

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH



Rochedale Springwood

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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."



PARISH PRIEST

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 16th February 2025

Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 Luke 6:17,20-26

Reflection

In 2024, over a million young people gathered in Lisbon for World Youth Day, led by Pope Francis. People from all walks of life came—rich and poor, curious and faithful, united by a hunger for Christ and truth.

This reminds us of today's Gospel, where crowds from all regions gathered to hear Jesus' first great sermon. As Jesus looked at them, what did he see? His inaugural teaching on being "blessed" was radical. The original Greek word means being fully satisfied—receiving God's favour, regardless of circumstances.

Jesus links true happiness to hardship, struggle, and even suffering, rather than prosperity or popularity. He isn't condemning good things in life. But wealth, health, and praise can't satisfy our deepest desires. These are things we can achieve ourselves, making us self-reliant instead of God-reliant.

As Jeremiah said, those who trust only in themselves become like dry shrubs with no roots or fruit. But those who trust in God are like trees planted by streams, unshaken by the heat of trials.

This lesson challenges us. We often believe that the right mix of possessions, power, and praise will create heaven on earth. But what happens when these fail? Jesus reminds us that the only lasting foundation is our friendship with God.

Are we still hungry enough for Jesus, or are we satisfied with the world's offerings? Let us pray for the faith to hear and live these words: "Blessed are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C.

With permission of Liturgia, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Fr Johny is on leave

In our parish this week: February 2025

Monday 17	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22	Sunday 23
10.30am Funeral Mass for Giuseppina Pace	NO Mass (Fr Johny is on annual leave)	NO Mass	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	9.00am Rosary 10.30am Funeral Austin Taylor	The Chair of St Peter 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 9.00am Mass Children's Liturgy Cuppa to follow 6.00pm Mass

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.

Last weekend we welcomed Fr Ashley Warbooke and Fr John Gillen to celebrate our Masses with us. This weekend we will welcome Fr Ashley again and Fr Baiyi Gong for the 6pm Sunday Mass. Please help us make these visiting priests very welcome.

Funerals: This week we will celebrate the funerals of Giuseppina Pace (10.30am Monday) and Austin Taylor (10.30am Friday). We thank Fr Joseph Vattaparambil CMI, Parish Priest of Daisy Hill parish who will celebrate these funerals in Fr Johny's absence. Please keep the families of Giuseppina and Austin in your prayers at this sad time.

Attention volunteers! Arch e-Learn: 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.**

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38



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. After the prayer reflection at each Station, the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be to the Father will be prayed, with the first part of each in another language and the second part in English. Contact Belmira to express your interest in praying the Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory Be to the Father 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: Giuseppina Pace, Austin Taylor, Jonathan Alcorn, Charles Eastlake, Marlon D'Ekenaike, Fouad Chalhoub

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Josephine Cooney, George Hardy, Ricci Stein, Luke Timbs, Mohan Varghese, Tom 'Joe' Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards, Gwladys Wicks, Mark Christensen, Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Cora Taylor, Brent Austin, Ann Gooiker, Jim Collins, Ann Gooiker, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Mel Singh, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, 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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FAITH MATTERS: Death is not the end!

For many of us here at St Peter's we are attending more funerals than weddings these days. It can be a sad time of grief and loss for family and friends, but for Christians it can be a time of hope and looking forward as a transition from this mortal existence into a new life in Christ.

This weekend in **1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**, Paul addresses our hope for resurrection in Christ despite some doubts of the early Christians in Corinth. Paul challenges the Corinthians, asking why some among them deny the resurrection if Christ Himself has been raised.

He argues in verses **16-18** that if the dead are not raised, then Christ is not raised either. If Christ has not risen, faith is futile, and believers remain in their sins. This would mean that those who have died in Christ are lost, making Christian hope meaningless.

However, in verse **20**, Paul declares the triumphant truth: **"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep."** This means that Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of the resurrection for all believers. His victory over death serves as the foundation of Christian hope, assuring eternal life. Without the resurrection, faith would be in vain, but because of Christ's triumph, believers have the promise of new life. Paul's argument affirms that the resurrection is not just a doctrine but the very essence of Christianity, proving Jesus' power over sin and death.

For we Christians, death is not the end, but a new and wonderful beginning and it is in this knowledge that we face death with hope and expectation.

We pray: that we might take heart from Paul's message as we face our own death or that of other dear ones with courage, hope and anticipation of resurrection to a new life with Christ in the full presence of God.

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

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:

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 household 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. This role involves turning the AV and computer system on and off and clicking the power-point 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: 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: 22nd & 23rd Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Arulmani
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Eric Quan	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Cecilia Lai 2. Edmund Lai	C. Alina George 1. Stephanie Lenihan 2. Lisa Hammett	C. Vickie Routledge 1. John Blake 2. Cesarina Gigante
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Rob Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Del Reynolds Conrad D'Netto Shilgy Mathew Deseree Quan	Fion Fiju Laly Chackoo Anne Fry Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Tim Hondroudakis	Carmel Northey-Cherrett
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Following 9am Mass on Sunday 23rd Feb: Blanca Mastrangeli + volunteers please!			
This week 16th - 22nd Feb	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam		Counting: Marcos' 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@stjamescollege.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!

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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



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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