# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
## 16th November 2025

**Readings: Malachi 3:19-20 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19**

## World Day of the Poor

1. "You, O Lord, are my hope". These words well up from a heart burdened by grave hardship: "You have made me see many troubles and calamities", the Psalmist exclaims. At the same time, his heart remains open and confident; steadfast in faith, he acknowledges the support of God, whom he calls "a rock of refuge, a strong fortress". Hence, his abiding trust that hope in God never disappoints: "In you, Lord, I take refuge; I shall never be put to shame". Saint Paul writes to Timothy: "To this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God". The living God is in fact "the God of hope", and Christ, by his death and resurrection, has himself become "our hope".

2. The poor can be witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it amid uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalization. They cannot rely on the security of power and possessions. Their hope must necessarily be sought elsewhere.

3. The gravest form of poverty is not to know God. Pope Francis wrote: "The worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God, and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, blessing, word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith". Wealth often disappoints and can lead to tragic situations of poverty. Saint Augustine wrote: "Let all your hope be in God: feel your need for him and let him fill that need. Without him, whatever you possess will only make you all the more empty".

4. The Church's tradition has constantly insisted on the circular relationship between faith, hope and charity. Hope is born of faith, which nourishes and sustains it on the foundation of charity. Charity engages us and guides our decisions towards the common good. Conversely, those who lack charity not only lack faith and hope; they also rob their neighbours of hope.

5. Each of us is called to offer new signs of hope that will bear witness to Christian charity. Today, signs of hope are found in care homes, centres for listening, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work! The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, words and wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The World Day of the Poor reminds us that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity.

6. The poor are not recipients of our pastoral care, but creative subjects who challenge us to find novel ways of living out the Gospel today. We too may have less than before and are losing what once seemed secure: a home, sufficient food, access to healthcare and a good education, religious freedom and freedom of expression.

It is my hope, then, that we develop policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support the poor. Let us entrust ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Comforter of the Afflicted and let us sing: "In you, O Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain." ***POPE LEO XIV***

## In our parish this week: November 2025

| Monday 17 | Tuesday 18 | Wednesday 19 | Thursday 20 | Friday 21 | Saturday 22 | Sunday 23 |
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| **St Elizabeth of Hungary**<br><br>**8.00am** Mass | **8.00am** Mass with children<br><br>**4.30pm** SVDP Meeting | **8.00am** Mass | **10am Safeguarding Compliance Group Training**<br><br>**7.00pm** C&C Meeting | **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**<br>**9.00am** Rosary<br>**9.30am** Mass<br>**11.30am** Grade2 Liturgy of the Word | **St Cecilia**<br>*9.00am Logan Deanery Pilgrimage*<br><br>**5.00pm** Reconciliation<br><br>**6.00pm** Mass | **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**<br><br>**9.00am** Mass followed by a Cuppa<br><br>**6.00pm** Mass |

**Safeguarding Training:** We are all responsible for the Safeguarding of each other especially children and Adult-at-risk whenever we are at the church or parish. Every volunteer in any role of the parish potentially dealing with children or adults-at risk must undertake Safeguarding Training every 2 years. Many of us last did a group training back in late October, early November 2023 so we are needing to redo our training. This is now ideally done via the Arch elearn portal. Please go to https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/.
For those unable or unwilling to use the online portal, we will be running group training sessions over the next few weeks. The first of these in-person training sessions will be held this **Thursday 20th November starting at 10am in the Parish Office meeting room.** Please contact the Parish Office to register for the group training session.

***Readings for next weekend:***
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

***CHRISTMAS BRUNCH:*** Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian fellowship at our brunch, hosted by *Care & Concern* in support of St Vinnies in the parish centre on ***Saturday 29th November from 11am to 2pm.*** Tickets $20. ALL WELCOME! Delicious brunch, carols sing along, trivia, raffles & Christmas craft stall. (Cash preferred please). Please place your name, contact number & dietary requirement in the '*Blue folder*' at the back of the church.
Contact Lynn 0403051103 for any queries.

