

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."

The Ascension of the Lord (Year B)

12th May 2024

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

The Ascension of our Lord

Last Sunday "After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed." (Mk 16:19-20).

In the ascension the human Jesus went to heaven, thus uniting heaven and earth. This is why the fact of a bodily ascension is important, because in a sense it completed the incarnation. It shows that Jesus really had overcome death - he wasn't resurrected to die again, but to live forever. For Christians, the fact that Jesus' followers witnessed him ascending into the clouds leaves no doubt that he is alive with the Father in Heaven and is no longer limited to living on Earth.

With the Ascension of Jesus something had been fundamentally changed for His followers, their understanding of death. Jesus had left them once before in His crucifixion and death on the Cross. But their devastation had been turned to joy in their experiences with Him for forty days after His resurrection. That turned their view of reality inside out. Life, for them, was to be seen in a radical new way and so was death. The Ascension was not an ending, it was a beginning. It was the beginning of our experience of God's presence to us in His risen Christ's newly formed body, His Mystical Body. At the same time the Ascension *is* God's promise to us that he will never leave us. God the Son's mission to us had been successfully accomplished. Now He will always be with us; He is as near to us now as our next Holy Communion. He is nearer to us now than if He were physically present as an individual somewhere in the world.

St. Paul says "for I am certain of this: nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, not any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus our Lord". The terrible ending of love relationships that comes to us not by choice but by death has been eradicated. It can never totally tear us away from each other. Those we love are not taken away from us forever. In the history of our salvation when Christ ascended into heaven the ministry of the Holy Spirit came into focus. The next coming of Christ will be at the end of the world. Each tick of the clock now takes us closer to that climactic moment. WE live now in the end game, in the End Time, awaiting that final victory when the ascended Christ will return for us.

Many Church documents keep reminding us of the basic mission entrusted to us by Jesus especially on the Feast of the Ascension. And the Second Vatican Council says, "Now the laity are called in a special way to make the Church present and operative in those places and circumstances where only through them can it become the salt of the earth" and "even when preoccupied with temporal cares, the laity can and must perform a work of great value for the evangelization of the world." (LG 33 & 35).

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In our parish this week: May 2024

Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19
8.00am Mass	St Matthias 8.00am Mass with Children 7.00pm Music Rehearsal in Church for Jubilee Celebs.	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	8.00am Volunteers Needed for Decorating Church & Hall for Sunday Mass. 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Pentecost Sunday One Mass only 10.30am Mass followed by lunch in the Simon Peter Centre (school hall) No evening Mass

Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



Pentecost Sunday 19th May

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the history book. It is ready for the Jubilee.

Plans for the big day:

- * Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton in St Peter's Church. (No evening Mass on Sunday.)
- * Followed by a light lunch in the Simon Peter Centre.
- * The lunch, provided by the Parish, will be catered.

Photography: Please be aware that there will be a professional photographer present to take photos throughout the day including both during mass and during the lunch period. Some of these photographs will be uploaded to the Parish Facebook page and may also be used in other Parish publications in the future. If you do not wish to have your photograph appear in Parish publications, please inform the parish office as soon as possible prior to the event.

Please Note: The 10.30am Mass will be the **only Mass** on Sunday 9th May. The Vigil Mass on Saturday 18th will still be celebrated.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help us with set up on Saturday afternoon, as car parking attendants on Sunday morning and the clean up squad on Sunday afternoon. Please add your name to the lists provided.

Musicians and Choir Practice for the Jubilee Mass: Calling all musicians and singers. Please come along to the church to practice for the Jubilee Mass on Tuesday 14th May from 7pm.

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.*

Those who have died: Mary Carragher (*Moya Gough's mother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Hume Maynard, Dennis Marrinan, Jim Cook, Alan Mason, Mollie Ewart, Simon Bakker, John Bochniak, Charlie & Alma Adamson, Josephine Ellway, Mary Malone, Leong Ah Kaw, Margaret Gibbon, Clara Tronchini, Audrey Wren, James Hayward, Rita van der Haar, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryn McGarvey, Colin Towne.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kevin Fry, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William (Bill) 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.

