

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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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23rd February 2025

Readings: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38

Reflection

Learning a new language is challenging. It involves embracing the unfamiliar, accepting new challenges, and aiming for the impossible.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to unlearn the familiar language of the world and embrace a radical, countercultural way of living:

"Love your enemies."

"Turn the other cheek."

"Lend without expecting return."

"Do not condemn."

At first, this seems impossible. Are we meant to cower in the face of insult? No! Jesus' teaching about "turning the other cheek" challenges oppression. In the ancient world, a backhanded slap was a demeaning gesture toward someone deemed inferior. By turning the other cheek, the powerless person forces the oppressor to acknowledge their equal dignity or expose their unclean intentions. This act is not passive submission but a bold statement: "You do not own or control me." It resists injustice without violence, asserting human dignity.

St Paul reminds us that we are all made in the image of God, and Christ is the model of that image. Through Him, we are filled with the Spirit to transform our actions and attitudes.

Today, we are challenged to resist the world's language of power and inequality. Instead, we are called to adopt the language of Christ—one of love, respect, and nonviolent change.

The call to "turn the other cheek" is not about accepting injustice but about creative, courageous resistance. How will we speak this new language in our world today?

Let us ask God to help us live this challenge and reflect His love and dignity in every encounter.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C.

With permission of Liturgia, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Fr Johny is on leave

In our parish this week: February / March 2025

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 01	Sunday 02
NO Mass	<p>NO Mass</p> <p>4.30pm SVDP Meeting</p> <p>5pm Liturgy Group meeting</p> <p>7.30pm Baptism Information meeting</p>	<p>NO Mass</p> <p>10.00am-12pm WOW - That's Amore</p>	<p><i>Parish Office closed</i></p>	<p>9.00am Rosary</p>	<p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p> <p>Cuppa to follow</p>	<p>The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)</p> <p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

CHANGES to Mass times: Fr Johny has celebrated his nephew's wedding 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 Baiyi Gong to celebrate our Masses with us.

This weekend we will welcome Fr John Gillen for the 6pm Masses and Fr Ashley again for the 9am Mass. Please help us make these visiting priests very welcome.

Readings for next weekend:

The Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sirach 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45



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.

13th February National Apology Day - Prayer

Lord, God of Justice,

As a nation we have said sorry for the cruel and unjust laws and policies throughout our country's history that have "inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians".

Help us, as the People of God, to be advocates of accountability and dignity so that, as we remember and learn from the past, we shape a nation where all can thrive and flourish.

Quote from Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia
2008 National Apology to Indigenous Peoples

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.

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: Jack Scholes, Peter Scanlon (*Wally's brother*), Giuseppina Pace, Austin Taylor, Jonathan Alcorn, Charles Eastlake

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy, Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Brian Hallewell, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S. McNaughton, Joseph Bishop, Cyril Scott, Evelyne Orr, Gus 'Jnr' Mitchell, June Payne, Salvatore Russo, Andrew Neilsen, John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey.

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:

LENT: Making the Journey Together – Prayer Reflection and Stations of the Cross

The Season of Lent is on our horizon. Ash Wednesday, on 5th of March is a little later this year. Thus Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday on 13th April bringing us to Good Friday on 18th April and Easter Sunday 20th April.

Lent is our pathway to Easter. During Lent, now more than ever, we are called to pause, to pray and to prepare for our most sacred season. As in previous years, we are planning for **Friday's in Lent** with an early evening Small Group Reflection (7pm) followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm. Please make space in your calendar! Bring a friend!

Over many years, the generous support of fellow parishioners has ensured our Lenten observance is a well-attended and reverent preparation. Please consider the opportunity to team up with a partner to lead a Friday Reflection or Stations of the Cross. If you would like to participate, please contact the **Faith Enrichment Ministry or Julie in the Parish Office.**

Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries Lenten Guide **'Start Anew with Christ'** will support our personal daily reflections and our Fridays in Lent gatherings. Booklets will be available for purchase \$5. The Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Reflection **'Metanoia'** will also be available as a resource to support our Lenten 'change of heart'.

Faith Enrichment Ministry Raylee, Neil, David, Alan

Contact Raylee rayleebob@bigpond.com

ACSA's Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (BPGF) Oration:

hosted by the Queensland Division of the Australian Catholic Students Association. The Pope has confirmed that BPGF is set to be canonised later this year so it is a fitting time to attain a greater understanding of the life, works, and faith of this soon-to-be Saint, died aged 24.

The address will be delivered by Father Conor Power, of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, and will be hosted at Tattersall's Club in the Templeton Room and Race Bar. Access to the venue is via the Tattersall's Arcade off of Queen Street Mall.

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

For more information and to get tickets go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1344816>

From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

Over the last 6 weeks we have had a significant shift in requests for help from those who are homeless. Often homeless families and also homeless individuals on disability are given emergency housing for a few days or a few weeks, in suburban hotels or motels. Some hotels in nearby suburbs, no longer accept this category of guests, and so there has been an increased demand on our local hotels.

In this situation, there are often no cooking facilities and those we help have just what they can bring with them. Hence, there is a need for us to provide much more financial assistance than we normally would provide. We have assisted 12 adults and 21 children, being 33 souls in this distressing situation so far in the last 6 weeks. Those who have been placed in the hotels come from outside our area, and this is placing an extra demand on our finances and as the visits take much longer, also on our members. Please pray for those we are serving in these circumstances and for us.

Roster: 1st & 2nd March	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Baji Itteera	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton/Dhiya George	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Pat Bransdon 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Pauline Angus 1. Eric Quan 2. Rosie Bertolacci	C. Cesarina Gigante 1. Raylee Burns 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joyce Lyster Shelagh Ballment Carl de Mello	Anne Scanlon, Lisa Hammett Vivienne Linnett Deseree Quan, Conrad D'Netto	Vickie Routledge Helen Graczyk Laly Chackoo
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter & Jackie Leema.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Following 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st March:Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin & Mike Jarvis.			
This week 23rd Feb - 1st March		Sacristan: Celine Phillips	Counting: Carl's 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

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.

Chaplain/Student Wellbeing Officer needed at Mackenzie State School: The role is for 2 days per week paid position. Applicants should have a – New Applicant Form filled in- <https://forms.office.com/r/TBCscKbvCb>; Photo ID, Current resume, Endorsement letter from a Local Church they attend, Certificate IV in chaplaincy, youth work, community services, or ministry or equivalent. (Equivalent study contain these three units: CHC-CCS016 Respond to client needs, CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues & CHCYTH013 Engage Respectfully With Young People), Applicant should also be able to obtain a Blue Card. Contact the Parish Office for more info.


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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 St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

♥ **Youth Update** ♥
 New members always welcome!

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au 📷 [@rochedaleyouth](https://www.instagram.com/rochedaleyouth)

Youth Mass this Sunday 23rd February at 9am.
 After a successful meeting on 13th February with young adults and high school youth, a Youth led Mass has been arranged for this Sunday at 9am. If any young adults or youth would be willing to read, sing, carry the Offertory Gifts or fill the role of communion minister, please come along and speak to Clive D'Silva and the Mass Coordinator prior to Mass.
 For information on our Youth Group, 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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