

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2023

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

### The Epiphany and an Introduction from Fr Johny

My Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Rochedale,

We celebrate the feast of Epiphany, and in a most special way the day of the three kings who brought Jesus the very symbolic gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. It celebrates the many ways through which Jesus has revealed himself to us and the world. These include the three events that bring to light his mission and divinity: the visitation of the three kings or Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the miracle at Cana. So today, God reveals himself to us because He is good and loving. The light that shines forth upon us today is the light of life from which we ourselves must get our own light and reflect it unto others.

Let our gift of gold to His royalty be our fidelity and loyalty to Him. Our gift of frankincense to His divinity is to be our prayers and worship and our gift of myrrh to His humanity be our human sufferings and sorrows. God drew the gentile wise men from the East to the crib where His Son was born. It shows that God does not exclude anyone from salvation. Christianity is oceanic, you can't contain it in a teacup. Hence, we Christians have a mandate to reach out with Christ's saving mission to all people. This will enable us to bear the sorrows and sufferings of our brothers and sisters and that shall be our gifts to Christ our Lord. As Cardinal Newman would have it, when others see us, may they not see us but Christ shining through us.

I am Fr Johny Ouseph Edapulavan CMI (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate) and was ordained a priest on 9 January 1998 at Vallam, Kerala, India. All my training to the priesthood was in the central Indian state called Maharashtra as I had been selected to work in that part of the country as a missionary in 1983. I have been serving the Church in various capacities over the years: rector of the minor seminarians, teacher, and principal in CMI schools, parish priest, Provincial of Mar Thoma Province, Chanda, member of the CMI Prior General's team as the General Auditor of the Congregation, and finally the director of Archives and Documentation of the CMI Congregation. I have been privileged to come to Australia in 2021 and my first appointment was at Ipswich Catholic Community, Ipswich. After completing a year at the parish, I have been appointed as the Parish Priest at St. Peter's Parish, Rochedale. I take this as a privilege to serve the parish as its pastor in the various needs of the community. I look forward to this new experience in pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Let us work together as community of believers to take care of the needy for their holistic development.

I wish you all God's abundant blessings all through this new year 2023.

*Fr Johny Ouseph Edapulavan CMI, Parish Priest*



#### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

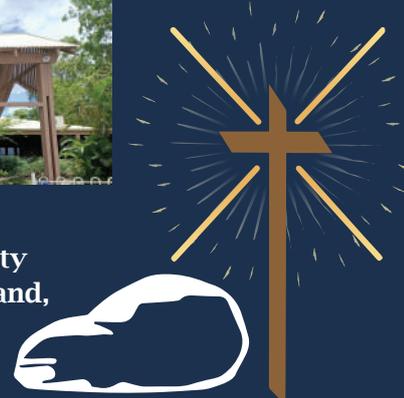
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#### MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



| January |      | In our parish this week   |
|---------|------|---|
| Mon     | 9th  | <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b><br>8.00am Mass<br>10.00am Coffee gathering at<br>Moonlight Bandit Cafe     |
| Tue     | 10th | 8.00am Mass   |
| Wed     | 11th | 6.30am Mass   |
| Thu     | 12th | No Mass   |
| Fri     | 13th | 9.00am Rosary<br>No Mass  |
| Sat     | 14th | 9.30am Pack up Christmas lights &<br>decorations<br>5.00pm Reconciliation<br>6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| Sun     | 15th | <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>9.00am Mass - followed by cuppa<br>6.00pm Mass                   |

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr A)**  
 Isaiah 49:3, 5-6      1 Corinthians 1:1-3      John 1:29-34

**Welcome Fr Johny:** Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI, our new parish priest, has joined us.

On Monday 9th January Fr Johny celebrates 25 years of priestly ordination and had already planned holidays from 12th January before he received his posting to St Peter's. After each Mass this weekend, 7th & 8th January, please join us to welcome Fr Johny and congratulate him on 25 years of serving the Lord as an ordained priest. We will also be wishing him well for his holidays. Fr Johny will return to St Peter's in mid February.

**Farewell Fr Baiyi:** Thank you to all who came to farewell Fr Baiyi at the various gatherings last weekend. Fr Baiyi begins his new posting as Parish Priest of Springfield this weekend. Fr Baiyi asks that you continue to remember him in your prayers and says that you are always welcome to pop in to visit him in his new parish. We thank Fr Baiyi for his leadership and guidance of St Peters since 2017.



**Rosters** for those who Minister at weekend Masses for January to March have been emailed so please check your inbox. Thank you to all ministers for all you do for our parish family. If there is anyone who is interested in joining one of our Ministry groups, please contact me.

*Jo Cullen, Lay Ministry Co-ordinator*

**Help needed** to pack up the church Christmas lights & decorations from 9.30am on Saturday 14th January. Many helpers needed.

**Exodus 90 Program:** a number of young men from the Parish Youth Group will be engaging with the Exodus 90 Program - a Catholic Program of Prayer, Asceticism and Fraternity. Any men under the age of 30, if you are interested please get in touch with Sam Chamberlain via email: schamberlain431@gmail.com.

