

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

First Sunday of Advent

27th November 2022

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

The twofold coming of Christ

From the Instructions to Catechumens by St Cyril of Jerusalem

This weekend begins a new liturgical year. With the celebration of the first Sunday of Advent, we start our preparations for the celebrations of Christmas, the first coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By doing so, we are expecting and preparing for his second coming. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming." (CCC 524) Below is an article clearly explaining the two comings of Jesus. It is very appropriate for us to read it as we are stepping into the first liturgical season of the year. Enjoy reading. Fr Baiyi

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom. In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

The Saviour will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgement he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent.*

His first coming was to fulfil his plan of love, to teach people by gentle persuasion. This time, whether people like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity.

The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple:* that is one coming. Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.*

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Saviour has appeared to all human beings, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.* Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.



PARISH PRIEST

Fr Baiyi Gong

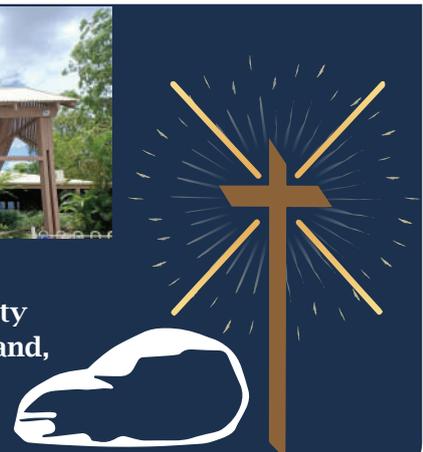
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MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



Nov / Dec	In our parish this week
Mon 28th	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council mtg
Tue 29th	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm SVDP Mtg 6.30pm Gr 6 Graduation (no Alpha)
Wed 30th	St Andrew 6.30am Mass 7.30pm Baptismal Information Mtg
Thu 1st Dec	No Mass
Fri 2nd	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Reconciliation available) 9.30am Healing Mass 10.45am End of School Year Mass
Sat 3rd	St Francis Xavier 11.45am C&C Christmas Lunch 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday Underwood Park Christmas Carols
Sun 4th	Second Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass (No children's liturgy) Cuppa & chat to follow 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.



Those who have died: Denis Lyons (*Carmel Brougham's brother*), Kathy Pickering (*Janice Mason's mother*), Des Baptist

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Stanley, Stella, Cecil & Sanjay Britto, Melville Van der Hoeven, Bupsy Vanlangenberg, Phyllis Power, John Macartney, 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, Les Harris.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Reg Van Rooyen, P.J. Paul, 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, 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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Readings for next weekend:
Second Sunday of Advent (Yr A)
Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

LETTER BOX DROP Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Mass Times' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from outside the Church if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area.



The cards are all packaged up with maps covering areas including the new Rochedale Estates to welcome any new residents to our church. Please select your preferred map and card bundle and get some exercise while you spread the word about St Peter's. There are also some loose flyers if you just want to take one for yourself, a family member or friend.

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal: Only 2 weekends left to bring your donations!! 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 December.**



Give the gift of hope this Christmas to those less fortunate in our local area. Thank you for your support.

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



Faith Matters: First Sunday of Advent

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. *Mt 24:44*
 This weekend marks the first Sunday of Advent. Liturgically, we are asked to be ready and to prepare for the Christ who is to come at Christmas, also to prepare for the Christ who is coming for the second time. "So, stay awake, because you do not know the day when the master is coming..... Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not know." *Mt 24:43,44*

What does it mean to me? To be in a constant state of anxiety? No. It simply means to be vigilant to look for him in the many ways he comes into our lives every day. We are asked to be prepared to give a smile, to lend a helping hand, to think of others and to prepare our hearts.

Advent is an invitation to become spiritually alert, not alarmed.

It is a season where we cultivate an awareness of Christ, that he will train our eyes to see him, not just in the past, or in the future, but now, in many different ways every day.

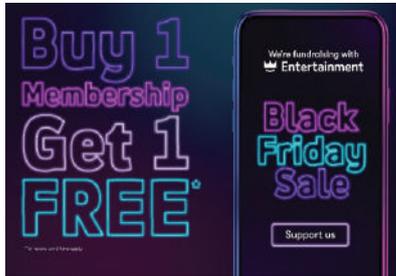
Incarnate - Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2022 Father Sean Cullen. Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

I come to you today with all my heart – however you call. Amen

Adore Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2020 Mother Hilda Scott. Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Entertainment Memberships:

Black Friday special - Until 6pm on Tuesday 29th November - Buy 1 Membership & get 1 FREE. You can gift the second membership to a friend or family member for Christmas, and you will both save on thousands of offers on dining, shopping, travel and more.



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

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!

Young adults, we are meeting on Friday 2nd December at 6pm in the Large Meeting Room! Free dinner provided!

The **final high school youth group** of the year is coming up on 3rd December! We are going bowling at 4pm, make sure to let Chloe know if you are keen!



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: 3rd & 4th Dec	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Joseph Varkey 1. Neil Ballment 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Eric Quan 1. Alan Vigor 2. Alina George	C. David Roati 1. Cecilia Lai 2. Helen Graczyk
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Jo Cullen	Anne Scanlon Julie Hondroudakis Lydia Chew	Anne Fry Ann Maree Collier Diane McKeone
Musicians	Ihsan	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Diane McKeone.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Sunday 4th Dec: 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Cristy & Bernie Vecchio.			
This week 28th Nov - 4th Dec: Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha		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:

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 The final Children's Liturgy for the year will be this Sunday 27th November. Children's Liturgy will resume in February 2023. Thank you to all the leaders, parents and children who have participated in 2022.

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: 0413 268 860. As we need to provide numbers to Harvest asap, please contact Stephanie asap.

Please check the LOST PROPERTY BOX

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.

Alpha: There will be NO Alpha meeting on Tuesday 29th November as there will be the Grade 6 Graduation on that night. Alpha will resume on Tuesday 6th December at 6.30pm followed by the retreat on Saturday afternoon 10th December from 2.30pm.

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 this Sunday 27th November at 10.30am (after Mass). Please call Lauren on 0432 095 185. Cost is \$10 for 2 games.

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.

Some Advent & Christmas Date Claimers

A Night of Carols: Everyone is welcome to come along on Sat 17th December 7pm (after 6pm Mass) on the grassed area beside the church. The youth will lead us in singing the carols. BYO picnic rug or chair. Tea, coffee and cocoa provided.

Children's Pageant Practice is at 10 am on Christmas Eve for the 6.30 pm Mass that night. All children who would like to be part of the pageant must attend the practice. We need children to play Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, kings... and we need readers. We would appreciate if parents could complete an expression of interest form asap so that we can prepare. Contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 for more details.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

6.30 pm (Family Mass with children's pageant) & **9.00 pm** (Vigil)

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

Please note: there will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Feast of the Holy Family this year will be celebrated on Friday 30th December with Mass at 9.30am.

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 recently. 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.

All planned giving donations keep our parish functioning. Thank you

Around the Archdiocese

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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