

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

Since 1974

955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

22nd May 2022

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

Pray for the children who are on their sacramental journey

Every year, there are many children in our parish who receive three very important sacraments: Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. According to the Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, revised in September 2015, children who have turned 8 years old, or are in grade three or above, should be prepared to be Confirmed. In the following year, the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Second Rite for the first time, as a part of preparation for the reception of their First Holy Communion which follows shortly after. This is not the end of their Sacramental journey. The children are encouraged to come back the year after to receive Reconciliation with the First Rite. Then they will be treated like other parishioners, being encouraged to receive the Eucharist and Reconciliation as regularly as possible.

At St Peter's Parish, our sacramental team usually start the journey of the children for the Sacrament of Confirmation in June each year. After a period of preparation, the sacrament is usually celebrated on the last Friday of August.

Usually in May the following year, we start the preparation for those children confirmed the previous year to receive their First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated in June on the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ.

During Lent of the year after that, the parish will arrange a suitable time to invite back those who received their First Holy Communion during the previous year. With the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the First Rite, they can understand God's love, forgiveness and mercy better and more deeply. Also, we can help them develop a good habit of reflecting on their lives according to the teaching of Jesus and seeking God's forgiveness of their sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis. This Sacramental journey which covers 3 years should give them the ability to grow in God's love and goodness to become a better person every single day.

Every year, our parish follows this cycle and many children have spiritually benefited from the sacramental journey guided by our parish team.

This May, our parish has started the preparation for the children who were Confirmed last year. As we could not have sacramental programs in 2020 due to COVID-19, the number of children who received Confirmation was doubled in 2021. That is why there were around 60 children who are on the journey towards to the reception of the First Holy Communion in 2022. Last Sunday, most of these children, together with their parents, attended 9am Mass. During the Mass, they officially enrolled themselves into the program. Through the Rite of Enrolment, the children committed themselves to prepare for the Sacraments. Their parents and our parishioners expressed their ongoing support and prayers for them. The church was packed and the celebration was very successful.

Dear friends, as we all know, the sacramental journey is very important for the faith formation of the children. Please continue to support them and keep them in your daily prayers. Also, let us thank God for our wonderful Sacramental Program ministry team, coordinated by Stephanie Lenihan.

Fr Baiyi



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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."



May		In our parish this week
Mon 23rd	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Finance Council meeting	
Tue 24th	Our Lady, Help of Christians 8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Rosary for Peace	
Wed 25th	6.30am Mass	
Thu 26th	Saint Philip Neri No Mass	
Fri 27th	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11am Funeral of Maureen Clements 7.00pm Young Adults Dinner	
Sat 28th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 29th	The Ascension of the Lord 9.00am Mass 10.30am First Holy Communion workshop 6.00pm Mass	

Rosary for Peace: Please join us to pray for peace at a Rosary reflection in the church on the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm.

A very big THANK YOU to all our Care & Concern volunteers & committee members for your wonderful support as we celebrate 'National Volunteers Week'. It is very much appreciated.
Lynn

Those who have died: Charles Williams, Maureen Clements, Pat Heenan

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Jeffrey Martin, Patricia Stanfield, Carl Becker, Dulcie Jones, Ken Kearney, Joyce Booth, Ruby Brownlee, Nidya Vellido, Sandra Chapman, Fr Michael Carew, Ken Thorley, Joshua Duffy, William More Campbell, Bernard Gibbs, Terry Ahern, Brigid Lohmeier, John Mulherin, Walter Blattman, Richard Gallagher, Dorothy Wilson, Moreen McMahon, Richard Elmer.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Mick Denton, Helen Viola, Milja Atanatovic, Kaye and Len Torrens, Marie Dingwall, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, Margaret Wagner, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen.

*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:
The Ascension of the Lord (Year C)
Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Luke 24:46-53

Sacramental Program 2022: Please continue to pray for the children and their families in the Sacramental Program. The children and their families celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening. They will participate in a workshop on Sunday 29th May in preparation for First Holy Communion (18th & 19th June)

Do you have a child in high school or young adult who has not received their sacraments yet? We have a fabulous program called **Crossroads** which is specially designed for high school children and young adults. Please contact Jo Cullen for more information.

Pivotal Players: The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....

St Benedict – Wednesday, 1st June
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Young Adults Dinner: 18 to 35 year olds are invited to gather for dinner at the Pancake Manor at Garden City at 7pm on Friday 27th May. Contact Sam - 0458240509



Vinnies News: Who can help "Vinnies", help others? SVDP needs help for their **Winter Appeal, 5th June** after 9am Mass

- *Donations for **Raffle Prizes**
- ***Volunteers** to help on the day with set-up, serving, clean-up
- *Donations of **baked cakes, sweets and slices** that we can sell. (Please include a list of ingredients of with any baked goods.)
- *Donations of **secondhand books** (fiction & non-fiction) in good condition to sell on a book stall.

