

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."



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 10th November 2024

Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Generosity and Trust in Divine Providence

In the book, **Woman and Wisdom**: Merriam T. Winter described the situation of widows in ancient Israelite society during biblical times. She writes, "Widowhood was an extremely vulnerable state of life. There was no provision made for women whose husbands died before them, considered inferior to other women, frequently poor, sometimes reduced to servitude, often harshly treated, they had no recourse under the law and were solely dependent on the providence of God and the charity of others. Women have no rights of inheritance as hard as it is to comprehend. Their husbands rarely had a plan to provide for them after their death."

More importantly, Jesus in the gospel praises the poor widow who donates her remaining two small coins. In other words, the poor woman gave away everything that she had rather than giving away what she did not need. The simple story invites us to think about our attitude towards wealth and our attitude towards the other.

The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. Jesus observed how Jewish pilgrims were making their contributions to the temple treasury. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, but also an act of trust in God. Today, the church encourages us to learn and appreciate the virtues of generosity and hospitality and the need to surrender ourselves completely to God.

Fear of the future is one of the biggest enemies of generosity and prosperity. Elijah knew how afraid the widow was. Indeed, her fear was genuine. Then, he prophesied to her: For the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Do not be afraid! The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry..." Indeed, this prophecy was fulfilled in the widow's life, and she lacked nothing afterward. Her faith and trust in God's word, and of course, in Divine Providence never failed her. Instead, her situation changed and improved beyond her expectations. Her life was transformed from penury to plenty, from misery to luxury, and from poverty to prosperity.

The widow in the gospel offered everything she had. She was generous because she knew and trusted the God she served. By placing her entire trust and future in God's hands, she conquered her fear of the future and the instinct of self-preservation. In life, moments of scarcity are moments of tests. They are moments to trust in Divine Providence. They are moments of great blessings. So, Tobit advises us, "It is better to give alms than to treasure up gold."

Jesus' consistent concern was for the poor. In his day, widows were particularly vulnerable because they had little opportunity to earn their living reputably, and no one to defend their interests before the law. Jesus criticised the Jerusalem scribes, "Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows while making a show of lengthy prayers."

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In our parish this week: October 2024

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17
St Martin of Tours 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting	St Josaphat 8.00am Mass with children	6.30pm Adoration 7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass followed by a Cuppa

All Souls Memorial Mass: Thank you to all those who attended this most moving Memorial Mass last Saturday morning. A big Thank You to the Bereavement Team and Office Staff who organised this annual event.

Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch: Congratulations to Carmel Northey-Cherrett, her band of helpers and all who came along to support Breast Cancer Awareness last Sunday 27th October. Just over \$9000 was raised to help with the fight against Breast Cancer. A fantastic effort!!!

Morning Tea Gathering: Our next regular monthly get together at the local coffee shop will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 2nd December**. All are welcome to come along.



RCIA: In recent weeks we have welcomed through Baptism Janelle Luchetti, Yvette Kim with Ira and Erin, and Jim Wright. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey to Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion on 24th November. *'May we welcome with generosity and compassion all who seek to belong among us, sharing God's love with all we meet and serve.'*

Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) Needs YOU! Do you have a heart for local mission reaching those literally in your own backyard, Why not consider going back to school in 2025? In Queensland State Schools we have the wonderful privilege of being able to volunteer to teach children within the Christian Religious Instruction program. Volunteers from many different Christian denominations form a team to teach CRI at Rochedale State School. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible and share the gospel message clearly through our curriculum which has full lesson plans, student workbooks and online resources. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, 3 online training modules, a Blue Card and a letter from our parish priest.

We always need and welcome new volunteers of all ages and all walks of life to our group and I can confirm that it is such a rewarding outreach ministry of our church. Maybe you would consider joining us? If you would like more information please contact our CRI coordinator or myself:

Sonia Kenny soniakenny@gmail.com or 0422 068552

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Those who have died: Patricia Cussans (*Dawn Evans' Sister in Law*), Tom Morris, Philomene Crowley (*David's mother*), Shirley Shephard (*Janelle Luchetti's grandmother*)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Doris Jenkins, Hugh Perkins, Rita McIvor, Brian Culbert, Patricia Kennedy, Peter Phillips, Rose McKenna, Christopher Langford, Richard Kemp, Reginald Smith, Bill Steele, Terry Breen, Bunny Hall, Ryan Dawson, Ethel Cussans, Gertrude Young, Lloyd Hagstrom, Eileen Van Rooyen, Ruth Culbert, Clement Fernandes, Glen Sullivan, Allen Thrower, Len McGovern, John Pritchard, Roy Bowser, Darryl Fisher.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Jim Collins, Ann Gooiker, Ian Forno, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, 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:
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Msrk 13:24-32**

