

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

XIth International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking 2025

9th February 2025

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Every year the International Day is celebrated on the 8th February, the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. She knew the pain and sorrow of losing her freedom when kidnapped in Sudan as a child by slave traders. Sold and resold many times, enduring incredible suffering, she finally regained her freedom in Italy. St. Josephine became a catholic and joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and served God and her community with great love. She was canonized in 2000 and is the first Sudanese saint.

As we enter the year 2025 we are confronted with the harsh reality that worldwide 50 million people are caught in a world without their control. This is "Modern slavery", an umbrella term for human trafficking and all slavery like practices including forced labour, forced marriage, domestic servitude, prostitution, sale of internal organs, forced into carrying of drugs and committing cyber crimes. Slavery thrives in silence and is often hidden in plain sight in homes, restaurants, on farms, on building sites, in factories. Common to all of these is that someone is being exploited and controlled. It is intertwined with life in every corner of our world from the food we eat, the clothes and shoes we wear, the solar panels we put on our roofs and the electronics we use. The number of people enslaved is growing because businesses are more focused on profits than in protecting human dignity. It is a global crime and no country is immune. Slavery exists because of extreme poverty, discrimination, armed conflicts, weak governments, educational disadvantage and natural disasters. Most affected are women, children, refugees and migrants. The profits from these illegal crimes are a staggering 245 billion US dollars.

The papal theme for 2025 is: "Ambassadors of Hope: Together Against Human Trafficking". St. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 5 :20, calls us to become ambassadors of Christ. Christ needs us to promote or represent others who need our help. In 2 Corinthians 6:1, Paul speaks of us as "God's fellow workers." It is abundantly clear that it is our God given duty to do all in our power to eradicate the shameful and intolerable crime of human trafficking and slavery. Pope Francis really hopes that each one of us will feel committed to being a voice for our suffering brothers and sisters.

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans) is an organisation of nuns who have worked very hard for the past 20 years to address the issue of trafficking in Australia and the Asia Pacific region. Their motto is: "Pray, Reflect and Act."

We all know the power of prayer and we can pray anywhere and at anytime. Maybe we can say the sorrowful rosary? It is important to learn about human trafficking and tell others about it. A lot of information is on "acrath.org.au " WE can purchase goods that have not been tainted by slavery. Look up the Chocolate Scorecard or the Ethical Fashion Guide. Let us renew our commitment to promote the dignity of every person in response to Christ's words: "I have come that they *may have life, life in it's fullness*" (John 10:10) *The Social Justice Group*

In our parish this week: February 2025

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15	Sunday 16
St Scholastica NO Mass <i>(Fr Johny is on annual leave)</i> 4.30pm SVDP Mtg	9.00am Rosary & Prayers for Our Lady of Lourdes at the Grotto. NO Mass	NO Mass	Parish Office closed 6.45pm Care & Concern Mtg	Sts Cyril & Methodius 9.00am Rosary NO Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 9.00am Mass Children's Liturgy 6.00pm Mass Cuppa to follow

CHANGES to Mass times: Fr Johny has arrived safely in India and is enjoying time with family and friends. Fr Johny will return to work, hopefully rested and refreshed, on 3rd March.

During February there will be no weekday morning Masses in the church.

The Rosary Group will meet and pray the rosary in the church on Friday mornings 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. Please help us make these visiting priests very welcome during their time with us.

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 Luke 6:17,20-26

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated this **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 or write your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet in the church.

Mass Ministers: Belmira will be away in the month of March so she has already begun drafting the new rosters for April to June. Could all those who minister in any way at weekend Masses, please advise any dates that you will be unavailable in April, May or June as soon as possible either by email to Belmira or on the yellow slips on the table near the doors in the church. New ministers are most welcome in any of the roles. Training is provided. Contact Belmira if you would like more information or would like to join one of the Mass Ministries. Julie will finalise the rosters in March and email them.

Stations of the Cross in Lent: In addition to the Friday evening Stations of the Cross, Fr Johny would like to organise Stations of the Cross after the 9am Mass on the Sundays in Lent with some of the prayers being prayed in other languages. Contact Belmira to express your interest in participating in your native language.

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



Those who have died: Jonathan Alcorn, Charles Eastlake, Marlon D'Ekenaike, Fouad Chalhoub (*Michelle Brack's father*), Joyce Raffaldi

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Kevin Flanagan, Justin Scott, Anthony Greaves, Bill Greenup, Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Dixon, Mary Woodhead, Dean Anderson, Allan Hopkins, Mary Gredden, Edna Mildren, Cyril Lamberth, M Luszczek, Steve Hooiveld, Ken Chapman, Josephine Steinheuer, Les Dawson, Josephine Cooney, George Hardy.

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, Kerrienne 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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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.

FAITH MATTERS: Our Lady of Lourdes

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: **“I am the Immaculate Conception.”**

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.”

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning “this thing.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Each night of the year now, thousands of people gather at the small town of Lourdes in France to pray the Rosary together at the place of the apparitions of Mary to Bernadette Soubirous. Many physical cures have happened there via water from the spring where Mary appeared.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes/>

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

Help needed:

Home & Nursing Home Communion Ministers: If you are free one Tuesday morning once a month, please consider joining our volunteers who take Communion to the house-bound 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.

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.

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.

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.

Roster: 15th & 16th Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Anthony Andradi	Francis Yoo	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton/Alina George	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Balment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Fion Fiju 1. Caitlin Marfil 2. Sheree Mae Marfil	C. Megan Carroll 1. Bob Burns 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Trish Meulman Rob Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Swapna Joseph Del Reynolds Rosie Bertolacci Julie Hondroudakis Leroy Lobo	Vicki Routledge John Blake Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Ihsan	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty de Jesus, Blanca Mastrangeli.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Following 6pm Mass on Sunday 16th Feb: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk & Malcolm Carroll.			
This week 9th - 15th Feb	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		Counting: Bob'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

STOpline: 1300 304 550

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

School Information Days:

St James College, Spring Hill, is a progressive multicultural Catholic Coeducational Secondary College for Years 5 - 12 in the Edmund Rice tradition. The college reintroduced Year 5 and Year 6 in 2023 and welcomes students from all backgrounds and abilities so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. Bursaries available. Enrolment Information Evening on Monday, 17 February from 6:00pm. Enquiries to Maria Young, Enrolments Officer, MYoung@stjamescolle.qld.edu.au, 3230 8600. Register at JTA.link/SJC.

Clairvaux Mackillop College: College Tour Thursday 27th February 9am to 10.30am. Please register online www.cvxmck.edu.au via the Enrolments tab or phone 3347 9275.

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. Bookings close Friday 28 February 2025.

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Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 [@rochedaleyouth](https://www.instagram.com/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



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'.

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