

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

Since 1974

955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

8th May 2022

Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52 Revelation 7:9-11-14-17 John 10:27-30

Let's open our arms to welcome everyone

Since the beginning of COVID at the end of 2019, our parish life, among many other dimensions of human life, has been greatly impacted. Our church building was forced to be closed for a long period of time; our liturgical celebrations were disrupted and in 2020 we could not celebrate the sacred Paschal Triduum with a congregation. Even now, our parish community life has not returned to full normality yet. I would like to suggest that our parishioners try the following ways to welcome people back to our everyday parish life. Then I hope that our parish can become even more active and energetic than we were before COVID-19.

Firstly, please be active in attending and initiating the activities of our parish. As a community, we don't just gather together for receiving sacraments and attending liturgical celebrations. Our parish premises should be a platform for our parishioners. By coming to the parish together, we can know each other better. Then we can become close friends, even consider one another as brothers and sisters. As we all call God our Father, we should become family members to each other. To make that happen, just attending Mass is not enough. We should try to attend the existing activities as often as possible. Of course, we always need to have new activities. We hope that our parishioners can be creative in having new ideas for different new activities, including both religious and social ones.

Secondly, please invite and encourage those who used to be very active parishioners but who have not returned to parish life yet. We understand completely that the virus is still around. Some parishioners still worry about the situation. According to the experiences of many people, the current COVID variants seem to be much milder than the ones before. For many cases, the symptoms are proving to be quite mild. I think those parishioners who have not come back just yet could be invited and encouraged to return. I believe that they will be missing our parish celebrations very much, because everyone needs a community. Therefore, if you know anyone who is such a case, you can try to have a nice chat with him or her over phone or via other means. You can share with them the news about our current parish life. Some parishioners have not returned to regular Mass for quite a while. The situation probably is not as serious as they think. There are some choices for them. **If they come back to Mass, they can choose to use the verandah or parish centre if they are not comfortable in the congregation in the main body of the church. They are also welcome to wear a mask if they choose.** Warm words and encouragements can always touch human hearts.

Dear friends, our ETG (Evangelisation Task Group) has called on all of us to invite a friend to Mass next Sunday (9am and 6pm Masses). They have given next Sunday a particular name: **Bring A Friend to Mass Day**. Your friend does not have to be a Catholic or Christian. We are just inviting them to come and have a look, just as Jesus said to the two disciples of John the Baptist: "come and see" (John 1:39). Let them feel the friendly vibes of our parish community. We will prepare a cuppa after Mass. If we treat them with friendship and respect, at the very least, they will know that we have a great community, and that Catholics are very welcoming.

Fr Baiyi

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the mothers, grandmothers and all who fill the role of mother in our lives.



PARISH PRIEST

Fr Baiyi Gong

Email: pp.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Phone: 3341 4421 (Parish Office)

After-hours emergencies: 0481 975 660

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."



May		In our parish this week
Mon 9th	8.00am Mass 10.00am Coffee Gathering at Moonlight Bandit Cafe	
Tue 10th	8.00am Mass with children	
Wed 11th	6.30am Mass	
Thu 12th	No Mass	
Fri 13th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	
Sat 14th	St Matthias 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 15th	Fifth Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass - Bring a Friend to Mass - Cuppa to follow 10.30am Reconciliation Workshop 6.00pm Youth Led Mass	

Bring A Friend to Mass: Please invite a friend or two to 9am Mass next Sunday 15th May, where there will be a cuppa following the liturgical celebration. Or you could bring a friend to the 6pm Mass that day which will be a Youth Led Mass. We wish to share our Masses with others.

Donations for NSW Flood Victims: Carmel is planning more trips with donations to Lismore & surrounds. Contact Carmel on 0417213702 if you would like to help. See the list of items needed in last weekend's newsletter.

Those who have died: Pat Heenan

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Joan Donnelly, Clara McKivett, Marie Maloney, Dennis Mitchell, Betty Wormald, Maree Hooiveld, Allen Thrower, Monica Kirchner, Fr Frank Clancy, Lorraine Clark, Hume Maynard, Dennis Marrinan, Jim Cook, Alan Mason, Mollie Ewart, Simon Bakker, John Bochniak, Josephine Ellway, Mary Malone, Leong Ah Kaw, Margaret Gibbon, Clara Tronchini, Audrey Wren, Rita van der Haar, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Helen Viola, Milja Atanatovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Marie Dingwall, Rhonda Lawson, Charles Williams, Liz Hill, Margaret Wagner, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, 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.



Readings for next weekend:
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)
Acts 14:21-27 Revelation 21:1-5 John 13:31-35

Sacramental Program 2022: Next Sunday 15th May the First Holy Communion class and their families will attend the 9am Mass for a Rite of Enrolment followed by a workshop on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children and families in your prayers. For more information contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421

Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet? We have a fabulous program this year called **Crossroads** which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more information on when this journey of faith will begin.

Logan Deanery Family Festival Day: Sunday 22nd May 11am to 3pm at the PCYC cnr Kingston & Compton Rds, Slacks Creek. We would love to get expressions of interest to see how many people to cater for. Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BYQDB> to express interest in attending. Thank you.

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



Pivotal Players: Once a month this year, generally on the first Wednesday of each month, we are showing one of the episodes of the Word on Fire Pivotal Players series. The Pivotal Players are saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....

