

# 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 Presentation of the Lord (Year C)

**For all that has been: Thank you; To all that shall be: Yes**

**2nd February 2025**

Readings: Malachi 5:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Before I go for my holidays this Monday, I thought of thanking every one of you for being a part of St. Peter's Parish, Rochedale. The Lord has been immensely grateful to us as we had our 50 years of Jubilee celebrations of the parish on 19 May 2024. Together with our parish family both past and present, I thank everyone for their continued support to the parish. I do not want to name anyone but the people who come to worship here are our strength. The many volunteers, who tirelessly contribute their time and energy in various ministries of the parish and our neighbourhood communities are phenomenal. The financial contributions of all our members especially our Planned Giving Program members, or as members of the school community and the Outside School Hours Care, are praiseworthy both small and big. I remember you and offer you all at the altar of the Lord as we celebrate the Holy Mass. May God bless each one of you abundantly. As we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Lord today and as the parents of Jesus presented him in the temple, I too take up this time to present all our parish community to God the Father for His love and mercy and continued blessings on each one of us.

Hellen Keller said: "So much has been given to me, that I have no time to brood over that which has been denied. And I will be thankful to God." Perhaps, the most grateful person I have ever heard of was an old woman in a care hospital. She had some kind of serious diseases. Her health had already started fading away. I happened to meet her. I kept going back to her seeing her strange force of this woman's joy. Though she could no longer move her arms and legs, she would say, "I am just so happy and grateful to God that I can move my neck." When she could no longer move her neck, she would say: "I am just so glad and thankful to God that I can hear and see." When I asked her what would happen if she lost her sense of sound and sight, the gentle woman told me: "I will just be so grateful that you came to visit me."

Oskar Schindler was a German industrialist. During World War II he saved over 1000 Polish Jews from concentration camps. As the war ended, just before the Russians arrived, Schindler too decided to flee away. When his Jewish workers heard that he was leaving they got together to see how they could express their gratitude to him. They had nothing in their hands, but they made a small plate and wrote on the plate these words; "The one who save a single life, saves the entire world." True felling of gratitude finds no boundaries.

In the episode of ten lepers (Luke 17/11-19) Jesus gives something to ponder over on gratefulness. The gospel tells us that one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back praising God with a loud voice. He then prostrates himself and thanked Jesus. Through the eyes of faith, he has been made well. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked the one who came back and thanked him. This is a great responsibility on each one of us to search for the lost in our area. Thank you.

*Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI*

## *In our parish this week: February 2025*

Monday 03	Tuesday 04	Wednesday 05	Thursday 06	Friday 07	Saturday 08	Sunday 09
<b>NO Mass</b> <i>(Fr Johny is on annual leave)</i>  <b>10.00am-12pm</b> Morning Tea at More Cafe, Springwood.	<b>NO Mass</b>	<b>St Agatha</b>  <b>NO Mass</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>  <i>Parish Office closed</i>	<b>NO Rosary</b> This week only) & <b>NO Mass</b>	<b>5.00pm</b> Reconciliation  <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)</b> <b>9.00am</b> Mass Children's Liturgy Followed by a Cuppa  <b>6.00pm</b> Mass

**Thanksgiving Mass for all supporters of St Peter's Parish:** at Masses this weekend **1st and 2nd February** Fr Johny will offer Masses of Thanksgiving for all of those who support St Peter's Parish in any way, whether it be by your presence at Mass, as Ministers in one of our many Ministry Groups, financially through the collections at weekend Masses and especially the Planned Giving Program or as members of the school community and staff at St Peter's School and Outside School Hours Care. We invite you to stay for a cuppa and chat after each Mass this weekend to further our celebrations of all of our parishioners and supporters who make up our parish family of St Peter's.

**Attention volunteers! Arch e-Learn:** The Archdiocese of Brisbane is thrilled to announce that the Arch e-Learn system has been set up for our parish. Previously used exclusively by employees, the Arch e-Learn system has been expanded to provide our parish volunteers with an enhanced user experience and a streamlined way to access the training they need for their roles. This upgrade ensures that all volunteers have an easy-to-use path to access mandatory training and other learning resources.

