

# 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19th November 2023

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

### The Rock of St Peter by Rupert McCall

Most of what has prospered  
 Can be measured in a way  
 By the spirit of its stronghold  
 Since it marked a place to pray

And so it was with this one  
 For the greater good of God  
 A name was all it needed  
 And 'St Peter's' got the nod

With a warmth that brings belonging  
 And a faith that fuels the search  
 It's what you cannot touch or hold  
 That really makes this church

On a patch of dirt in Rochedale  
 With a bible flying solo  
 In the pioneering parish  
 That belonged to Father Rollo

Looking down upon his flock  
 There he stood...beside the rock

The spirit that will knock  
 There it lives...inside the rock

With his rosary and his frock  
 There he stood...beside the rock

Thirty years have passed since then  
 It happened in a hurry  
 Father Terry played his part  
 So did Father Murray

And still the children climb and smile  
 And still the children play  
 Well...that is what we pray  
 They always have and always will

In its early constitution  
 For its lack of vacant rooms  
 Confession came in closets  
 With a fine array of brooms!

The building blocks of fortune  
 From which character came stemming  
 Pioneers like Henderson  
 And Moynihan and Fleming

For whilst that makes them happy  
 So the best light will be shed  
 Not so much on what's behind  
 But more on what's ahead

At a time when Brisbane  
 Swam beneath that catastrophic flood  
 You'd walk the plank to Sunday Mass  
 To dodge the bless-ed mud!

Father Jim – remember him?  
 And all who made a splash  
 The message now extending  
 Through the work of Father Ash

With the ticking of the clock  
 Let us pray...God bless that rock.

But the humblest beginnings  
 Breed the strongest congregations  
 The future of the faithful  
 Is a cross with many stations

The same home-crafted altar stands  
 With many tales to tell  
 Local products – vocal hearts  
 The pride remains as well

*(This poem was written by Rupert McCall to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the opening of St Peter's Parish in 2004 and the framed original is hanging on the wall of the church outside the confessional)*

### In our parish this week: November 2023

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
No Mass or Adoration this week as Fr Johny is on retreat  <i>Parish Office closed today</i>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children  4.30pm SVDP Meeting.	St Cecilia  No Adoration & no Mass	No Mass  <i>Parish Office closed</i>	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  9.00am Rosary  No Mass	10.30am-1.00pm C&C Christmas Brunch  5.00pm Reconciliation  6.00pm Vigil Mass	Christ the King  9.00am 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 OR handed into

the Parish Office or St Peter’s School Office, by **Sunday 10th December, 2023**

**‘CHRISTMAS BRUNCH’** hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre. This **Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 1pm**.

All spaces are full for this event. Thank you everyone for your support.

Carols sing-a-long, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. *(Please be prepared with Cash)*

Contact Lynn for any queries on 0403051103.

Can all those who have booked but not yet paid please pay asap, however payments can be made at the door if necessary.



**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 has happened in previous weeks. 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.

**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.

### Readings for next weekend:

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

**RCIA:** Last Sunday 12th November, we welcomed **Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen** to share their faith lives in our community when they were Confirmed and received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to Jessie & Ken!

Please continue to pray for Jessie & Ken as well as the other people journeying with our RCIA team - Linh, Chris, Nethila & Surali.

**The Catholic Leader:** 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. The Leader acknowledges that this is a big change but is necessary.

**WOW Seniors Ministry: Next gathering:** Café 63, at 99 Cinderella Drive, Springwood on 29 November. We will meet for morning tea at 10am and people are then free to stay 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. Please note all food and drink will be at your own expense.



**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.

**Update on Our Lady’s Grotto:** The grotto will remain in its current position but we will begin work to beautify it.

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

#### Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Robert Kelly, Arthur Simpson, John Hayward, Peg Ryan, Teresa Slattery, Frances St John, Blanche de Mello, George Dotta, Hilda Fox, Ray Collins, Percy Dixon, Barry Rafter, Freeda Naughton, Pearl Ruthven, Lorraine Lawrence, Marjorie Kelly, Felix Aguiar, Eileen Nemesi, Guido Rosso, Joan Chidgey, Brant Jones, Clyde Cook, Edna Mary Easton, Phyllis Power, John McCartney.

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

Nan Hauff, Stella Joseph, 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.*



### PARISH OFFICE

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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

**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

**Primary School Youth gathering: Sunday 3rd Dec 10am to 10.20am (after 9am Mass).** Parents can enjoy a cuppa on the verandah while Rosie leads the children in some faith based activities. All primary school students welcome.



**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 21st Nov**  
 This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

**St Cecilia - 22nd November**

Though a late fourth century church in Rome was named after her, nothing is known of her life or death. Popular legends were written about her in the late fifth century, and in the sixteenth century she was named the patron of music. Remembered in tradition as a virgin, martyred for the faith. Her name is included in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

**Saints Andrew Dung-Lac & companions - 24th November**

Andrew (1795-1839), baptised at the age of fifteen, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam). Listed among 117 canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862: ninety-six Vietnamese, eleven Spanish Dominicans, and ten presbyters from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious, and lay people, both children and adults.



**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: 25th & 26th Nov	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Jo Cullen	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Tristan Edison	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Edmund Lai 1. David Crowley 2. Cecilia Lai	C. Fion Fiju 1. Eric Quan 2. Del Reynolds	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Sharon Fong	Anne Scanlon Jo Cullen Alan Vigor Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis	Vickie Routledge John Blake Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Carmel Northey-Cherrett
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 26th Nov 6pm Mass: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White.			
This week 19th - 25th Nov.		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	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  
 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>

**Safeguarding Training:** Thank you to the 27 people who attended the Safeguarding Training sessions last week. Anyone who missed these training sessions will be able 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. Please contact Julie or Malcolm for more information.

**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.

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

**Prayer Cards - Prayer for Peace in the Middle East:** available from the church.

**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. If you would like, we can specially remember your family in prayer.

**Thank you from the Murri Ministry:** We have received a lovely thank you card from Ravina at the Murri Ministry in recognition of the \$900 cheque we gave them from the retiring collection we held. You can see the card on the noticeboard.

**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](https://tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023)

**Queensland Irish Choir - A Celtic Christmas Celebration:**

The Queensland Irish Choir presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Chermiside-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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