St Benedict – Wednesday, 1st June

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Vinnies News: Who can help "Vinnies", help others? SVDP needs help for their Winter Appeal - 5th June after 9am Mass
*Donations for Raffle Prizes
*Volunteers to help on the day with set-up, serving, clean-up
Please Contact Lyndal on 0408180568 or the Parish Office on 33414421 to assist.

PARISH OFFICE

955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale
Open: Mon—Fri 8.15am-1.15pm

Phone: **3341 4421**

Website:
www.stpetersrochedale.org.au

Facebook:  [stpetersrochedaleparish](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersrochedaleparish)

Secretary:

Julie Hondroudakis
Email:
stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries:

Josephine Cullen
Email:
lm.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au
Mobile: 0419 733 878

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator:

Elisha Hiscock
Email:
youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Craig Acret
Phone: 3341 4800
Email: prochedale@bne.catholic.edu.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

FAITH MATTERS

May: the month of Our Lady and Mother's Day

Loving and nurturing God, we come to you with grateful hearts. We give thanks for the mothers in our lives; our families; our neighbourhoods. We thank you for the gift of mothering and for those who mother in so many different ways.

Nurturing God we thank you for the qualities of mothers. For their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

In all of the expressions and challenges of mothering we witness the strengths, concerns, love, joys, and anguish that mothering evokes – sometimes all in the same day!

We celebrate and pray for mothers in every corner of our often-troubled world. We pray for the mothers remembered and treasured who have gone before us, to you.

We thank you for the part mothers play in our lives, We thank you for this special day of saying 'thank you' to them.

In this season of Easter to Pentecost, we are reminded of *Mary in prayer, in the Upper Room, together with the Apostles. Mary prays; she prays together with the community of the disciples, and she teaches us down the ages to have complete trust in God and in his mercy. May all mothers reach for the power of prayer. Let us never tire of knocking at God's door. Every day as mothers, and as the sons and daughters of mothers, through Mary, let us carry our lives to God's heart! Knock at the door of God's heart!*

Christine Sine: Godspacelight
Pope Francis, Bonaria Cagliari 2013

Faith Enrichment Ministry

♥ Youth Update ♥

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 @rochedaleyouth

Youth Led Mass 6pm Sunday 15th May. We would love to see as many young people as possible from primary school aged to young adult at this Mass.

High School Youth Group - next catch up has been postponed to Sunday 15th May at 7pm following the Youth Led Mass.

St Peter's has a **High School Youth Group** and a **Young Adults Group** (for 18 to 35 year olds).

Both groups meet regularly, usually fortnightly. Please contact Elisha for more information.



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: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 14th & 15th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Jo Cullen	Petta Traynor
AV Operator	Brisha Jesuthasan	Arthur Leow	Elisha Hiscock
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Marissa Boyles 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alan Vigor 1. Sheree Mae Marfil 2. Fion Fuji	C. Alina George 1. Jada Nathan 2. Feba Baji
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Sharon Fong Jo Cullen Joseph Varkey	Julie Hondroudakis Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Megan Carroll Jo Cullen Elisha Hiscock -Youth Led Mass
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ihsan	Youth Mass - Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 3. Julie and Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass After 9am Mass Sunday 15th May- Anne Scanlon, Rashelle Johnson, Cristy & Bernie Vecchio			
This week	7th-15th May	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen	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: 0412 267 337

♥ 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

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

LOGAN DEANERY PRESENTS

FOOD TRUCKS & COFFEE VANS

LIVE MUSIC & STALLS

Family FESTIVAL DAY

EVERYONE WELCOME

GUEST SPEAKERS

KIDS ACTIVITIES

VENUE
PCYC
Logan Youth Club
Cnr Kingston Rd
and Compton Rd
Slacks Creek

DATE
22nd May 2022
11am till 3pm

Fun for all the family.
Come along.

Saint's Day This Week

St Matthias - 14th May

A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. Chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve (Acts 1:15-26). He is named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

Mother's Day High Tea

A fundraiser for
Rosedale South SS
Chaplaincy

Saturday 14th May
2pm @ Springwood
Church of Christ

Register online now

Open seating - tables of 10
\$40 per person

<https://suqld.eventsair.com/rochedale-south-womens-high-tea-fundraiser/booknow>



Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement: Read the Australian Catholic Bishops 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

Around the Archdiocese

Walking in the Spirit: The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

May Rosary Prayers: Catholic Mission is once again excited to invite you to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary online. Monday to Friday 2pm. Join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/prayers>
Meeting Id: 857 2970 0836 Password: prayers

St James College, Spring Hill: Open Day Friday 13th May from 10am to 1pm. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au or ph 32308600. Visit www.stjamesCollege.com.au

Journey: A space for young women to explore their vocation. Are you looking for a space to connect with other young women who are discerning their future? "Journey" is for young women to join together with others who are discovering God's plan for their life. It's a place of sharing community together and being supported by others to explore their vocation. Facilitated by Sr Mel Dwyer, "Journey" meets one Sunday morning per month, usually for a bushwalk and brunch. All young adult women 18-40yrs are welcome to come together and share the journey of discernment. The next "Journey" walk and brunch will be meeting at 7:30am, Sunday 22 May at Mount Coot-tha from JC Slaughter Falls carpark. Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Journey0522>

Daily Gospel Reflections: Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> to receive a one page reflection each week day in your inbox.

A Morning's Prayer: A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. Saturday 4th June 2022 from 9am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$20. Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>

Advertise Your Business Here

Would you like to advertise your business to our parishioners in the newsletter?

Please email ads.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au to enquire about advertising in our newsletter.