

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."

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

28th April 2024

Readings: Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Abiding in Jesus' Love

John 15:1-8: Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches. The Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from others. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. This is Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death, and he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

I do not think that there is any better image of the Christian life in the Gospel than this. "If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit". I find this image of what it means to be a True Christian. There is so much grace in these words for people who are tired out from all their work or discouraged by the fact that they do not feel they are good enough for God or that they have not done enough for Him.

Even obedience to the Law of God, that obedience which, as we were told in the Book of Deuteronomy leads to abundant prosperity and blessings upon the land. All we need do to be fruitful is remain a part of the vine and perform the simple tasks that every branch performs as a means of maintaining a fruitful life in the vine.

It reminds us of all that we need to do to be pleasing to God. First – just as we receive energy from God and accept from him the light, in the same way we need to be exposed to the word of God, we need daily contact with the light it sheds, we need to hold his teachings in our minds and in our hearts so that we might draw from them the strength and energy we need.

Second - the branch is connected to the stem or trunk, receiving from it the nutrients and moisture that it needs. The connection is established by God, and it is maintained by us through the way of faith and prayer. When Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and you are branches", he also said - "no branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine".

St. Augustine once asked this question: what does love look like? He says, love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That is what love looks like. Therefore, remain in the love of Jesus always.

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In our parish this week: April/May 2024

Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4	Sunday 5
St Catherine of Siena 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting	8.00am Mass with Children 7.30pm Baptism Information Meeting	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	St Athanasius Parish Office closed	Sts Philip & James 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Healing Mass	7.30am Gardening Working Bee 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass with Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass

Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Please mark this date in your diaries!

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the history book. It is with the printers.

Plans for the big day:

- * Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton.
- * Followed by a light lunch in the Simon Peter Centre.
- * The lunch, provided by the Parish, will be catered.
- * We need to identify the number of people attending both the Mass and the lunch. Mass numbers will determine where we hold the Mass, either in the church or the Simon Peter Centre in the school grounds.

Lunch numbers are required for catering purposes. Final RSVP date was 26th April, however we will give this weekend for **final registrations**. Write your name in the orange coloured book located at the front door of the church at Mass or go to the Trybooking site this weekend <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWJP>. We will keep you up to date via the weekly newsletter with our plans as they evolve.

We plan to make the Mass a **Multi-cultural Mass** so would love participation from all of the different ethnic groups in our parish. Note your name on the list near the church doors if you would like to carry a flag in the procession. Please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office if you would like to be involved further in the Mass.

Donations: The cost associated with celebrating our 50th Anniversary, including the lunch and history book will be covered by the Parish, however we would very much appreciate any donations towards helping us cover the costs associated with our celebrations. If you would like to make a donation, options will be available on 19th May (cash or credit card) or you can donate online anytime to Rochedale Parish BSB: 064 786 Account number 100000067. Please note 50th anniversary in the reference. *Thank you.*

Readings for next weekend:

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Yr B)


Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

Calling Parishioners with a Heart for *Laudato Si'* (*Integral Ecology*)

Are you interested in caring for our beautiful parish environment and exploring ways we can contribute to Pope Francis' call to action? The Archdiocese has a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan and we would love to have a group of people from our Parish to see how we could best follow this plan at St Peter's.

We are not about long meetings, just an hour, six meetings a year. We would also keep in touch with St Peter's Social Justice group and the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you are interested in joining me to form this group, please contact Elizabeth Fort (elizabeth.fort@icloud.com) or see me at Mass! Our first meeting will be negotiated for a time that best suits you. I look forward to working with you to continue making St Peter's a sustainable parish in simple ways. *Thank you, Elizabeth*

Morning Tea Gathering Our regular monthly get togethers at the local coffee shop will be a little early for May as, due to Labour day Public Holiday the whole Centre will be closed. We will gather this Monday 29th April at More in the Springwood Mall at 10am. All are welcome to come along. 

Sunday 2nd June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*)

There will be many ways to mark this feast.

First Holy Communion - 9am Mass: The children and their parents are working through their workbooks and attending workshops in preparation with the final workshop being held this Sunday 28th April. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 5pm. Please fill in your name on the roster near the church doors for each half hour timeslot.

Corpus Christi Procession: Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen in the city beginning at 2pm. Pick up a flyer if you are interested.