Readings for next weekend:

Pentecost Sunday (Yr B)

Acts 2:1-11 Galatians 5:16-25 John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

to all the mothers and grandmothers and all who fill the role of mother in our lives.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,

that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

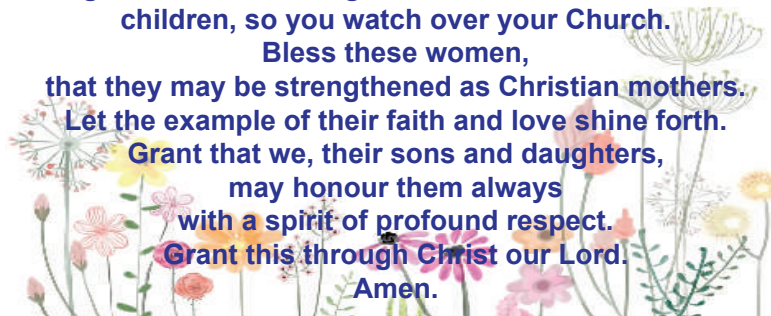
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

may honour them always

with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Gardening Working Bee: This Saturday 11th 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.

Please come and help to make the gardens beautiful for the Jubilee. Many hands make light work.



Sunday 2nd June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) There will be many ways to mark this feast.

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.

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) Our May gathering for WOW will be on Wed 29th May 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please join us for crafts and cards, an invitation to the children from "Seedlings", a scrumptious morning tea, raffle and lucky door prizes. RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 27th May. All those over 65 are welcome.



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FAITH MATTERS: Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

In this Year of Prayer, in this month of May, this month of our Blessed Mother, we celebrate all mothers. Pope Francis invites us to see our Mother Mary as a prayerful woman:

The Madonna prayed. When the world still knew nothing of her, when she was a simple girl engaged to a man of the house of David, Mary prayed. We can imagine the young girl of Nazareth wrapped in silence, in continual dialogue with God who would soon entrust her with a mission. 1

As mothers, we join with Mary in a sacred vocation.

We Pray

Hail all women full of grace, our God is with us.

Blessed are we and our fruitfulness.

Blessed are we in what we have birthed – pain, joy, courage and gentleness.

Blessed are the children we have loved and held close in our lives

Give us strength in our giving and our receiving and our struggling to love.

May we be pleased with our successes, but may we be challenged affirmed and strengthened in our brokenness.

For we are who we are because you, Mary, have shown us something of what it is to be human as women,

We ask and proclaim this, now and at the hour of our death.2

1. Pope Francis 18.11.20 General Audience, Library of the Apostolic Palace Catechesis on prayer - 15. The Virgin Mary, prayerful woman.

2. Angela Allen. 2010. Hail All Women, Heart Space: a compilation of Prayers and Reflections by Catholic Women of Australia. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. *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: 18th & 19th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan	NO MASS
AV Operator	David Crowley	Jonathan Vigor	
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Pauline Angus 2. Lauren Cocks	C. 1. 2.
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Joseph Varkey	Julie Hondroudakis, Del Reynolds; Alan Vigor; Joan D'Netto, Deseree Quan Stephanie Lenihan + Volunteers	
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Elizabeth Fort	
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Lunch in the Simon Peter Centre (school hall) after the Sunday 10.30am Mass.			
This week 12th-19th May	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		Counting: Marco'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

Project Compassion: Please bring back your box or envelopes **asap** so this can be finalised. Thank you.

Rosary for the month of May:

Please join us for Rosary on this Sunday 12th May, (No Rosary on 19th), and Sunday 26th May after the 9.00am Sunday Mass.

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.

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.

Couples for Christ invite all parishioners to a spiritual journey through a Christian Lifestyle Program in the Parish Centre on Sundays beginning May 26th from 11am to 2pm. For more information contact via email rochedaleclp@gmail.com.

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 - \$40 e-wish gift card with a Multi city membership and \$20 gift card with 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>

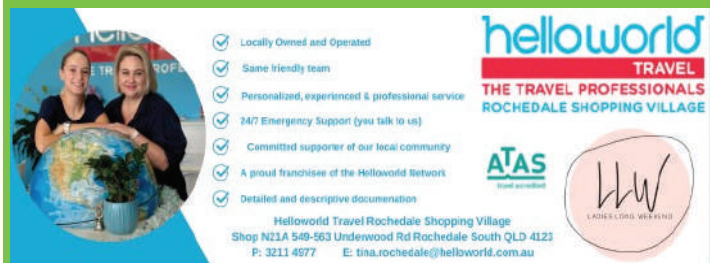
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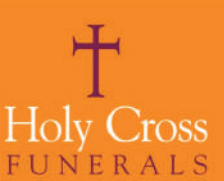
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