

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

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## The Ascension of the Lord (Year C)

29th May 2022

Readings: Acts 1:1-11    Ephesians 1:17-23    Luke 24:46-53

### Evangelisation should be always the first priority for a Catholic Parish

Evangelisation is the proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfilment of Christ's command (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Glossary). Of course, it is Jesus himself who began this evangelisation when he started his public ministry. Jesus proclaimed who he was. He talked about the kingdom of heaven. Jesus gave us the new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. He called us to follow him. In the end, Jesus suffered, died on the cross and resurrected from the dead, out of his love for all of us. This is the core message of evangelisation.

Before his ascension into heaven, the Risen Lord assembled his apostles and officially handed this task over to them by saying: "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19) Clearly, evangelisation is not just for some particular people but for all nations. No one is excluded.

In the history of our Church, there have been so many great missionaries who followed Jesus' words. They travelled very far and brought the Good News of Jesus to the people there. Among them was St Francis Xavier, who was one of the seven original Jesuits. St Francis travelled to southern India, Sri Lanka, Malacca, the Moluccas, and Japan, making thousands of converts. The evangelisation work done by these faithful Christians has achieved great results. Now there are more than 2 billion people in the world who claim their identity as Christians.

In the past, most of the work of evangelisation has been done by clergy and religious nuns. This is because of the economic and cultural circumstances of the time. It is not that evangelisation is just the business of clergy and religious nuns, not at all. Also, evangelisation does not necessarily mean travelling far and working in foreign lands. Many types of evangelisation work can and should be done locally, by clergy, religious nuns and also by lay people. **Absolutely, evangelisation is every Christian's business and responsibility.**

In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelisation in the Modern World*, Pope Paul VI said: "The person who has been evangelised goes on to evangelise others. Here lies the test of truth, the touchstone of evangelisation: it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn." (EVANGELII NUNTIANDI 24) Therefore, the success of evangelisation can be possibly achieved through the efforts made by all Christians, especially in today's world, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Dear friends, we now invite you to follow Jesus' words, evangelising to people when possible. No worries, we are not asking you to go to Africa or South Asia. There are two things that you may be able to do right now. First, help us to distribute the RCIA flyers, which are in the box on the veranda. Second, invite anyone whom you know and who is not a Catholic to come to one of our RCIA enquiry sessions in the Parish Centre: **Thursday, 2 June at 7pm and Saturday, 4 June at 10am**. You could even come along with them, so they feel truly welcome. Enjoy evangelising!

Fr Baiyi



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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."



May/June		In our parish this week
Mon	30th	8.00am Mass 11.15am Liturgy of the Word Grade 2 5.00pm Liturgy Team meeting 7.00pm RCIA
Tue	31st	<b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
Wed	1st June	<b>St Justin</b> 6.30am Mass 7.00pm Pivotal Players: St Benedict
Thu	2nd	No Mass 7.00pm RCIA Enquiry Session
Fri	3rd	<b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b> 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
Sat	4th	10.00am RCIA Enquiry Session 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	5th	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 9.00am Mass 10am SVDP Winter Appeal Fun Day 6.00pm Mass

**Pivotal Players:** The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on 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.

**Readings for next weekend:**

**Pentecost Sunday (Year C)**

Acts 2:1-11 Romans 8:8-17 John 14:15-16, 23-26

**Sacramental Program 2022:** Please continue to pray for the children and their families in the Sacramental Program. The children and their families will participate in a workshop this Sunday 29th May in preparation for First Holy Communion which will be celebrated on 18th & 19th June.

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

**BIG THANK YOU** to all those who attended the Logan Deanery Family Festival Day. Over 1000 people attended the event including many non-catholic families. Many engaged and wandered around and embraced the chance to spend a very wet day indoors. It was a successful evangelising event for our Logan community. We have been receiving many words of gratitude from the Archdiocesan agencies who showcased their work on stalls on the day. So blessed to have our parish/school representatives, Marfil family, Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Robert Campbell, Kathleen Crawford, Jo Cridland, Anna Pereira, Brooke Bartlett, Fr Baiyi and Julie Hondroudakis to represent our St Peter's community. Once again thank you.

Jo Cullen

**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

\*Donations of **baked cakes, sweets and slices** that we can sell. (Please include a list of ingredients)

\*Donations of **secondhand books** (fiction & non-fiction) in good condition to sell on a book stall.

Please Contact Lyndal on 0408180568 or the Parish Office on 33414421 to assist or for more information.

**Those who have died:** Erika D'Netto, Charles Williams, Maureen Clements

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:**

Richard Gallagher, Dorothy Wilson, Carmel Amundsen, Moreen McMahon, Richard Elmer, Thora Lee, Jim Ward, Elizabeth Rice, Richard Balshaw, May Gladys Thorley, Br Brian Hanlan, Eileen Connors, Patrick Madden, Kevin Connors, James Phelan, Roy Moore, Glenyis Peters, Elise Flanagan, John Kennedy, Lorna Campbell, Kathleen Lamberth, Liam Lavin, Greta McLaren, Mervyn Ballment, Margaret Lowe, William Holmes.

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

Les O'Gorman, Mick Denton, Helen Viola, Milja Atanatovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Marie Dingwall, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, 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.



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♥ **Youth Update** ♥  
**New members always welcome!**

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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.

**Position Vacant:**

Position of Youth Ministry  
 Co-ordinator at St Peter's, 15 hours per week.  
 If anyone is interested in the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator, please contact the Parish Office for a detailed job description.