Project Compassion: Please bring back your box or envelopes asap or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800024 413

Those who have died:

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Arthur Young, Betty Armstrong, Elizabeth McCall, Hilda Laing, Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Frank Underwood, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye and Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey, Beltana Pritchard, Merline Muldoon, Gabriel Cosgrove, Kathleen Cook, Augustin Kostecki, Carmel Caldwell, Gerrit Severein, Peter Viola, Clare Lynch, Bobbie Richmond, Bernadette McLay, Patti Bistagne, David Northey, Elsie Bishop

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Kevin Fry, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, Patricia Green, Reg Van Rooyen, Mel Singh, Rhonda Lawson, Sr Lila Galvin, Kathy Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello.

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: St Zita of Lucca - a serving Saint

This week we reflect on an obscure but relatable 13th Century Saint.

Born of a poor but devout Italian family she became a house-keeper and servant in the house of rich weaver where she was harshly treated. Despite hard working conditions she made time every day to attend Mass, and to pray often. She was gracious and conscientious in spite of the conditions and jealousy of some of her fellow servants.

Her employers gave her a hard time over her gifts of food to the poor but in time they were won over by her patience and goodness and gave her time to also visit the sick and poor. God blessed her work and she became well known in the community for her works. She died in 1278 and was canonized in 1696. Some 150 miracles are attributed to her, and it is said that her body suffered no corruption. It may be seen at the Basilica of San Frediano in Lucca. Her Feast Day is the 27th April.

Her very "ordinary" life reflecting hard work, patience and graciousness stand out for we ordinary people, rather than any mighty works of statesmanship or theological insight and is a very good example to us in living our daily lives whilst still serving God and being as Christ to others.

We pray: Lord, give us the grace and insight to see how our ordinary daily lives may be made an instrument of your peace and service to the world.

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

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 on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Grocery donations: Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.



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: 4th & 5th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Francis Yoo	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	Callista Jesuthasan	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. Pauline Angus 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Megan Philpott	C. David Roati 1. Anne Fry 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Del Reynolds; Alan Vigor; Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan + 1 volunteer	Helen Graczyk John Blake Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Jeffrey Aranha, Tina Nguyen, Francis Yoo, Kathy Winter			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass After Saturday 6pm Mass 4th May - Care & Concern			
This week 28th April- 4th May		Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	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: Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

First Friday: This Friday 3rd May. Please join us for Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am then 9.30am Healing Mass. All welcome.

Gardening Working Bees: Saturdays 4th & 11th May 7.30am - 8.30am. The weeds are taking over the gardens again, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. We are holding 2 short weeding sessions will make it less taxing so please come along and help at either or both to make the gardens beautiful for the Jubilee. All welcome.



Bible-sharing Group: We are offering the opportunity for anyone interested in a Bible-reading/sharing group to advise their interest and preferences to Alan Vigor as soon as possible: Mob: 0407 962 342, or email: nalarogiv.1@gmail.com. It would be a relaxed sharing-group, familiarising us with God's love for us, along with a chance to share prayer.

Permanent Endowment: We are extremely grateful to a very generous parishioner who has made a donation of \$50 000 as a permanent endowment. The fund has been named 'St Peter's Rochedale Family Fund' from which St Peter's will receive an annual payment. You are welcome to add to this permanent endowment fund, which will benefit the ministries and programs of St Peter's into the future.

Safeguarding Training: Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbane-catholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

Entertainment Memberships: Limited time offer - **Free upgrade to a Multi city membership** when you purchase a single city membership. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Great gift idea for Mother's Day!! Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Around the Archdiocese

May Rosary Prayers: Catholic Mission are promoting World Mission Rosary in May. 2pm Monday to Friday join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>. Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280. Password 876574

Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary: Saturday 24th May between 2-4pm. Parishes across the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to come together united in prayer with the Blessed Mother Mary for God's peace and love in our lives. This year prayers will be focused on vocations and those in Australia who are suffering from conflict, famine, accidents, abuse, sickness, homelessness or natural disasters. For those who are unable to make it to a Parish, they can pray in their home, preferably at the same time. For more information please email olhcrosarynationwide@gmail.com.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) 21-23 June is a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend getaway". It is an opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries and more deeply explore the precious nature of your relationship. It gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from the pressures and distractions of daily living. Where: The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes Contact: Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen Phone: 0481 307 821 or Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au For more information: <https://www.wwme.org.au/dates>

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