

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."

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

13th April 2025

Gospel Reading of Entrance into Jerusalem: Luke 19:28-40
 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 23:1-49

Holy Week 2025 - Love Makes the Difference

Palm Sunday – Solemn entrance into Jerusalem: Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' 'triumphal entry' into Jerusalem where the Gospels tell us he was greeted with crowds waving palm branches and crying 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Maundy Thursday – The Last Supper and the Establishment of the Eucharist: Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper that Jesus shares with his disciples, his betrayal by his disciple Judas Iscariot, and his arrest at the Garden of Gethsemane. Often Holy Thursday services will include an act of foot washing, which commemorates Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as an act of service on the night of his arrest. It reminds participants of the 'new commandment' that Jesus gave his disciples to love one another as he has loved them – a love that is most readily seen in Jesus willingly giving up his life on the cross on Good Friday.

Good Friday – Jesus' suffering, Crucifixion and His Death: Good Friday commemorates Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate, his sentence of death, his torture, and his crucifixion and burial. Final submission of his soul to the Father.

Holy Saturday – A day of quiet reflection and waiting and culminating in the Easter Vigil. First, a liturgy that recalls the vigil, the 'keeping watch' of Jesus' female disciples at the tomb of Jesus, which begins in darkness where a new paschal or Easter fire is kindled. This, then, is followed by the joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter, which will often include the baptism of new converts and the renewal of baptismal vows by the faithful. It is an emotional week for Christians, but one that anticipates the hope and glory of the resurrection of Christ at Easter. 'The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.' *St Augustine of Hippo*

Easter: Resurrection of Jesus: My faith in the resurrection of Christ rests on two pieces of solid evidence: first, an empty tomb which needs no explanation; second the testimony of Jesus' followers who had nothing to gain from proclaiming Jesus' resurrection except their own martyrdom. They would never have had the courage to preach about Jesus if Jesus had not risen and appeared to them. Our belief too, as St. Paul tells us, is not only that Jesus rose from the dead to live in eternal glory, but it is a glory we hope to share with him some day. No matter how powerful and final is the force of death, because of Jesus' resurrection, we Christians believe that life has the final word not death and it is life eternal. Easter proves that God is in control. He may be silent, but he is not still. He moved out of the tomb and is moving amidst us. He is here with you and will be with you all the time. Watch on, lest you miss Him who comes in forms and shapes you know not.

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In our parish this week: April 2025

Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19	Sunday 20
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Musicians and choir practice for Easter services	8.00am Mass	Holy Thursday Parish Office closed 7.00pm Mass Adoration until 10pm	Good Friday Parish Office closed 10.00am The Way of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord	Easter Saturday No Reconciliation today 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass (NOTE: not the usual Saturday Mass time!)	Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass No evening Mass

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 13th April

Palm Cross Folding: Saturday morning 12th April from 8.30am on the verandah in front of the Church. Please come along, even for a part of the time. This is a lovely tradition in the parish.

Procession with palms at 9am Mass Sunday 13th April. Weather permitting, at the beginning of Mass we will process around part of the church grounds to commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Musicians & choir practice for the Easter services Tuesday 15th April at 7pm.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 17th April **Mass 7.00pm** followed by Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday 18th April

10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross - Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring your hat and/or umbrella

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Please come prepared to give to the Holy Land Collection at the 3pm Passion service on Good Friday

Easter Vigil Saturday 19th April Mass **7.00pm**

Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday 20th April **Mass 9.00am** only

Volunteers are still needed for all Easter Masses, especially the washing of the feet at Holy Thursday Mass. Please volunteer on the sign up sheets at Masses this weekend or email the Parish Office.



Readings for next weekend:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Yr C)

Vigil Mass: Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sunday Mass: Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):

This Tuesday 15th April

Morning Tea at Parish Centre followed by Bus Outing to **Lord Mayor's City Hall Concert** –

Journey of Remembrance on the 110th anniversary of ANZAC Day. Thank you to those who have booked. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. We have a couple of spaces left on the bus so book asap to the Parish Office.

We will have morning tea in the Parish Centre from 9.15am before boarding the bus. The bus will leave St Peter's at 10.30am and should return about 2pm. We would appreciate \$10 per person to help us cover the cost of the bus hire.

WOW events are open to all those aged over 65 in our local community.

From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Easter Raffle - Our Vinnies team has been so encouraged by your wonderful generosity and support with our Easter Raffle over the last two weekends. Through your ticket buying and donations we raised **over \$1,600**. Please know that we are very grateful, as will be those who receive assistance from us over these Easter Holidays. Thank you for sharing the spirit of our Lenten journey. Father Johny drew the Raffle after Mass last Sunday night. Congratulations to the winners, who we contacted on Monday – **Kerry, Joyce, Maria, and Dawn**. Hope you enjoy your prizes! Thank you also to Stephanie and Ann Maree for helping us with ticket selling, and to Father for his encouragement of our efforts!

Project Compassion. Please donate!

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better

tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Those who have died: Mel McKay, Col Woodhead, Pamela Potts

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Nita J Hammond, Dick Quan, Raymond Stierer, Lynn Robinson, Peta Power, Zhiding Gong, Ray Naughton, Nita Atkins, Elizabeth Traquair, Denis Flanagan, Colin Bishop, Mary Carragher

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Ray Dupreez, Gerry & June McCrenor, Stephen Land, Kevin Fry, Rex Bransdon, Cora Taylor, Brent Austin, Ann Gooiker, Mary Scholes, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Kerriane Meulman, Mel Singh, Kent McMahon, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Maxine Macdonald, Sr Lila Galvin, Sandra Macdonald, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Kathy Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong.