Arch e-Learn will replace the paper versions of the Prior Conduct Declaration, Safe Behaviour Code, etc.

**Previous Safeguarding Training:** Any previous Safeguarding Training completed in the last two years will be credited in the system, so it only needs to be completed when it is next due to expire.

All ministers whose records are up to date and whose roles appear on the Volunteer Safeguarding Matrix, **will receive an email invitation to their registered email account when their Arch e-Learn is created.**

Please know that the emails about Arch e-Learn are not spam. Please check your inbox (and your junk folder) for this email.

This training video is available to explain the new system: <https://youtu.be/XmVth0GV54U>.

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you have any problem with Arch e-Learn. Thank you.

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
Isaiah 6:1-8    1 Corinthians 15:1-11    Luke 5:1-11

**Planned Giving Receipts:** Registered members of our Planned Giving Program should have received receipts via email last week (if we have your email address on file) or the receipts can be found on the table at the back of the church. These receipts are for your record and come with our thanks. However, please be aware that Planned Giving is not tax deductible. Thank you to all of our Planned Givers.

**Morning Tea Gathering:** Our first monthly get together for the New Year, at the local coffee shop, will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 3rd February 2025.** All are welcome to come along.



**CHANGES to Mass times:** Fr Johny will be on annual leave from Monday 3rd February to Sunday 2nd March. During that time there will be no weekday morning Masses in the church. The Rosary will be recited every Friday Morning (except Fri 7th Feb) at 9am. Over the next 4 weekends we will welcome at various times Fr Ashley Warbooke, Fr John Gillen and Fr Baiyi Gong to celebrate our Masses with us.

**The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** falls on Tuesday 11th February. Please join us for Rosary and prayers at Our Lady's Grotto at 9am. All are very welcome to attend.



**WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):** 26th February 10am-12pm in the Parish Centre.

**"That's Amore": Celebrating friendship and affection for family and friends**

Join us for morning tea, stories, games, quiz and more. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 21st February on 3341 4421 or by email to [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au) or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet in the church.



**Those who have died:** Marlon D'Ekenaike, Fouad and Jamal Chalhoub, (Michelle Brack's parents) Joyce Raffaldi

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Robert Mallon, Monica Wing, Harold Potent, Mary St George, Fred Timkoe, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters, Len Carmody, Kevin Garland, Patrick Hanlan, Daniel Ryan, Donna Tideman, Brian Menz, Wonku Jeong, Carmel Cox, Mavis McEwan, Sis McEwan, Ethan New, John Thompson, Albert van der Haar, Joseph Rice, Kevin Lenihan, Pauline Karlsen, Peter Wojewoda, Sheila McLachlan, Jane Denaro, Barry Flynn, Thelma Kennedy, Kevin Flanagan, Justin Scott, Anthony Greaves, Bill Greenup.

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

Brent Austin, Ann Gooiker, Jim Collins, Ann Gooiker, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Mel Singh, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Kerrianna Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Maxine Macdonald, Sandra Macdonald, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Reg Van Rooyen, 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.



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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

**Volunteers needed Hospitality Ministry:** We have recently lost 5 volunteers from this ministry and are in need of at least 2 willing parishioners to step in to help serve our Sunday Morning Teas after the Masses. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times you will be rostered on. Please consider joining us in this wonderfully rewarding ministry. Contact Steph Lenihan (Coordinator) on 0413 268 860 or salenihan@hotmail.com. Volunteers for both the Saturday & Sunday night Masses are also required.

**Books for sale in the church or Parish Office**  
**Break Open the Word 2025 - \$26** - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

**Help needed:**

**AV Operator during weekend Masses:** We are in need of a few more AV operators at all of the weekend Masses. We have had only 6 people on this Ministry covering all 3 Masses each weekend. After our recent call out, we have 3 young people who will undergo training over the next few months and it would be great to have a few more people join this ministry. This role involves turning the AV and computer system on and off and clicking the powerpoint slide over throughout the Mass using the prompter. Please speak to one of the AV operators at Mass for more information or contact the Parish Office.

