

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King - Yr C) 20th November 2022

Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

Thy Kingdom Come

Origen

We are celebrating the solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, this weekend. Below is a reading from the Office of Readings for this important Christian feast. The author is Origen (185?-254). Origen was one of the most prolific Christian authors. His greatest work was perhaps in scripture studies, and he is justly considered one of the greatest Scripture scholars of all time. Despite the loss of many of his works, Origen's thought has remained an abiding influence on later Christian thinkers. While celebrating the solemnity of Christ the King, let us reflect on his kingdom by reading the article by Origen. Enjoy reading.

Fr Baiyi

*The coming of the kingdom of God, says our Lord and Saviour, does not admit of observation, and there will be no-one to say "Look here! Look there!" For the kingdom of God is within us and in our hearts. And so it is beyond doubt that whoever prays for the coming of the kingdom of God within himself is praying rightly, praying for the kingdom to dawn in him, bear fruit and reach perfection. For God reigns in every saint, and every saint obeys God's spiritual laws — God, who dwells in him just as he dwells in any well-ordered city. The Father is present in him and in his soul Christ reigns alongside the Father, as it is said: *We will come to him and make our dwelling with him.**

Therefore, as we continue to move forward without ceasing, the kingdom of God within us will reach its perfection in us at that moment when the saying in the Apostle is fulfilled, that Christ, his enemies all made subject to him, shall deliver the kingdom to God the Father that God may be all in all.

For this reason let us pray without ceasing, our souls filled by a desire made divine by the Word himself. Let us pray to our Father in heaven: *hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come.*

There is something important that we need to understand about the kingdom of God: just as *righteousness has no partnership with lawlessness, just as light has nothing in common with darkness and Christ has no agreement with Belial*, so the kingdom of God and a kingdom of sin cannot co-exist.

So if we want God to reign within us, on no account may *sin rule in our mortal body* but let us mortify our earthly bodies and let us be made fruitful by the Spirit. Then we will be a spiritual garden of Eden for God to walk in. God will rule in us with Christ who will be seated in us on the right hand of God — God, the spiritual power that we pray to receive — until he makes his enemies (who are within us) into his footstool and pours out on us all authority, all power, all strength.

This can happen to any one of us and *death, the last enemy* may be destroyed, so that in us Christ says *Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory?* So let our corruptibility be clothed today with holiness and incorruption. With Death dead, let our mortality be cloaked in the Father's immortality. With God ruling in us, let us be immersed in the blessings of regeneration and resurrection.



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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."



November		In our parish this week
Mon	21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00am Mass
Tue	22nd	St Cecilia 8.00am Mass with children 6.30pm Alpha
Wed	23rd	6.30am Mass
Thu	24th	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions No Mass
Fri	25th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Sat	26th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	27th	First Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy Cuppa & chat to follow 10.30am Altar Server's Bowling Day 6.00pm Mass

Christmas Gifts with a Christian Flavour:

SVDP Piety Stall Trolley, with some Christmas Gift ideas, will be at the front door of the church at Masses this weekend for you to purchase items for family & friends this Christmas.



Advent Reconciliation Monday 12th December 7pm to 8.30pm. There will be 4 priests offering Individual Reconciliation. Please book in for a timeslot with this QR code.



Readings for next weekend:
First Sunday of Advent (Yr A)
Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

Planned Giving: Thank you to all who have been participating in our Parish Planned Giving Program via any of the various means available. A special thank you to those who have decided to join or to increase their giving in response to the Finance and Planned Giving reports over the last 2 weekends. It is very much appreciated.

As part of the response, we have increased the donation value on the **Tap and Go** donation point machine at the entrance to the church **from \$5 to \$10 per tap**. This will assist those who have been doing multiple taps but we do apologise if this inconveniences other people. We hope that you can appreciate our reasons for the increase. Thank you

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal: Please remember gift vouchers or cash donations for the St Vinnies' Giving Tree! (Please, no food items or gifts) Bring your donations to Mass or the Parish Office until Sunday 4th Dec.

Altar Servers' Bowling Outing: If you are an existing Altar server or are interested in becoming an altar server, we have a great bowling day coming up next Sunday 27th November at 10.30am (after Mass). Please call Lauren on 0432 095 185. Cost is \$10 for 2 games.

Care & Concern Christmas Lunch. Please come along and join us in Christian Fellowship, fun, food, raffles & celebration at our Christmas lunch in support of St Vinnies on Saturday 3rd December in the Parish Centre from 11.45am-2pm. Cost: \$20.

A 'Christmas craft stall' will be available on the day.

RSVP for catering & numbers by MONDAY 28th Nov please. Payment of monies kindly preferred prior to the event by cash after Masses or to Julie at the Parish Office.



Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

Heart of the Disciple - \$5 - a 28 day prayer and reflection resource for Advent or anytime.

Break Open the Word 2023 - \$20 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

God's Word 2023 - \$15 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2023 plus daily reflections.

The Catholic Leader - November edition - \$4

Those who have died: Kathy Pickering (*Janice Mason's mother*), Des Baptist, Mary Murray.

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Robert Kelly, Arthur Simpson, John Hayward, Peg Ryan, Teresa Slattery, Deceased members of the Chin & Mah families, 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 Macartney.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Joyce Lyster, Maureen Flynn, Ray Kelley, Lien Pham (Maria), John Donohue, Harriet Ling, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye & Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Margaret Woltmann, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, 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.



