

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."



Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)/Christmas Eve/Christmas Day 24th & 25th December 2023

Readings (4th Sunday Advent): 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26 - 38

Our Lady's Grotto:

Thanks to a dedicated parishioner, the grotto of Our Lady beside the Parish Office has had a refresh. Please come by and pray and reflect in this beautiful space.



St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee: Sunday 19th May 2024 commencing with Mass at 10.30am with Bishop Tim Norton.

Thank You from St Vinnies: Dear Parishioners, Rochedale Vinnies distributed our Christmas Hampers last weekend and during the week. There were 50 hampers of food, food vouchers and toys which have given joy to 69 adults and 102 children who are in very difficult circumstances. We are so grateful to you all for your generous donations and raffle ticket buying. We will let you know more detail in the New Year.

FAITH MATTERS: Standing before the Nativity scene.....

Picture, if you will - the worshippers of Greccio seeing the Nativity scene for the first time..

In his biography of St Francis of Assisi, St Bonaventure recalls the Eve of Christmas 1223 in the Italian town of Greccio. St Francis was visiting the town and wished to celebrate Christ's birth: 'in order to excite the inhabitants of Greccio to commemorate the nativity of the Infant Jesus with great devotion'. 'Then he prepared a manger, and brought hay, and an ox and an ass to the place appointed. The brethren were summoned, the people ran together, the forest resounded with their voices, and that venerable night was made glorious by many and brilliant lights and sonorous psalms of praise.'

'The man of God [St. Francis] stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety, bathed in tears and radiant with joy; the Holy Gospel was chanted by Francis, the Levite of Christ. Then he preached to the people around the nativity of the poor King; and being unable to utter His name for the tenderness of His love, He called Him the Babe of Bethlehem.'

The Angel of the Lord appeared - "This will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all those on whom God's favour rests." Luke 2: 12-14

St Francis and the Gift of Greccio - Saint of the Day. Franciscan Media

The Life of St Francis of Assisi by St Bonaventure. Cardinal Manning ed. (2012). Tan Classics.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who have died: Mark White, Stella Joseph

Book of Life & Mass requests: Ronald Kennedy, William "Bill" Carver, Leo & Jeffrey Lawlor, Mary Blattman, Patricia Holzknicht, Jodie Louise Ryan, Vera Adcock, Hilary Dempsey, Maurice Malloy, Leonard Stitt, John Bray, Christine Fitz-Gibbon, Jan Cuskelly, Betty Simpson, Betsy May Burton, Flo Beechworth, Warren Jackson, Joan Marrinan, Jennifer Ann Lee, Ronald Connors, Kathleen Murray.

Those who are sick: Michael Burns, Darrell Lusk, Nan Hauff, Philomene Crowley, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Lee Mazzaglia, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Phillip Van Rooyen, Leigh O'Shea, Ray Parker, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Mel Singh, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong, Kathy Jensen, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello.

PARISH OFFICE

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In our parish this week: December 2023


Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30	Sunday 31
Christmas Day 9.00am Mass	St Stephen	St John	The Holy Innocents		5.00pm Reconciliation	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
<i>Parish Office closed this week</i>	No Mass or Adoration Tues to Fri this week as Fr Johny is on leave	No Adoration & no Mass	No Mass	No Rosary or Mass	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass


Roster: 30th & 31st Dec	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Volunteer please	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Eric Quan	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Marissa Boucher 1. Jo Cullen 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. Alina George 1. Fion Fiju 2. Pauline Angus	C. Megan Carroll 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Sharon Fong	Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis Jo Cullen, Alan Vigor Stephanie Lenihan	Anne Fry Vickie Routledge Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No Cuppa this weekend.			
This week 24th - 31st Dec.		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	Counting: Marcos' group

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024 are ready for collection

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Via Direct Bank Transfer: To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 10000067. 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.

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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