

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."

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 5th November 2023

Readings: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 Matthew 23:1-12

Memories of St Peter's

After receiving my transfer as principal of Woodridge High School in November 1980, I flew down from Ingham to inspect my new school. My only recollection of the landscape at Rochedale was my memory of a visit to a mate's place on our way down to the Gold Coast in my Teachers' College year of 1955. On that occasion, Rochedale consisted of a small number of houses, vegetable and flower farms with several cattle grazing on the dirt roads winding through the hills. In 1980, I was amazed to discover that Rochedale had, in the twenty-five intervening years, become developed by the arrival of many families, several schools, a couple of shopping centres and even a Catholic Church and parish school. I returned to Ingham to inform our family of what they might expect on their arrival in the "big smoke".

We purchased a home in Exilis Street in Rochedale in 1980. We brought with us our family of Kerry, Nicky and Mike and left Peta in Townsville to complete her final year of her registration as a nurse.

Early in January 1981 we attended our first Mass at St Peter's to be greeted by Fr. Rollo Enright, who graciously introduced us to some of the local parishioners and particularly to families who took us under their wing to assist us to adjust to our new life at Rochedale.

The present carpark had been a couple of tennis courts which presented Steph with an opportunity to befriend many of our lady players before she became linked with the tuckshop ladies from two of the schools. Steph and I also volunteered to help with church cleaning amongst other volunteer duties.

The little parish school consisted of an infant school and two wings of the primary school. Our parish office was a very second-hand demountable school block from University of Queensland. Before the first temporary presbytery, our parish priest was accommodated at one end of the demountable and the remainder had been our mass centre and parish office. Fortunately for our family, our lovely new church had already been built in its country style. Our second priest was Fr. Murray, followed by Fr. Jim.

By this time, our Parish Council had been formed and I was one of the first members. With Fr. Jim, the Parish Finance Committee had been formed and the new presbytery was built and set the tone for the new administration centre. We established the new memorial garden and wall to offer parishioners a respectful area to remember deceased family members at an affordable cost.

Other early recollections were of the old house which housed our priest and a seminarian, Morgan Batt (whom we later met in Tasmania after his ordination). After the new presbytery was built, the Presentation Sisters, who had helped establish our school, occupied this building before it was ultimately taken away. Father Jim also had erected the sheltering arch over the sloping entrance to the church as well as the floral arch in the front garden. This was an attractive backdrop for the wedding parties of our three girls when they were married in our church.

We are so thankful to God to have settled in Rochedale for the past 43 years, where we have enjoyed parish life longer than in any other part of our beautiful state. God bless St Peter's.

Les and Steph O'Gorman

In our parish this week: November 2023

Monday 06	Tuesday 07	Wednesday 08	Thursday 09	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
8.00am Mass 7.00pm PPC Meeting	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm SVDP Meeting	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica No Mass Parish Office closed	St Leo the Great 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Liturgy of the Word with Prep. schoolchildren	St Martin of Tours 10.00am Safeguarding Training 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with RCIA Sacraments for Jessie & Ken 6.00pm Mass

Safeguarding Training: Safeguarding training must be renewed every 2 years. All ministers are invited to one of our training sessions: **Saturday 11th Nov at 10am** or **Monday 13th November at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please mark these dates in your diary. If you minister in a role that appears on the new Volunteer matrix you must renew your Safeguarding Training. The last parish wide training we held was in 2021. If your role is only as Minister of the Word or Extraordinary Minister at Mass, you know longer are compelled to attend training but are most welcome.

'CHRISTMAS BRUNCH' hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre. **Saturday 25th November from 10.30am to 1pm.** Tickets \$15. Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship, ALL WELCOME! Carols sing-a-long, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. *(Please be prepared with Cash)* Please place your name and contact in the yellow folder at the back of the church.  Contact Lynn for any queries on 0403051103. Payments to Julie at the Parish Office by 20th Nov..

Memories of St Peter's: In the lead up to our 50th Anniversary next year, we would 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 recent weeks. Others 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:

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

WOW Seniors Ministry: We have an Invitation from St. Phillip's Church, 270 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale to join them for **Friendship, craft, plant, food stalls and morning tea**, this **Thursday 9th November from 10am - 12pm**

RSVP: by Wednesday 8th November to the Parish Office: 3341 4421 or to Vickie mobile: 0421318178. If anyone needs transport, please let the Parish Office or Vickie know. Nita and Vickie are happy to car pool or pick you up if required

RCIA: St Peter's parish has shared our Catholic faith and welcomed those who are seeking to enrich their faith lives for as long as we have been a parish. On **12th November at the 9am Mass**, we will welcome **Jessie Yuan and Ken Chen** to share their faith lives in our community when they will be Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion. Jessie and Ken have undertaken their journey of faith with us. They have come to belong to our church family. Please keep Jessie and Ken and their family in your prayers and join us on 12th November.