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Faith Matters: Christ the King

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's year. Today the Church celebrates the fact that the Kingdom of Christ has been established and is indeed at hand. Its celebration by Christians witnesses to the fact that Christ is the only true sovereign and lord of our lives and is a warning to all would be rulers, tyrants, and dictators and even our earthly governments that our first priority is to Christ our King who rules with truth and love.

Christ is a King with a saving and liberating mission and we demonstrate our loyalty and love of Christ by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our service to others in sacrificial and forgiving love and compassion.

Earthly Governments may regulate our lives, but generations of Christians have lived in obedience to Christ even unto death.

Let us have the courage to do the same.

We pray, that we may be courageous enough to witness openly that Jesus is the King of our lives and hearts and that we may live out our love of Christ through loving God with all our being and loving others as Christ has loved us.

Faith Enrichment Group

Entertainment Memberships

Free membership upgrade - for a limited time only - till 24th November, purchase any Single City Entertainment Membership and receive a bonus, Multi City upgrade*, unlocking access to 20 cities and thousands of offers across Australia and New Zealand. And of course 20% of the membership goes to St Peter's Parish Fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>



Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 [@rochedaleyouth](https://www.instagram.com/rochedaleyouth)

Please keep in your prayers the youth from the parish as we attend the **Brisbane World Youth Day Festival on Saturday!**

A Night of Carols is coming up on 17th December, where the youth sing Christmas Carols for our parish! Let Chloe know if you would like to join us!

The **final high school youth group** of the year is coming up on the 3rd of December! More details to come soon!

Car needed: Musician in need of a second hand car to get to gigs in the lead up to Christmas. Please phone 3219 8214 if you have a car to sell. Cash paid.



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: 26th & 27th Nov	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Ryan Lin	Julie Hondroudakis	Jo Cullen
Readers	C. David Roati 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Megan Philpott 1. Eric Quan 2. Alan Vigor	C. Helen Graczyk 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Trish Meulman Rob Meulman	Stephanie Lehihan Joan de Netto Del Reynolds	Megan Carroll Ann Maree Collier Vickie Routledge
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sunday 27th 9am Mass: Rashelle Johnson, Anne Scanlon & Tram Nguyen.			
This week 21st - 27th Nov:		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	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

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0450 287 902

♥ 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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday at the 9.00am Mass during school terms. The last Children's Liturgy for the year will be on Sunday 27th November.

Pivotal Players: Thank you to all who have been attending the Pivotal Players series. We have finished our viewing for 2022. There is one more, on Archbishop Fulton Sheen, we will aim to view in early 2023.

LOST PROPERTY

Are you missing anything that you may have left at the church?

We have 8 Umbrellas, 5 Water Bottles,
2 Glasses in cases, 1 glasses case,
1 Teddy, 1 Bunny and a
Child's Jacket Size 10

all waiting for their owners to collect them.

Please check out the **Lost Property Box**

on the church verandah when you next come to Mass.

There are also **multiple platters and containers** in the Parish Centre kitchen left from various functions. Please check and collect any that belong to you.

If these items are not collected soon they will be sold and the proceeds given to St Vinnies.

Gerard's Diaconal Ordination: Congratulations to Deacon Gerard Lai who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Friday. Deacon Gerard will be at Star of the Sea, Cleveland parish from Christmas for 6 months. Please keep Deacon Gerard in your prayers.

Columban Calendars for 2023 available for purchase from the Piety stall - \$10 each.

Christmas Cards also available - 5 cards in a pack for \$2.50.

Sewing Albs: Looking for a dressmaker or someone who would be able to make some Altar Serving Albs for our parish. If you can help, please contact Jo so she can show you the style.

St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands 2023:

Our pilgrimage which was meant to take place in 2020 is on again. We will now be travelling with Harvest Pilgrimages in **October 2023.**

If you would like to join us or to receive the link to the pdf document with the itinerary please contact **Stephanie Lenihan** at salenihan@hotmail.com or mobile: 0413268860. As we need to provide numbers to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.

Feast of Christ the King

".....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." *Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

(Accessed on November 11, 2022 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

Around the Archdiocese

Cathedral Seminar- "Heart of the Disciple" Led by Shane Dwyer of the Evangelisation Brisbane Adult faith formation team, the focus will be on preparing for the season of Advent which is now only a couple of weeks away. Join us for this final seminar where we will dive into what it means to have the heart of a disciple as we await the birth of Christ. 6.30pm-8:30pm on Thursday 24th November at the Hanly Room, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City) Cost: \$10pp. Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-November>

A Morning's Prayer- November: The next and final A Morning's Prayer for the year be on Saturday 26th of November 2022 year at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The morning (9 am-12 pm) will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection, and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Please feel free to invite others to come along too. Find out more or register here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer7>

Synod of Bishops: The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

The Canali Program Actively discern where God is calling you with the Canali Program. The Canali Program is the official discernment program run by the Brisbane Archdiocese vocations office to help men discern with a 'real world' encounter of ordained ministry. It includes becoming an active lay minister in a local parish community, prayer and the sacraments. Actively discern today by visiting www.vocationbrisbane.com/canali

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas: Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

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