**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.

**Faith Matters:** Do the cares of the world pull you down? Are you experiencing challenges in your life that seem insurmountable? Do you feel that God is punishing you, or at least not deeming you worthy of having your prayers answered?

At times in our lives, we can feel everything is falling apart - and where is God?

Jesus said, "In the world you **will** have trouble, but **be brave: I have conquered** the world." (*John 16:33b - emphasis added*). The prevalence of sin in this world, caused entirely by the way human beings choose to use their free will, is something that inevitably affects everyone, no matter how pure-hearted or God-centred they may be. Some might say that the evil one has a habit of focussing on those who truly seek God - that active goodness interferes too much with Satan's plans for him to ignore it.

So, what does this mean for us in our struggles? Do we just have to put up with it, in a sense of heavy resignation? The disciples of Jesus were in total disarray, living in fear and loss after the crucifixion ... until Jesus showed them the truth of what was happening, and that he had won a great victory. Thus, when Jesus physically left them for the last time, they went away rejoicing greatly! Their troubles weren't over, but they had a new response to their situation. A sure hope.

We, too, can ascend with Jesus to heavenly places in our spirit, with a heavenly vision for our lives: **choosing to trust** that Jesus' victory over the world applies in **all** our own life challenges, including our weaknesses, and that we have the right to rejoice and rest in Jesus' own peace, knowing he "will turn **all things to good**" (*Romans 8:28*) because we love him. Choosing to smile does wonderful things!

*Faith Enrichment Group*

Roster: 4th & 5th June	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Stephanie Lenihan	Petta Traynor
AV Operator	Mick Denton	Sam Chamberlain	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Joyce Lyster 1. Jo Cullen 2. Peta Grandin	C. Pauline Angus 1. Fion Fiju 2. Megan Philpott	C. Raylee Burns 1. John Blake 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Joseph Varkey	Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis Bob Devere	Vickie Routledge Cesarina Gigante Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 6: Julie and Basil Britto			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass 5th June: Jim Nathan, Joan D'Netto, Peter Hondroudakis			
This week 29th May-4th June		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	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](mailto: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



# “Vinnies” Winter Appeal

## Sunday 5 June

(after 9am Mass)



**Flood affected areas of Northern NSW need your help.**

Carmel Northy-Cherrett is collecting donations to be delivered to the flood affected area around Lismore, Coraki, Woodburn, Broadwater and Wardell in northern NSW. If you can help with any of the following items, please call Carmel on 0417213702.

**Items needed: Non perishable food** eg tins of food, tuna, pasta sauce, cereal, long life milk and juice, tea, coffee, biscuits, muesli or energy bars, cooking oil, jam, honey.

**Pet food** either in cans or bags of dry pet food.

**Cleaning supplies** such as soap, detergent, laundry liquid, pegs, disinfectant, mould killer, bleach, vinegar, mops, brooms, rakes, sponges, garbage bags, spray bottles.

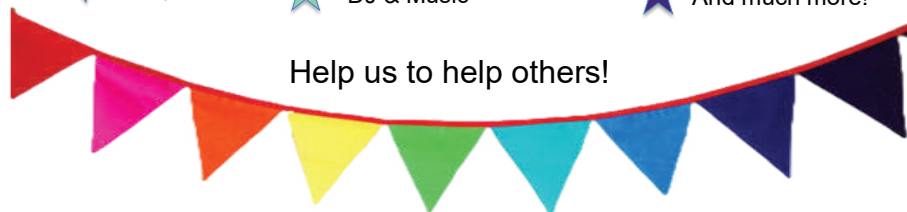
Sunblock, insect repellent, fly spray, mozzie coils, batteries, towels, tea-towels, saucepans, frypans, sets of cutlery, mugs.

**Warm weather clothing** such as jackets, gloves, boots, gumboots.

*All donations in new or excellent condition please. Thank you for your help!*

- Raffles
- Burgers and Sausage Sizzle
- Lolly Bags
- Quilts & Crafts
- Barista Coffees/Tea
- Cakes & Sweets
- Entertainment
- Helium Balloons
- Show Bags/ Books
- Lucky Dips
- DJ & Music
- And much more!

Help us to help others!



**Clairvaux MacKillop College**, Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt is accepting enrolments for Grade 7 in 2023. Call the Enrolment Registrar on 3347 9223. Visit [www.cvxmck.edu.au](http://www.cvxmck.edu.au)

**Lourdes Hill College**, Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo is holding an Open Day Tour on Tuesday 7th June. For more information please visit [lhc.qld.edu.au](http://lhc.qld.edu.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/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

**St Ignatius' Women's Night of Spirituality** presents Joan Chittister osb for the Toowong Parish's annual event. Joan Chittister is a practical theologian and renowned author who has much to say on women's spirituality. Joan has written more than 50 books, including the recent *The Time is Now*. Joan's books will be available for purchase and she will be available to sign books following the event. When: Friday 3 June from 7 to 9pm at Stuartholme School Chapel, 365 Birdwood Terrace, Toowong. Tickets are \$35 each. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BYQTJ](http://www.trybooking.com/BYQTJ). For more details please refer to flyer available or parish website [www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - (29 May - June 5, 2022) We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him.** (cf Matthew 2:2) The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2). More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ. The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in Brisbane will be hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane on Friday 3 June at 11am at St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, City. All Christians are welcome.

**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>

**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.

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