*RSVP: Payments to the parish office 33414421 by Friday 21/11/25 please, alternatively payment to C&C ladies on the church veranda.*

**SVDP Piety Stall:** Second hand religious books for sale – gold coin donation. Some other books and gifts half price. Items will be on sale after the 9am Mass.
**Columban Calendars** for 2026 also on sale **$10** each. **Christmas cards $5** for a pack of 5.

**Carols Under the Stars** Sunday **30th November** from 7pm on the lawn beside the church (weather permitting!). Singers, musicians, helpers needed. Contact Carmel on 0417213702.

**Logan Deanery Pigrimage Day of Prayer, Faith, Hope and Unity:** In this year of Jubilee, join the other parishes of the Logan Deanery, walking together on a sacred journey united in prayer, love and unity. **This Saturday 22nd November starting at 9am** at St Mary's Catholic church, 1 Bromelton St, Beaudesert. There will be prayer, adoration, reconciliation, reflection, music and concluding with Mass at 2pm. Entry is free. Some food will be available.

**WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays):** Our next WOW will be the 'Back to the Tivoli Christmas Spectacular' Concert at Sunpac, Sunnybank at **11am on Wed 10th December.** Tickets are $20 and there are only a few left! Please see Julie, to pay for your ticket asap. Lunch to follow the concert is optional and at your own expense at Sunset Bar and Grill restaurant at the Sunnybank Sports Club

## *PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:*

***Those who have died***: Katarina Warwas *(Ursula Williamson's sister)*, June Power, Fr Van Huong Nguyen, Peter Hennigan, Neil Tuohy, Jaiden Booth

***Book of Life & Mass Requests:*** Stella Joseph, Glen Sullivan, Allen Thrower, Len McGovern, John Pritchard, Roy Bowser, Darryl Fisher, Lionel Hurley, Robert Kelly, Arthur Simpson, John Hayward, Peg Ryan, Teresa Slattery, Frances St John, Blanche de Mello, George Dotta, Hilda Fox, Ray Collins, Percy Dixon, Barry Rafter, Freeda Naughton, Pearl Ruthven, Lorraine Lawrence, Marjorie Kelly, Felix Aguiar, Eileen Nemesi, Guido Rosso.

***Please pray for those who are sick, especially:*** John & Simon Weatherley, Angela Russo, Betty Partridge, Ursula Williamson, Carol Timkoe, Victor Timkoe, Kate Kim, Veronica Scholes, Tany Lemon, Liz Kelleher, Lynda Sweeney, Margaret Wagner, Shelly Furman, Ray Dupreez, June McCrenor, Ian Forno, Brent Austin, Pat & Rex Bransdon, Don Tallon, Robert Cussans, Rikki-Lee Curran, Janet Hicks, Valerie Isaac, Mel Singh, Kerrianne Meulman, Kent McMahon, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Sr Lila Galvin, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Teresa Leong, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Kathy & Danae Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Laurie Newnham.

***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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Phone: 1800 846 643

**Faith Matters:** **St Peter To Rot (c1912-1945): The Thanksgiving Continues**

The 7th July celebrates the Feast of Papua New Guinea's first indigenous saint. In 1995 the beatification of Peter To Rot introduced this saint-in-waiting to us, that we might honour his unwavering faith, his tireless, life-time catechesis and his defence of the sacrament of marriage. *'Husband, father and catechist, he comes from the very first generation of Christians in Papua New Guinea*." 1.

Peter trained with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and was appointed as Catechist to the Parish of Rakunai. His vocation called him to minister as a teacher, leading the people in prayer, baptising, blessing the sick and dying, bringing food to those in need. In 1945, when the invading WWII force imposed laws forbidding gathering for prayer, Peter met with the people in caves and carried out his ministry in secret as far as possible. He protected women under threat of forced marriages.

Peter encouraged his people, *"This is a very bad time for us, and we are all afraid. But God our Father is with us and looking after us. We must pray and ask him to stay with us always. They cannot stop us loving God and obeying laws! We must be strong, and we must refuse to give in to them."*2

Peter was imprisoned for nurturing the lives and faith of his people. His death in prison acknowledges him as a martyr. His life was taken because he continued to minister to his people.