**St Peter's Coffee Get Together:** Our next friendly morning coffee & chat will be held at 10am Monday 9th January at Moonlight Bandit Cafe, 196 Parfrey Road, Rochedale South



**Books for sale in the church or Parish Office**

**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** - Christmas Edition - \$4  
December edition still available - \$4 (Gerard is on the cover!)

**Those who have died:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Li Shaofang (*Fr Baiyi's aunt*), Matthew Arnold, Rachel McCrow, Alan Dare, Kay Topping, Clyde Spearitt

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Patrick Kelly, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan, Norman Bishop, Esther Jarvis, Vili Naupoto, Sam Privitera, Clare Mann, George Gough, Maureen Leadbetter, Fr Bill Hall, Cathy Donald, Kevin Dingwall, Theresa Adamson, Kerry Cavanagh, David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan, Valda Long, Stan O'Gorman

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:**

Diane Land, Isabelle Mosteart, Patricia Green, 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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♥ **Youth Update** ♥  
**New members always welcome!**

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Youth will be taking a short break over the Christmas holidays, but we will be back on 4th and 5th February for young adults and high schoolers!

Happy New Year everyone! Have a safe and happy holidays!  
*God Bless, Chloe*

St Peter's has 2 youth groups: One for High School students and one for young adults aged 18 to 35 and both groups meet fortnightly for a variety of activities. Contact Chloe if you are interested in more information about Rochedale Youth.

**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.

**Faith Matters: A Prayer for the New Year**

Luke 2: 22-35

At the appointed time Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. A wise and devout man, Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, took Jesus into his arms, praising God:

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

'We recognise the wisdom of Simeon guided by the Holy Spirit. We share the amazement of Mary and Joseph, as this old man, after a lifetime praying for consolation, looks into the eyes of salvation.'

'Spend a little time in this season of promise, letting this child, Emmanuel, look into your eyes and be with you' (1)

**We Pray:**

'We give thanks for the gifts of love, hope, peace, and mercy God sends to us in the birth of the Christ child. We pray for wisdom and generosity of heart, to take these gifts, to make them our own, to share them as we make another New Year' (2)

1. *Pray As You Go: Thursday 29th December*
2. *Faith Journey: December 2022: 'Who's Gonna make the gravy?' Catholic Enquiry Centre*
3. *Pope Francis Homilies on Luke's Gospel*

*Faith Enrichment Ministry*

| Roster: 14th & 15th Jan   | Saturday 6pm Mass  | Sunday 9am Mass                                   | Sunday 6pm Mass                                      |
|---|--|---|--|
| Mass Co-ordinator   | Jo Cullen  | Baji Itteera                                      | Helen Graczyk  |
| AV Operator   | Brisha Jesuthasan  | Mick Denton                                       | Jonathan Vigor                                       |
| Readers   | C. Peta Grandin<br>1. Marissa Boyles<br>2. Joseph Varkey | C. Megan Philpott<br>1. Fion Fiju<br>2. Feba Baji | C. John Blake<br>1. Edmund Lai<br>2. Anne Fry        |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion  | Lyndal Bray-Claridge<br>Carl de Mello<br>Joyce Lyster    | Lydia Chew<br>Del Reynolds<br>Joan D'Netto        | Vickie Routledge<br>Malcolm Carroll<br>Helen Graczyk |
| Musicians   | Rita Bishop  | Tim Hondroudakis                                  | recorded music                                       |
| Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone                               |  |   |  |
| Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After 9am Mass 15th January: Anne Scanlon, Rashelle Johnson, Tram Nguyen |  |   |  |
| This week 8th - 14th January:   |  | Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam                | 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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

**OTHER PARISH CONTACTS**

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- ♥ **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**
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- 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

## RIP POPE EMERITUS, BENEDICT XVI

Joseph Ratzinger was born in Bavaria on 16 April 1927. He was ordained priest in 1951 and taught theology. He was ordained bishop for the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising in 1977 and was appointed cardinal the same year.

After only five years, he was appointed Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, a position he held until 2005 when he was elected pope, taking the name Benedict. During this time, he was also President of both the International Theological Commission and the Pontifical Biblical Commission. His powerful intellect shaped the direction of the Church and its priorities at the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st.

From 19 April 2005 until his resignation on 28 February 2013, he was the pope, the Bishop of Rome. By this time his theology was generally focused on affirming the objective truths of the faith against what he saw as the relativism of Western society. He was the first pope to resign in 700 years and lived quietly in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery within the Vatican. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away on 31st December 2022.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine on him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday 7th January at 11.30am. View the webcast on the Archdiocesan website.

## St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands October 2023:

If you would like to join us or to receive more information, please contact **Stephanie Lenihan** at [salenihan@hotmail.com](mailto:salenihan@hotmail.com) or mobile: 0413 268 860. Numbers need to be finalised so please contact Stephanie asap.

## Make and offer on items in the LOST PROPERTY BOX

The items in the Lost Property Box in the church are up **FOR SALE**.  
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