

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."

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A) 26th November 2023

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

Christ the King

This feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius X as a response to the growing secularism in the world. He wanted to instil in believers that there is one King over all people, and we are all accountable to Him. We have almost learnt by heart that Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world, as Jesus stated before Pilate. All his teachings to the people pointed to something above from where he came. His values are completely different from the values of the world which believes in power of money, muscle, politics, knowledge. Jesus stood totally against those that is why Paul has that beautiful passage in the letter to the Philippians, though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges. He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

That is why he taught to take the last place when you are invited. We always want first place. That is a value of the world. It is not Jesus who would praise a widow putting in a little coin. Jesus could have easily performed a miracle before Pilate during the trial and escaped from there. But how would he then prove to the people the truth about Himself and about God he represented? If through the power of miracles, he won before Pilate, how would he be different from others.

That is why he needs to be proclaimed as the king of universe because he did indeed come from beyond this world, and he taught us about those universal values which go beyond this world and point to heaven. Can we then also make him the king of our hearts and allow him to rule our lives?

William Bausch said Jesus was a king like no other; in that he did not have a sceptre, but he did have a towel with which he washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus had no standing army, but he did have followers. He did not sit on a throne but on the back of a donkey. He wore no crown of gold, but one of thorns. He did not use his authority to take life but to give it. He did not wield the sword of punishment but extended mercy and forgiveness. He did not coerce; he invited, and rather than tax his subjects to pay the debts of monarchy, he laid down his own life so that the debt of human sin would be forgiven. He did not come to conquer geographical territory but to conquer human hearts and save them.

He has told us, come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul. He is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and his sheep know him.

Blessed Miguel of Mexico lived during a very trying time. The Church was terribly persecuted. Blessed Miguel died as a martyr executed by a firing squad. He forgave his executioners and spreading out his arms he cried out "Long live Christ the King. Together let us build His kingdom of love.

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In our parish this week: November-December 2023

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1	Saturday 2	Sunday 3
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with children 6.30pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass	6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm Mass	St Andrew No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass <i>(Please note the Healing Mass will be next Friday)</i> 10.30am End of School Year Mass in the Simon Peter Centre	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	First Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 10am - 10.20am Primary School Youth gathering 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** 

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. This commences with the readings for next weekend.

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


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. We would also 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 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:

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Isaiah 63:16-16: 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

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

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.

Advent Date Claimers: Advent starts next weekend!

Advent Reflection: 3:30-5:30pm Saturday 9th Dec

Reconciliation (2nd Rite): 6:30 pm Monday 18 Dec

Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve this year - so Masses 6pm Saturday 23rd Dec & 9am Sunday 24th Dec will be 4th Sunday of Advent.

The evening Masses on Sunday 24th will be Christmas Masses.

Christmas Masses:

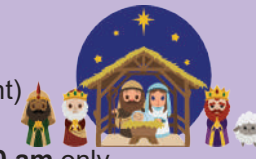
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

6.30 pm (Family Mass with children’s pageant)

& 9.00 pm (Vigil)

Christmas Day Monday 25th December **9.00 am** only

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!



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

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Clyde Cook, Edna Mary Easton, Phyllis Power, John McCartney, Arthur Weston Snr, Peg Corbould, Jim Hobson, Marie Carpenter, Neville Cavanagh, Michael Mildren, Len Louis, Kathleen Walsh, Mario Gatbonton, Mona McKenna, Vince Fitzsimon, Evelyn Ellwood, Mabel MacDonald, Bernard Luton, Sophie Robinson, Bernard Montegrando, Marie Maguire, Ruth Ballment, Clyde Spearitt, Kay Topping.

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.



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ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

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Are you missing a container or platter: There are many food containers and platters that have been left in the Parish Centre from various functions. Please collect yours this weekend.

♥ **Youth Update** ♥
New members always welcome!

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FAITH MATTERS:

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Feast Day December 12th

Our Lady appeared before St. Juan Diego, a poor Mexican peasant in a vision in 1531. The name also refers to the Marian apparition itself. Our Lady of Guadalupe holds a special place in the religious life of Mexico and is one of the most popular religious devotions. Her image has played an important role as a national symbol of Mexico.

According to tradition, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, who was an Aztec convert to Christianity, on December 9 and again on December 12, 1531. During her first apparition she requested that a shrine to her be built on the spot where she appeared, Tepeyac Hill (now in a suburb of Mexico City). The bishop demanded a sign before he would approve construction of a church, however. Mary then appeared a second time to Juan Diego and ordered him to collect roses. In a second audience with the bishop, Juan Diego opened his cloak, letting dozens of roses fall to the floor and revealing the image of Mary imprinted on the inside of the cloak—the image that is now venerated in the Basilica of Guadalupe.

What is special about the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is that she appears to be pregnant and is dressed in a way that shows that she is pregnant. Rays radiate from her womb. There are many miraculous aspects to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but the main miracle was of the conversion of the Aztec people from their spirituality that involved human sacrifice, to a firm and strong faith in Jesus and his teachings.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

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. 



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: 2nd & 3rd Dec	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Baji Itteera	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Marissa Boucher 1. Jo Cullen 2. Peta Grandin	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Pauline Angus 2. Eric Quan	C. Raylee Burns 1. Bob Burns 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Trish Meulman Rob Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Anne Scanlon Deseree Quan Alan Vigor Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis	Vickie Routledge Cesarina Gigante Kate Guy
Musicians	Roger Ta'ale & family	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Jackie Leema, Brian & Janice Mason			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 26th Nov 6pm Mass: Jodie Baigent & Lynn White.			
This week 26th Nov- 2nd Dec.		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	Counting: Bob'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

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.

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.

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

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word The final Children's Liturgy for the year will be this Sunday 26th November. Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2024. Thank you to all the leaders, parents and children who have participated in 2023.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together:

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



Eight Mile Plains State School Breakfast Club volunteers needed for 2024. We invite people who would help cook and butter toast, and serve the toast and maybe fruit/cereal to the students from 7:30 to 8:45ish to clear away and wash up a few items. At this stage, the days are will be Monday and Tuesdays. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be interested in helping the families at EMP State School with this initiative.

Around the Archdiocese

See the noticeboards on the Church verandah for the events below

Christmas Carols & Sausage Sizzle: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Sunnybank, invites you to the Christmas Carols & Sausage Sizzle on Friday 8th December commencing at 6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank. Come and join us for an evening of singing, friendship and fun!

Advent Concert Series at St Stephen's Cathedral in December:

- 5pm Saturday 2nd - Advent Vespers by the Cathedral Schola * Free Admission
- 5pm Sunday 3rd - Dominic Perissinott (Pipe organ) * Ticketed admission
- 5pm Sunday 10th - Christopher Trikilis (Pipe organ) * Ticketed admission
- 5pm Sunday 17th - (in the chapel) Susan Colins (violin) * Ticketed admission
- 3pm Saturday 23rd - Christams Carol Service * Free admission

The Queensland Choir presents: Sounds of the Season. A Choral Christmas with the Queensland Choir conducted by Kevin Power - 7.30pm Saturday 16th December at the Concert Hall, Old Museum Building, 480 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Tickets \$45, Concessions \$40, Full-time Students \$20. Call 3257 4089 or visit www.oldmuseum/event

Entertainment Memberships: Black Friday Sale - Buy One Entertainment Membership and Get One Free
When you purchase any 12 or 24-month Membership to The Entertainment App before 11am, Monday 27th November during our Black Friday Sale you will receive a complimentary Entertainment Membership equal to your purchase. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

These businesses support our parish, please support them.

