

# 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."

## Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

19th May 2024

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 Galatians 5:16-25 John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

## Pentecost Sunday and 50 Years of Thanking the Lord (1974-2024)

"Church is a group of people moved and inspired by the Holy Spirit and it cannot go unnoticed in this world. At Pentecost, it is this same divine life force that recreates the frightened group of disciples into bold proclaimers of the Gospel. And they came out to speak to a multitude of people speaking different languages and all of them heard what the disciples spoke in their own language: the curse of the Tower Babel is reversed because it was the Spirit that was speaking through them. The symbols of divine presence described in Acts 2 are familiar from the Old Testament: thundering noise as God's manifestation at Sinai; the whirlwind, like that from which God spoke to Job; and flames of fire, such as Moses saw at Mount Horeb.

Pentecost Sunday is the climax of Easter celebrations. It is often referred to as the birthday of the Church and his gospel of love and forgiveness. The readings today remind us of three important truths about the Church and its mission: first, the Church is missionary; second, the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of Mission; and third, the goal of mission is to create a unity that embraces diversity. Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk — but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission — to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

## St. Peter's Parish (1974 -2024)

"Rejoice in the Lord, always I say rejoice" (Phil. 4: 4). Congratulations to St. Peter's Parish Community on reaching such a milestone. We thank God for all those priests, deacon, seminarians, religious women and all our parishioners who have served God so faithfully over the past fifty years in this wonderful parish. We bow down before God the Almighty for the innumerable blessings on the parish in various ways. We remember all our departed brethren and those who have moved away to different places and those of us who are present. We are indebted to many of our friends who have been very generous in extending their support in various ways. May God Almighty reward them for all that they have done for posterity.

As a Parish known for its great hospitality and welcome, we ask God's blessings on the years ahead that our Parish will always remain a community who lives out our Mission Statement: "St. Peter's Parish is a community who lives in the faith of Jesus Christ and moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in the love of God and all people."

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

### In our parish this week: May 2024

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
<p><b>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b></p> <p>8.00am Mass</p> <p>10.00am-12pm Social Justice Meeting.</p>	<p>8.00am Mass with Children</p> <p>4.30pm St Vincent de Paul Mtg.</p>	<p>6.30pm Adoration</p> <p>7.00pm Mass</p>	<p><i>Parish Office closed</i></p>	<p><b>Our Lady, Help of Christians</b></p> <p>9.00am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass with Grade 6 children</p> <p>11.00am Funeral of Barrie Brown</p>	<p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p><b>The Most Holy Trinity</b></p> <p>9.00am Mass followed by Rosary</p> <p>10.30am Baptisms</p> <p>11.00am- 1.30pm Couples for Christ</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

## St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



### Pentecost Sunday 19th May

The big weekend has arrived!

**Please Note:** The 10.30am Mass will be the **only Mass** this Sunday 19th May. The Vigil Mass this Saturday 18th will still be celebrated.

**Photography:** Please be aware that there will be a professional photographer present to take photos throughout the day including both during Mass and during the lunch period. Some of these photographs will be uploaded to the Parish Facebook page and may also be used in other Parish publications in the future. If you do not wish to have your photograph appear in Parish publications, please inform the photographer or Julie.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to those volunteers who have offered to help us with set up on Saturday afternoon, as car parking attendants on Sunday morning and the clean up squad on Sunday afternoon. Please come at your designated times. You should have received communication via email about this.

**From Fr Jacob Chacko MCBS:** When I had been there as parish priest we celebrated 40th year. We had a big ceremony and celebration then. I can't believe it had been 10 years ago. I am so glad that the parish celebrates the Golden Jubilee. My prayers, blessings and Jubilee greetings to all of you dear parishners. Love you all. Fr Jacob Chacko mcbs

**Donations:** The cost associated with celebrating our 50th Anniversary, including the lunch and history book will be covered by the Parish, however we would very much appreciate any donations towards helping us cover the costs associated with our celebrations. If you would like to make a donation, options will be available on 19th May (cash or credit card) or you can donate online anytime to Rochedale Parish BSB: 064 786 Account number 100000067. Please note 50th anniversary in the reference. *Thank you.*

## Readings for next weekend:

### The Most Holy Trinity (Yr B)

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

**The 50th Anniversary Parish History book** will be available to collect following the lunch on Sunday. One copy of the book per family please. Come and see Julie or Raylee at the table in the foyer of the Simon Peter Centre after the lunch to collect your family's copy. Donations welcome to help the parish cover the cost of printing. Congratulations and a big thank you to Shelagh Ballment for her efforts in the compilation of this book.

**WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays)** Our May gathering for WOW will be on **Wed 29th May** 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Please join us for crafts and cards, an invitation to the children from "Seedlings", a scrumptious morning tea, raffle and lucky door prizes. RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 27th May. All those over 65 are welcome.



**Gardening Working Bee:** Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make our gardens beautiful for the celebration of our 50th Jubilee.