Logan Deanery Christmas Carols Celebration:

Friday 22nd November 5.30pm to 9pm at St Edward the Confessor, 104 Chatswood Rd, Daisy Hill. Fun for all ages - food trucks, kid's games, glow sticks & so much more. Come and sing, pack your chair/picnic blanket and bring your Christmas Cheer!!!
Jesus is the reason for the season



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 30th November from 10.30am to 1.30pm Tickets \$15. Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian Fellowship. ALL WELCOME! Brunch, Carols Sing a long, trivia, raffles & Christmas Craft stall. (Please be prepared with cash). Please place your name, contact number and dietary requirement in the 'blue folder' at the back of the church. Contact Lynn 0403051103 for any queries. Payments to the parish office by Friday 22nd November 2024 please. Places are filling up fast.



News From Our Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Thank You

The Prophet Isaiah (58:7) encourages us to: *Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor.* Thanks to the loving generosity of many, we were able to do this for **22 households** during October. We shared with them over **\$3,800** in food vouchers, food parcels, basic furniture, and some basic emergency accommodation. Thank you for your part in this.

Also

At next weekend's Masses we will be launching our annual **Rochedale Vinnies' Christmas Hamper Appeal**. Our desire is to be able to share the gift of God's love and hope to 50 local families, including more than 90 children. Our hampers will put a smile on their faces by providing non-perishable food, Christmas goodies, toys, and food vouchers to help them celebrate the Christmas season. More next week.



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FAITH MATTERS: Saint Martin of Tours – November 8th

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was manouvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: “I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.” After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

Reflection

Martin’s worry about cooperation with evil reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: They face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decision of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hyper-cautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is in fact, a bad decision, for “not to decide is to decide.”

St Peter’s Faith Enrichment Ministry

WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Our November WOW will be held on **Wednesday 20th November** from 10am to 12noon. WOW End of 2024 Celebration. Please join us for morning tea with tastes from around the world, raffles and lucky door prize. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office or on the form in the church by Friday 15th November.

Columban Calendars for 2025: Available now from the Piety Stall. **\$10** each.

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

God’s Word 2025 - \$20 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2025 plus daily reflections.



HOPE Reigns Advent Books - \$5 - Group and Individual Reflections for 2024 which begins on Sunday 1 st December 2024.

Break Open the Word 2025 - \$26 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word. Advent begins on 1st December 2024 - Year C.



Prayer for the month of November

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Roster: 16th & 17th Nov.	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Anthony Andradi	Stephanie Lenihan	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Callista Jesuthasan	Jonathan Vigor	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Alina Jacob 1. Del Reynolds 2. Banca Mastrangeli	C. Anne Fry 1. David Roati 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Joseph Varkey	Fion Fiju Alina George, Alan Vigor Swaona Joseph Stephanie Lenihan	Ann Marie Collier Laly Chackoo Kate Guy
Musicians	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Kathy Winter & Jackie Leena.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after 6pm Sunday Mass on 17th Nov.: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk & Malcolm Carroll.			
This week 10th - 16th Nov	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam		Counting: Carl’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: 0413 268 860

♥ 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



Pope Francis' new Encyclical Letter 'Dilexit Nos' on the Human and Divine Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Pope Francis' new encyclical begins:

“HE LOVED US”, Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. Rom 8:37), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever “separate us” from that love (Rom 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, “I have loved you” (Jn 15:9, 12). Even now, the Lord says to us, “I have called you friends” (Jn 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For “he loved us first” (cf. 1 Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, “we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us” (1Jn 4:16).’

Search the Vatican Website www.vatican.va for the full text of ‘Dilexit Nos’.

Entertainment Memberships: Bonus multi-city upgrade + \$30 e-gift card with purchase of any Entertainment Membership. Also, all members can access 5% off all Virgin flights! With just one domestic flight, you could save enough to cover the cost of your membership. Hurry - this deal expires on 5th November. Help boost St Peter’s fundraising. St Peter’s Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

♥ **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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