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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Rochedale Youth: Next Youth & young adults gathering on Thursday evening 24th April in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm. For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Help needed: Following up on Helen's promotion of Ministry participation, we would love you to read over the Ministry brochure that was handed out and reflect on how you might join in one of our 30 plus ministries at St Peter's. Our church family works best if we all contribute. Any of the Ministries would love you to join. If you would like to join in any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office or fill in the brochure and bring it back to Mass. Some of our Parish Ministry Groups that are most in need of new members are:

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.

RCIA: Discussing our faith and assisting adults on their faith journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

AV Operator during weekend Masses: This role mostly involves progressing the powerpoint slides during Mass.

Hospitality Ministry: We are in need of willing parishioners to step in to help serve our weekend cuppas after the Masses.

Church Cleaning Ministry: 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 every 5 weeks.

Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment: We have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services. The safety and well-being of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

FAITH MATTERS:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Palm Sunday can be seen as a threshold, an edge, a beginning, a point in time and place, and story – our Christian story. Thus begins a groundswell of anticipation, a tide of hope. We know this story well – our story, told and retold across millennia – *lest we forget*.

How could we forget? We are destined to walk these days with Jesus in fulfilment of his God-given mission. We take our place beside Jesus through his unimaginable pain and suffering, knowing fully where and how it is to be resolved. Our covenant is to be there with him. Our faith urges us to remain faithful to this pilgrim journey, to see beyond the uncertainty and fear of the disciples, beyond the cruelty of power and petty governance. The courage and grace of our faith calls us to stand with Mother Mary and Veronica, with Simon of Cyrene and the holy women of Jerusalem. We stand witness at the foot of the cross with Mary and John, confirming our vocation - to welcome the glory of the Resurrection and to resume our own God-given ministry.

Through God's grace we pray ...

'It is all God's work. We are ambassadors for Christ ... entrusted with God's mission. ... it is as if God is appealing through us. The appeal we make in Christ's name is this: be reconciled to God'. *Corinthians 5:17*.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

Roster: 19th & 20th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	NOTE: Easter Vigil Mass starts at 7pm		
AV Operator	Special Roster for Easter	Special Roster for Easter	No evening Mass on Easter Sunday
Readers			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion			
Musicians			
Cleaning Group 2: Brian and Janice Mason, Tina Nguyen, Jeffrey Aranha			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Easter weekend - no cuppa planned			
This week 13th - 19th April	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

Holy Week and Easter for Kids Resources: A range of free resources have been created by the Children and Families team at Archdiocesan Ministries to assist children to journey with Jesus through Holy Week. Kids can follow the Jesus story through video, prayers and activities. Suitable for use by families at home or in larger groups, head to tinyurl.com/HolyWeek4Kids to access all that is available.

St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund: You can contribute to the Endowment Fund at any time but a gift in your Will is the greatest commitment you could make to sustain the future of our faith and parish. When you confirm a gift in your Will to our parish endowment fund, you become an eternal guardian of your faith. Contact the Parish Office for information

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 12th May**. All are welcome to come along. 

Around the Archdiocese:

Tony Alonso: Internationally Renowned Composer, Theologian & Recording Artist Tony Alonso is coming to Brisbane in May 2025. Tony Alonso PhD is one of the foremost contemporary Catholic liturgical composers and a noted theologian whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. Many of his 200+ compositions and arrangements appear in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. Tony is presenting a series of Brisbane Events: Lecture 15th May, Workshop for Teachers and students on 16th May, Concert 17th May and a Parish Music Ministry Workshop on 17th May. For more information go to "Shop-Workshops" on the Liturgy Brisbane website or <https://liturgybrisbane-workshops.weebly.com/tony-alonso.html>

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St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>



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.

Mass Ministers: Please check your email inbox for the new roster for April to June as well as the swap list. Please note that the Easter services have a separate roster - please volunteer. Thank you all!

ANZAC DAY is a day when we remember and honour those who fought and died for freedom. We gather not to glorify war but to remember those who have served our country during times of crisis and to reflect upon their selfless sacrifice as we commemorate Jesus' great sacrifice. We recognise that there are many men and women around the world still working for peace and we pray and hold fast to the powerful hope that peace can exist in our world today. Please join us as we honour the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps through our prayer for peace in our world at **Mass on Friday 25 April, beginning at 9.30 am, following rosary at 9am**. In the spirit of friendship that existed among the soldiers, we join together for **morning tea** after Mass. Please bring a small plate of food to share if you are able.

Multicultural Mass: in 2024 we celebrated our 50th anniversary on Pentecost Sunday with a multicultural Mass. Fr Johny is seeking feedback from parishioners on which day you would prefer to celebrate a multicultural Mass in 2025. Please speak to Fr Johny or email him or the Parish Office.

1. Pentecost Sunday - 8th June
2. Feast of Sts Peter & Paul - 29th June
3. Migrant & Refugee Sunday - 28th September

Archbishop's Vocations Dinners: Archbishop Mark Coleridge is hosting 2 Vocations dinners for men and women discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life. Dinner for Women is on the 24th April from 6 pm. Dinner for Men is on the 22nd May from 6 pm. Contact Fr Johny to express your interest in attending.

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