**Rosary for the month of May:** Please join us for Rosary on Sunday 26th May after the 9.00am Sunday Mass.

**Sunday 2nd June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** There will be many ways to mark this feast.

**First Holy Communion at 9am Mass** - the children who were confirmed last year will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 10.30am to 5pm.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen in the city beginning at 2pm. Pick up a flyer if you are interested.

**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 6th June. All are welcome to come along.



**Those who have died:** Barrie Brown, Mary Carragher (*Moya Gough's mother*)

#### Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Colin Towne, Charlie & Alma Adamson, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Patricia Stanfield, Carl Becker, Dulcie Johns, Ken Kearney, Joyce Booth, Ruby Brownlee, Nidya Vellido, Sandra Chapman, Fr Michael Carew, Ken Thorley, Joshua Duffy, William More Campbell, Bernard Gibbs, Terry Ahern.

#### Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kevin Fry, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William (Bill) Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, 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.



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## FAITH MATTERS: The Significance of Pentecost

But is that all that really happened on that day? We have a description of the physical events of the day, but there is much more to Pentecost than that. Pentecost is a day that is nearly as significant to Christianity as Good Friday and Easter. On those latter two days, we celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Events that enable the forgiveness of our sin and victory over death, but without Pentecost that work is unfinished.

On the eve of Jesus' betrayal and arrest, he spent the evening teaching his disciples. And a significant portion of that instruction concerned the Paraclete/Counselor/Comforter/Advocate that he would send to them, the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled less than two months later at Pentecost. Christ sent the Holy Spirit to his followers. Not just to their leaders or to the most faithful, but the Holy Spirit came to all of them. The Holy Spirit came to stay, taking up permanent residence in each believer. And not just the believers at Pentecost, but all believers from then on.

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/what-really-happened-at-pentecost>.

### This week we have two feast days to honour Our Lady:

#### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - 20th May

Celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost, which is considered the 'birthday of the Church'. Commemorates Mary's motherhood of the Church, rather than Mary as Mother of God (January 1). Ancient roots in Catholic tradition dating back to Augustine and Leo and Great. Inscribed into the General Roman Calendar by Pope Francis in 2018.

#### Our Lady, Help of Christians - 24th May

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

*St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry*

## Youth Update

New members always welcome!

✉ [youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Grocery donations:** Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.



### 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.

Roster: 25th & 26th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji liteera	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Eric Quan	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Edmund Lai 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Alina George 1. Stephanie Lenihan 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Vicki Routledge 1. John Blake 2. Cesarina Gigante
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge Ann Maree Collier	Julie Hondroudakis, Del Reynolds; Alan Vigor; Joan D'Netto, Deseree Quan	Megan Carroll Anne Fry Helen Graczyk
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter & Jackie Leena			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass on 26th: Cristy and Bernie Vecchio.			
This week 19th-25th May	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](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

### OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0450 287 902

♥ 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](mailto: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

**Project Compassion:** Please bring back your box or envelopes  **asap** so this can be finalised. Thank you.

**Couples for Christ** invite all parishioners to a spiritual journey through a Christian Lifestyle Program in the Parish Centre on Sundays beginning May 26th from 11am to 2pm. For more information contact via email [rochedaleclp@gmail.com](mailto:rochedaleclp@gmail.com).

**Permanent Endowment:** We are extremely grateful to a very generous parishioner who has made a donation of \$50 000 as a permanent endowment. The fund has been named 'St Peter's Rochedale Family Fund' from which St Peter's will receive an annual payment. You are welcome to add to this permanent endowment fund, which will benefit the ministries and programs of St Peter's into the future.

**Safeguarding Training:** Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbane-catholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

**Entertainment Memberships:** Limited time offer - \$40 e-wish gift card with a Multi city membership and \$20 gift card with a single city membership. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

## Around the Archdiocese

**May Rosary Prayers:** Catholic Mission are promoting World Mission Rosary in May. 2pm Monday to Friday join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>. Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280. Password 876574

**Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary:** Saturday 25th May between 2-4pm. All are invited to come together united in prayer with the Blessed Mother Mary for God's peace and love in our lives. This year prayers will be focused on vocations and those in Australia who are suffering from conflict, famine, accidents, abuse, sickness, homelessness or natural disasters.

**Cathedral Parish Executive Officer Role Vacancy:** The role of the Cathedral Parish Executive Officer is to be responsible for the administrative and organisational aspects of the parish, including the parish office and employment. This role must work cooperatively and collaboratively as part of the parish team with priests, staff and parishioners to ensure the smooth, effective and professional operation of all parish functions. This is a permanent full-time position of 37.5 hours and remuneration will reflect the experience of the successful candidate.

For further information please contact the Cathedral Parish team via [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au), or you can view the ad here: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/75224144>

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) 21-23 June is a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend getaway". It is an opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries and more deeply explore the precious nature of your relationship. It gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from the pressures and distractions of daily living.

Where: The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes

Contact: Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen

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