**Church Cleaning Ministry:** We are still in need of at least 1 new volunteer to join our cleaning groups. If you would be able to help out once every 5 weeks on either a Saturday morning or Friday afternoon, please contact the Parish Office. Duties include vacuuming, mopping, dusting the church and Parish Centre and cleaning the Parish Centre kitchen and church toilets. Most people give an hour to an hour and a half of their time. This is a lovely way to support our Parish Family.

**Volunteers Needed: Home Communion/ Nursing Home Communion Ministers.**

If you are free one Tuesday morning once a month, please consider joining our volunteers who take Communion to the housebound and help Fr Johny with the Mass and taking Communion to those in the Nursing Homes in our parish. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help.

**FAITH MATTERS: The Presentation of the Lord**

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Jewish law states that within forty days of a child's birth the parents should present their baby in the temple as an act of thanksgiving. In the Bible the number forty always indicates a time of formation. So, forty days after Christmas, the Church has today's celebration.

In presenting Jesus as a child, Joseph and Mary offer to God their most precious gift. Simeon and Anna are key figures in the Temple and represent the Old Testament. The time of waiting, searching and hoping is finally over. The Old covenant is fulfilled and they witness the new covenant who is Jesus.

Imagine the feelings of Mary and Joseph as they presented their child with a simple and humble offering of pigeons. They would have felt great hope and expectation on this special day, as well as thanksgiving, puzzlement, love and joy.

This year we are asked to be Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee year. What hope can we take from today?

Mary and Joseph's offering will be continued in Jesus' adult life because he continues to offer himself to God by seeking always to do as God wants. May we always seek the same, with hope in our hearts.

*St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry*

Roster: 8th & 9th Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Arul Mani
AV Operator	Callista Jesuthasan	Eric Quan & Dhiya George	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Cecillia Lai 1. Edmund Lai 2. Peta Grandin	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Mae Marfil 2. Caitlin Marfil	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Sharon Fong 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Trish Meulman Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey	Leroy Lobo, Alan Vigor Swapna Joseph Stephanie Lenihan Rosie Bertolacci	Helen Graczyk John Blake Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha & Tina Nguyen			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Following 9am Mass on Sunday 9th Feb: Anne Scanlon & Rosie Bertolacci			
This week 2nd - 8th Feb	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		Counting: Carl's group



**Are you new to our Parish? 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:** 0413 268 860
- ♥ **Co-ordinator:** Lynn White 0403 051 103
- ♥ **Memorial Wall & Gardens:**  
Mark Connolly 0434 147 835
- ♥ **St Vincent de Paul:**
- ♥ **New members:** Kevin Fry 0417 002 782

**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)

**STOpline:** 1300 304 550

**Social Justice Group Facebook**  
 St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group



### From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

In closing off from 2024, we have kindly received from Care and Concern \$1750 from their Christmas Brunch. A big thank you to the Care and Concern team and all who supported this lovely occasion. Thank you also to all who contributed to the Vinnies Collection at the Christmas Masses, and which gifted \$1784 to us. We are so grateful for our Parish's generosity, prayer, and heartfelt support.

After a short break, we commenced our work again mid January. Within the first 3 days, we had 11 calls for assistance.

Thankfully, we were able to visit these homes in pairs and provide help with food, medications and sometimes furniture. People are struggling and the need is great. Thank you for being part of our work.

### Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank, Platinum Jubilee

**Pilgrimage:** From 22 September to 8 October 2025, Fr Enoch will lead a group from Portugal to Rome, with stops at Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes and more. St Peter's parishioners are invited to join this pilgrimage. Some brochures are on the back table of the church. For more information including cost, itinerary and booking link, head to [www.olol.com.au/pilgrimage](http://www.olol.com.au/pilgrimage). Bookings close Friday 28 February 2025.

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### Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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#### 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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)



#### 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.

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