Sacraments for teenagers: We will be commencing Crossroads RCIA for high school children who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or First Holy Communion. The first session will be held on Sunday 12th November after 9am Mass. Please bring your child along and speak to Jo after Mass or contact the Parish Office

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Thank you to all who attended this fundraiser last Sunday to support cancer research. \$5682.25 was raised. A fabulous effort!!! Congratulations to Carmel Northey-Cherrett and her band of helpers.

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.

St Peter's Coffee Get Together:

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



Those who have died: Mary Vigor (*Alan's mother*), Maria Depaz de Zepeda (*Jose's mother*), Brian Hamilton, Cyril Michael D'Silva (*Shane's father*), Isabelle Mostert (*Eliane Besson's daughter*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Bridget Finn, Doris Edna Duffey, Margaret McGovern, Luigi Raffaldi, Margaret Walton, Kevin Turner, Margot Harris, Ray Swan, James Field, Bill Donovan, James Heery, Aileen Kilner, Lesley Power, David Daish, Alicia Anderson, Pat Feeney, Doris Jenkins, Hugh Perkins, Rita McIvor, Brian Culbert, Patricia Kennedy, Peter Phillips, Rose McKenna, Christopher Langford, Richard Kemp, Reginald Smith, Bill Steele, Terry Breen, Bunny Hall.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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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FAITH MATTERS: Come to me all you who labour and are heavy burdened, and I will give you rest Matt 11: 28

In its wisdom and compassion our church brings to us, each year in November, the opportunity to remember All who have gone before us into the Communion of Saints.

Jan Richardson's ENDURING BLESSING' touches those of us who know the aching loss of someone dear and near to us. This prayer of blessing allows us to feel the continued presence and comfort of our beloved companions.

What I really want to tell you, is to just lay this blessing on your forehead, on your heart;
let it rest in the palm of your hand,
because there is hardly anything this blessing could say,
any word it could offer, to fill the hollow.
Let this blessing work its way into you,
with its lines that hold nearly unspeakable lament.
Let this blessing settle into you,
with its hope more ancient than knowing.
Hear how this blessing has not come alone –
how it echoes with the voices of those who accompany you,
who attend you in every moment,
who continually whisper, this blessing to you.
Hear how they do not cease to walk with you,
even when the dark is deepest.
Hear how they encompass you always –
breathing this blessing to you,
bearing this blessing to you
still.

*(From 'The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief')
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

Primary School Youth gathering: Sunday 5th Nov 10am to 10.30am (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: 11th & 12th Nov	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen	Helen Graczyk
AV Operator	Calista Jesuthansan	Eric Quan	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Joseph Varkey 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Fion Fiju 1. Mae Marfil 2. Kaitlyn Marfil	C. Vickie Routledge 1. David Roati 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Marissa Boucher	Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon, Jo Cullen Deseree Quan	Helen Graczyk Anne Fry Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 2: Jeffrey Aranha, Tina Nguyen, Kathy Winter & Julie Hondroudakis.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 11th Nov 9am Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin & Mike Jarvis			
This week 5th - 11th Nov.		Sacristan: Suma Joseph	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

Catholic Mission Appeal: Thank you to all who supported the Catholic Mission Appeal on 21st and 22nd October. If anyone still has donation envelopes at home, please bring them into the Parish Office next week or to Mass this weekend. Your gift is helping Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste. continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/-timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

With Expectant Hearts - \$6 - a 22 day prayer and reflection resource for Advent or anytime.

Break Open the Word 2024 - \$22 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

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

Around the Archdiocese

Guided Men's Retreat: Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team is excited to host a three-day guided retreat for men this November: 'Awake, Attentive, Called'. The weekend-long retreat will provide opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, as well as time to explore the breathtaking grounds and outdoor meditation activities of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Participants will also get the chance to meet other men walking the faith journey and take part in occasional group discussions. Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

Dates: 6:00pm Friday 24 Nov to 12:00pm Sunday 26 November

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)

Cost: Live in individual - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation); live out individual - \$230 (includes morning teas, lunch and dinners)

RSVP: Mon 20 Nov, register online at tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023

Queensland Irish Choir - A Celtic Christmas Celebration:

The Queensland Irish Choir presents its Christmas Concert to be held at the Chermiside-Kedron Community Church, Gympie Rd, Kedron on Sunday, 26 November 2023 at 2 PM.

Come along and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Celtic song and music. The Choir will present a number of well-known Christmas carols and hymns (but with stunning arrangements) and also many carols of Celtic origin with which you may not be familiar.

It will be a wonderful way to prepare for the most beautiful time of the year which heralds the birth of Jesus Christ.

Tickets at \$20 per adult and \$10 children (U15) can be obtained online <https://www.trybooking.com/CLTCA> or at the door. Enquiries 0493 455 487

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