Please Contact Lyndal on 0408180568 or the Parish Office on 33414421 to assist or for more information.

St Vinnies Free Migrant Advice Service: Please call the St Vinnies Help Line 1800846643 to register for an appointment with qualified Migrant Agents who offer advice to any nationality or cultural background. This service is provided free of charge.

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Faith Matters: Our Lady Help of Christians

The feast day to Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's. Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected, he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May 1815.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony, and the Rosary in those early days helped to keep the faith alive.

Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. The statue of Mary, Help of Christians, stands in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart in St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, Australia's oldest Cathedral.

In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, we pray; -

"Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land."

Reference: - Catholic Weekly 2012

Faith Enrichment Group

Youth Update

New members always welcome!

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St Peter's has a **High School Youth Group** and a **Young Adults Group** (for 18 to 35 year olds).

Both groups meet regularly, usually fortnightly.

Unfortunately, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, Elisha, has accepted a full time job elsewhere so has left our parish. We thank Elisha for her work with the youth and young adults of St Peter's and wish her well for the future.

If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator, please contact the Parish Office.



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: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Roster: 28th & 29th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Kate Guy
AV Operator	Leslie Edison	Mick Denton	Ryan Lin
Readers	C. David Crowley 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Sharon Fong	C. Del Reynolds 1. Jackson Sabu 2. Jada Nathan	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Anne Fry 2. Helen Graczyk
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Honora Wong Jo Cullen	Joan D'Netto Jim Nathan Bob Devere	Vickie Routledge Megan Carroll Diane McKeone
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Tim Hondroudakis	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Dona Thomas, Telesia Naupoto, Julie Hondroudakis, Judith Littlefield & Lyndal Bray-Claridge			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass No Cuppa - 5th Sunday of the month			
This week	22nd-28th May	Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	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

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337

♥ Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ Memorial Wall & Gardens:

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♥ 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

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

LOGAN DEANERY PRESENTS

FOOD TRUCKS & COFFEE VANS

LIVE MUSIC & STALLS

Family FESTIVAL DAY



VENUE
PCYC
Logan Youth Club
Cnr Kingston Rd
and Compton Rd
Slacks Creek

DATE
22nd May 2022
11am till 3pm

Fun for all the family.
Come along.

EVERYONE WELCOME

GUEST SPEAKERS

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Flood affected areas of Northern NSW need your help.

Carmel Northy-Cherrett is collecting donations to be delivered to the flood affected area around Lismore, Coraki, Woodburn, Broadwater and Wardell in northern NSW. If you can help with any of the following items, please call Carmel on 0417213702.

Items needed: Non perishable food eg tins of food, tuna, pasta sauce, cereal, long life milk and juice, tea, coffee, biscuits, muesli or energy bars, cooking oil, jam, honey.

Pet food either in cans or bags of dry pet food.

Cleaning supplies such as soap, detergent, laundry liquid, pegs, disinfectant, mould killer, bleach, vinegar, mops, brooms, rakes, sponges, garbage bags, spray bottles.

Sunblock, insect repellent, fly spray, mozzie coils, batteries, towels, tea-towels, saucepans, frypans, sets of cutlery, mugs.

Warm weather clothing such as jackets, gloves, boots, gumboots.

*All donations in new or excellent condition please.
Thank you for your help!*

Clairvaux MacKillop College, Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt is accepting enrolments for Grade 7 in 2023. Call the Enrolment Registrar on 3347 9223. Visit www.cvxmck.edu.au

Federal Election 2022-Bishops' Statement: Read the Australian Catholic Bishops 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

Around the Archdiocese

Walking in the Spirit: The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

May Rosary Prayers: Catholic Mission is once again excited to invite you to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary online. Monday to Friday 2pm. Join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/prayers> Meeting Id: 857 2970 0836 Password: prayers

Journey: A space for young women to explore their vocation. Are you looking for a space to connect with other young women who are discerning their future? "Journey" is for young women to join together with others who are discovering God's plan for their life. It's a place of sharing community together and being supported by others to explore their vocation. Facilitated by Sr Mel Dwyer, "Journey" meets one Sunday morning per month, usually for a bushwalk and brunch. All young adult women 18-40yrs are welcome to come together and share the journey of discernment. The next "Journey" walk and brunch will be meeting at 7:30am, Sunday 22 May at Mount Coot-tha from JC Slaughter Falls carpark. Register at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/Journey0522>

Daily Gospel Reflections: Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> to receive a one page reflection each week day in your inbox.

A Morning's Prayer: A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. Saturday 4th June 2022 from 9am-12pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. Cost: \$20. Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>

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