

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

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

20th April 2025

Vigil Mass: Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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

Rejoice in the Lord, always I say rejoice

Christ is risen and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever.

The women go to the tomb at daybreak, yet they still feel the darkness of night. They continue to walk, yet their hearts remain at the foot of the cross. The tears of Good Friday are not yet dried; they are grief-stricken, overwhelmed by the sense that all has been said and done. A stone has sealed the fate of Jesus. They are concerned about that stone, for they wonder: "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?". Yet once they arrive, they are taken aback when they see the amazing power of the Easter event: "When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back".

He, the life that came into the world, had been killed. He, who proclaimed the merciful love of the Father, had met with no mercy. He, who relieved sinners of the burden of their condemnation, had been condemned to the cross. The Prince of Peace, who freed a woman caught in adultery from a vicious stoning, now lay buried behind a great stone. That stone, an overwhelming obstacle, symbolized what the women felt in their hearts. It represented the end of their hopes, now dashed by the obscure and sorrowful mystery that put an end to their dreams.

As the holy season of Easter approaches, it represents a season to pause and reflect on the profound significance of Good Friday and Easter. Good Friday marks the day Jesus sacrificed His life for us on the cross. It was the day He took on all our sins, enduring the punishment we deserved. He suffered in our place, shedding His blood to atone for our mistakes. The spotless Lamb of God, sinless and pure, became the ultimate sacrifice, paying the price for our freedom from sin's guilt and power.

As we move toward Easter, we remember the miracle of Christ's resurrection. His victory over death means that grief and suffering are no longer the end of the story. Through His resurrection, we are given a second chance—a fresh start. Easter is a reminder that no matter our past, we have permission to leave it behind and embrace the hope and joy of a new life in Christ—forgiven of all our sins; past, present and future.

If you have not yet accepted Jesus as your Savior, there is no better time than now—this Easter weekend—to invite Him into your heart. Let go of past mistakes and embrace the forgiveness and freedom He offers. The slate has been wiped clean. Through Jesus' love and grace, we are made whole. Make the choice today to begin your journey with Christ, painting a new life filled with the colours of redemption, grace, and renewal. Jesus loves you, and He is waiting to welcome you with open arms. The resurrection of Jesus, a central tenet of Christianity, is the belief that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion, marking the beginning of his exalted life as **Christ and Lord. Happy Easter!**

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: April 2025

Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26	Sunday 27
No Mass Public Holiday Parish Office closed	No Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting	No Mass 6.45pm Care & Concern meeting	7.00pm Youth Gathering	ANZAC Day 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass followed by morning tea Parish Office closed	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Second Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass followed by cuppa 11.00am Tongan Mass 6.00pm Mass

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

Wishing a Happy & Holy Easter to all in our St Peter's Parish family

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.



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays) is open to all aged over 65 in our local community. Our next get together will be on Wednesday 28th May from 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre.

Join us for morning tea as we honouring all Mothers in the month of May. Have some fun with our Kahoot Digital Quiz. RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 26th May.

Project Compassion Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

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

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Denis Flanagan, Colin Bishop, Mary Carragher, Mary Ann Morris, Joan Potent, Roma Murray, James Gray, Jill Bayliss, Betty Cloherty, Stephen Chin, Anne Smith, Eileen O'Mara, Robert Finn, Benito Vicenzino, Alice Gillen, Apolonio Aguas, Arthur Young, Betty Armstrong, Elizabeth McCall

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.



Readings for next weekend:

Second Easter Sunday of Easter (Yr C)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

Weekday Masses: Please note that there will be no Masses this week from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th April.

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.

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 recently. 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. Congratulations to the raffle winners – **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!

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

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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

FAITH MATTERS:

We continue our journey of pilgrimage in this Jubilee year of Hope, coming to the great season of Easter. The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The Gospel tells us that upon completing his journey, entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed.' This disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

What signs of hope can we discover in the world around us during this special time?

God our Father, we rejoice this Easter season in Christ's triumph over death. Hear our Easter prayers and help us to be witnesses of hope in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

50th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations:

Two couples in our parish have recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversaries within days of each other. Congratulations to Lawrie and Kathy Winter who celebrated their anniversary on 29th March and to Mal and Kathy Jensen who celebrated their 50th on 31st March. Best wishes to these couples and their families!



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.

Roster: 26th & 27th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Antony Andradi	Baji Itteera	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Mal Jensen 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Marissa Boucher	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Alan Vigor 2. Rosie Bertolacci	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Cesarina Gigante 2. Megan Carroll
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Anne Scanlon Fion Fiju Julie H Stephanie Lenihan Vivienne Linnett	Sharon Fong Anne Fry Laly Chackoo
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty de Jesus, Blanca Mastrangeli			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After the 9am Mass on Sunday 27th April - Blanca Mastrangeli + volunteer			
This week 20th - 26th April	Sacristan: Tina Nguyen		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

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. 

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

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.

Catholic Mission invites you to **World Mission Rosary** for the month of May. Event Details: Monday to Friday from 1st May to 31st May

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00am

Location: Teams online -

Meeting Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>.

Kindly let us know if you will be attending by 25th April by

emailing Fiona.ng@catholic-mission.org.au



Celebrate the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis: On Sunday 27 April during the Jubilee of Teenagers, Carlo Acutis will be canonised, becoming the Church's first millennial saint. Join young people from across the Archdiocese in a special Holy Hour to celebrate the canonisation at St Stephen's Cathedral. The presence of the relics of St Carlo Acutis will offer a unique opportunity for devotion and reflection. An exhibition of the life of Carlo Acutis will also be on display in the Hanly Room next to the Cathedral across the weekend. When: Sunday 27 April 2025 at 3pm

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen

This event is open to all, with no registration required. To find out more please visit catholiccollective.org.au/stcarlo

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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