ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23rd November 2025

Readings: 2 Samuel5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to promote devotion to the Universal Lordship of Christ in response to the growing secularism of the Western world. When he decreed the feast, it was at a time of recovery and relief, after the horrific devastation and loss of life in the largely futile First World War, described then hopefully as the "War to end all wars". In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the celebration a new title 'Jesus Christ, King of the Universe'. But what does it mean to worship Jesus as King of the Universe? And what kind of kingship are we celebrating? It would focus on Christ's reign through service and suffering, and it emphasizes a reign that is within us, a spiritual dominion of justice, love, and mercy.

He is a "Servant King" who came to serve and calls us to follow him. His throne is the cross. We are called to live with selfless love, compassion, and forgiveness, and to serve the cause of justice in our world. It encourages us to have faith that Christ's reign will last forever. We surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Savior and King and allow him to rule our lives.

The title "Christ the King" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the Kingdom of God. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King. In the Annunciation, we read: "The Lord God will make him a King and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and His Kingdom will never end." In fact, the Kingdom of God is the centre of Jesus' teaching. The Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked: "Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star and have come to worship him." During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: "God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord." During the trial of Jesus, Pilate asked: "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied: "You say that I am a king. Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The repentant thief on the cross requested: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom". Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth."

St. Polycarp was told by the Roman authorities to curse Christ, and he would be released. He replied, "Eighty-six years I have served him, and he has done me no wrong: how then can I blaspheme my King, who saved me?" The Roman officer replied, "Unless you change your mind, I will have you burnt." But Polycarp said, "You threaten a fire that burns for an hour, and after a while is quenched; for the judgment to come and of everlasting punishment reserved for the ungodly. Do what you wish." Let us meaningfully pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." **Long live Christ the King.**

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: November 2025

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29	Sunday 30
Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions **8.00am** Mass	**8.00am** Mass with children 7.30pm Baptism Info meeting	**8.00am** Mass	*Parish Office Closed* **7.00pm** Youth Meeting	**9.00am** Rosary **9.30am** Mass with Grade 4 students	**11.00am-2pm C&C** Christmas Brunch **5.00pm** Reconciliation **6.00pm** Mass	**First Sunday of Advent** **9.00am** Mass **6.00pm** Mass **7.00pm** Carols Under the Stars

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. Thank you to the 11 people who attended the in-person training session held on 20th November **- more sessions to follow as required.** Please contact the Parish Office to register for a group training session.

Readings for next weekend:
First Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: Ticket sales have now closed. Those who have purchased tickets will 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 Nov from 11am to 2pm.*** Please remember to bring along cash for the raffles & Christmas craft stall as that is preferred.
Contact Lynn 0403051103 for any queries.

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.

Rochedale Vinnies' Christmas Appeal

'The Lord hears the cry of the poor' (See Ps 34:7)

Share God's gifts of love & hope at Christmas by giving:

Cash or Gift Cards From

Woolworths, Drakes or Coles

Christmas Goodies

Christmas Cakes ... Christmas Puddings
Fruit Mince Tarts ... Long Life Custards
Tins of Fruit ... Bottles of Cordial

Bring to the **Giving Tree** @ Front of the Church by Sunday 7 December.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Pearl Ruthven, Lorraine Lawrence, Marjorie Kelly, Felix Aguiar, Eileen Nemesi, Guido Rosso, Joan Chidgey, Brant Jones, Stella Joseph, Gabrielle Gigante, Clyde Cook, Edna Mary Easton, Phyllis Power, John Macartney, Mark White, Arthur Weston Snr, Peg Corbould, Jim Hobson, Marie Carpenter, Neville Cavanagh, Michael Mildren, Len Louis, Kathleen Walsh.

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, 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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Faith Matters: The Battle with Feelings

One of the most consistent challenges I face is how feelings impact my choices.

It is ***so*** easy to allow my feelings to dictate my responses to things in my life. If I don't ***feel like*** doing something, then I tend to consider it reasonable not to do it—I'm not in the mood; I don't have the energy; it's out of my comfort zone; I'll do it later; and so on.

But if I am honest with myself, I'll recognise that most of the time what I ***feel like doing*** and what I ***am best doing*** are not the same.

I struggle to remind myself that my feelings often arise from a source of negativity or fear or plain unwillingness to put myself out, and that I cannot live my life on that basis if I want to grow and to be a blessing to the world around me.

I'm endeavouring to shed God's light on the situation such that I look past those feelings into a world clarified by his light and motivated by his love. What is the ***truth***?

It's so easy to think that feelings equal truth: but probably this is seldom the case. Truth stands independent of feelings and emotions, so unless I earnestly choose to unravel the truth and follow it, I can end up doing something that is the very opposite—with adjunct consequences.

Seeking to act consistently according to truth rather than my inclinations is a real battle, but as I ask God's grace to be the person he wants me to be in all things, then I do see little victories along the way. Each victory is a new brick on a solid foundation—a building that gives glory to God, founded in love and filled with the light of his truth.

Faith Enrichment Ministry

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. Transport to Sunpac is of your own arrangements. Lunch to follow the concert is optional and at your own expense at Sunset Bar and Grill restaurant at the Sunnybank Sports Club.

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

Morning Tea Gathering: all welcome to meet together at More Café in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 1st December**.

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.

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: 29th & 30th Nov	**Saturday 6pm Mass**	**Sunday 9am Mass**	**Sunday 6pm Mass**
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Isaac & Mary Barnier	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Tony Arakkakunnel	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Marissa Boucher 2. Patricia Bransdon	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Blanca Mastrangeli 2. Julie Hondroudakis	C. Bob Burns 1. Kate Guy 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Carl de Mello Trish Meulman	Rosie Bertolacci Conrad D'Netto Alina George Stephanie Lenihan Lisa Hammett	Vickie Routledge Laly Chakoo John Blake
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Altar Servers	**Volunteer**	Nora & Rose	Jake & Jayden
Cleaning Group 4	Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.		
Cuppa & Chat: No Cuppa – 5th Sunday of the month			
This week: 23rd – 29th Nov:	**Sacristan:** Tina Nguyen		**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 & 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.

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