*Pope Francis reminds us, "And this is the job of the catechist: to constantly go forth to others out of love, to bear witness and to talk about Jesus, to proclaim Jesus. This is important because the Lord does it; it is the Lord that impels us to go forward."* 3.

**We pray** - for all Catechists. Bless them in their vocations and fidelity, enriched in the light of St Peter To Rot.

1. Fr B Tourek, Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, ETWN – Eternal World Television Network
2. The Mystery of Faith – Patron Saints St Peter to Rot
3. Holy Father Pope Francis: Address to the PILGRIMAGE OF CATECHISTS

*September 2013* *Faith Enrichment Ministry*

**Books for sale from the Parish Office & church.**

**God's Word 2026:** With all the readings for every day of the year. Cost $15 each.

**Advent Daily Reflection books** *'In Holy Stillness'.* Cost $6 each.

**Break Open the Word 2026** resource for readers at weekend Mass. Cost $33 each.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN**

Have you ever thought about the **Parish's Emergency Evacuation Plan**? In the event of an emergency, Fr Johny (or the leader of a meeting) would ask us to evacuate the church (or Parish Centre or Office) to the Emergency Assembly Area which is on the lawned area between the church and the school. When you are next in the church, check out the evacuation diagrams beside the doors (on the verandah side) to find the best route to the Emergency Assembly Area. In the Parish Office, check out the diagrams, which are beside each of the exit doors.

**Rochedale Youth:** Next Youth & young adults gathering Thursday evening **27th November** in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm. For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please speak to Clive D'Silva when you are at Mass or contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

| **Roster: 22nd & 23rd Nov** | **Saturday 6pm Mass** | **Sunday 9am Mass** | **Sunday 6pm Mass** |
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| **Mass Co-ordinator** | Anthony Andradi | Claudio Ramos | Malcolm Carroll |
| **AV Operator** | David Crowley | Alwin Joseph | Kate Guy |
| **Readers** | C. Joyce Lyster<br>1. Mal Jensen<br>2. Joseph Varkey | C. Alan Vigor<br>1. Pauline Angus<br>2. Rosie Bertolacci | C. Vickie Routledge<br>1. Jonathan Vigor<br>2. Megan Carroll |
| **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** | Carl de Mello<br>Shelagh Ballment<br>Lyndal Bray-Claridge | Deseree Quan<br>Alina George<br>Leroy Lobo<br>Vivienne Linnett<br>Lisa Hammett | Anne Fry<br>Sharon Fong<br>Cesarina Gigante |
| **Musicians** | Carmel Northey-Cherrett | Elizabeth Fort | Elizabeth Fort |
| **Altar Servers** | Volunteer | Anthony & Damien | Volunteer |
| **Cleaning Group 3** | Lance George, Liberty De Jesus, Blanca Mastrangeli & Karin Biedermann. | | |
| **Cuppa & Chat:** after 9am Sunday Mass on 23rd November: Peter Hondroudakis, Joan D'Netto & Sharita Lobo. | | | |
| **This week: 16th – 22nd Nov:** | **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 & Vulnerable Adults Representative:** Malcolm Carroll 0451 804 058 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au
**Social Justice Group Facebook:**
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

**Welcome to Flocknote: November Signup!** Parishioners and visitors are invited to sign-up to Flocknote, our communication and engagement tool. Our Parish (and the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote for all parishes, as a safe, new, and improved database and means of communicating in parishes. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything.

If all parishioners register with our parish Flocknote, this will replace the need for a census done on paper which then needs to be entered by staff. Your info is kept secure and private.

It only takes a couple minutes to sign up to receive emails from the parish. You are even able to reply directly back to those emails so we can get feedback and hear from you. Parishioners and visitors are invited to use the link or QR code and signup and register with the parish.

If you have any questions, please see Fr Johny, or speak with Julie in the Parish Office.

Please go to https://rochedale.flocknote.com/register or scan the QR code

## 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 2026?*

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 though 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 Sonia Kenny soniajkenny@gmail.com or 0422 068552 or Rita Bishop ritajbishop@yahoo.com or 0408154751

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**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.

**Tap & Go Donations**: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: you can choose from 4 options for your donation amount to support St Peter's Parish.

Thank you for your support.

***These businesses support our parish, please support them:***