeting Id: 857 2970 0836 Password: prayers

**Journey:** A space for young women to explore their vocation. Are you looking for a space to connect with other young women who are discerning their future? "Journey" is for young women to join together with others who are discovering God's plan for their life. It's a place of sharing community together and being supported by others to explore their vocation. Facilitated by Sr Mel Dwyer, "Journey" meets one Sunday morning per month, usually for a bushwalk and brunch. All young adult women 18-40yrs are welcome to come together and share the journey of discernment. The next "Journey" walk and brunch will be meeting at 7:30am, Sunday 22 May at Mount Coot-tha from JC Slaughter Falls carpark. Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Journey0522>

**Daily Gospel Reflections:** Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> to receive a one page reflection each week day in your inbox.

**A Morning's Prayer:** A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. Saturday 4th June 2022 from 9am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$20. Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>

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