

# 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."



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B) 24th November 2024

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

### The Solemnity of Christ the King

This last Sunday of the Liturgical Year is celebrated as the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We have almost learnt by heart that Jesus' Kingdom is not of this world, as Jesus stated before Pilate. So, what exactly do we celebrate on this day?

Today, we acknowledge and adore Christ as the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and the beginning and the end. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing nationalism and secularism. It was also to promote the worship of Christ in the privacy of our hearts and publicly. The title of the feast was "Jesu Christi Regis" (Jesus Christ the King).

In his "Mysterii Paschalis" of 1969, Pope Paul VI gave the celebration a new title: "Iesu Christi universorum Regis" (Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). He also moved the feast to the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar and transformed it from a feast to a "Solemnity."

Prophet Daniel prophesied about Christ's eternal and peaceful reign. He identified Christ as the "Son of Man." While John called Him: "the firstborn of all creation...the Alpha and the Omega." They remind us that Christ's reign shall be that of peace, justice, love, and truth.

In the gospel, Pilate and the Jews crucified Christ their King. They did not accept the truth that Christ preached about his kingdom. Instead, they hardened their hearts, thinking that everything ends here on earth. Like Pilate and his collaborators, some of us are deceived by what we see in this world. That is, by believing that everything ends here on earth. However, the truth is that the kingdom of this world will pass away, but the kingdom of Christ will last forever.

One of today's celebration's most important goals is to acknowledge and worship Christ as the king of the universe. We must allow Him to reign in our lives. If He reigns in every heart, our families, society, and our entire world would be a better place. So, today's celebration challenges us to ask ourselves this fundamental question: "Is Christ reigning in my life? Today's feast will be of no use if we have not given Christ a chance to reign in our lives, in our families, businesses, and our entire world.

As William Bausch says, "Jesus was a king like no other; in that he did not have a sceptre, but he did have a towel with which he washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus had no standing army, but he did have followers. He did not sit on a throne but on the back of a donkey. He wore no crown of gold, but one of thorns. He did not use his authority to take life but to give it. He did not wield the sword of punishment but extended mercy and forgiveness. He did not coerce; he invited, and rather than tax his subjects to pay the debts of monarchy, he laid down his own life so that the debt of human sin would be forgiven. He did not come to conquer geographical territory but to conquer human hearts and save them." This feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as His return and final sovereignty over all creation. Let Christ the King be the King of all of us.

*Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI*

### In our parish this week: November / December 2024

Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30	Sunday 1
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with children  7.30pm Baptism Information meeting	6.30pm Adoration  7.00pm Mass	Parish Office closed	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass	St Andrew 10.30am-1.30pm Care & Concern Christmas Brunch  5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	First Sunday of Advent (Year C)  9.00am Mass  6.00pm Mass

**RCIA:** In recent weeks we have welcomed through Baptism Janelle Luchetti and Jim Wright. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey to their Confirmation and First Holy Communion this Sunday 24th November. *'May we welcome with generosity and compassion All who seek to belong among us, sharing God's love with all we meet and serve'.*

**Advent:** Advent provides the opportunity for a deepening of prayer life which can assist with the demands of this busy time of year. It is a time of joyful expectation as we look forward to celebrating the Birth of Jesus and to the time when Jesus will come once again to our world.

There are beautiful prayer books for Advent and these are a wonderful way to focus our attention to the coming of Jesus and prepare our hearts to celebrate this. St Peter's Parish is selling the **Hope** series, from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, featuring reflections from Br Damien Price. These are sure to inspire and are a simple way to start or end the day in prayer. They are at a small cost of \$5.

Be on the lookout for these as the focus on prayer will be helpful in making a sincere Advent journey to Christmas and in faithfully highlighting the conclusion of the Year of Prayer that this year has been.

### 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 2025?**

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 through 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 or myself:

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Rita Bishop [ritajbishop@yahoo.com](mailto:ritajbishop@yahoo.com) or 0408154751

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**First Sunday of Advent (Year C begins)**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** hosted by Care & Concern in support of St Vinnies in the Parish Centre. **Saturday 30th November** arrive 10.10am for 10.30am start. Finishes at 1.30pm. Tickets \$15. Come join in the spirit of Christmas & Christian Fellowship. Only a few spaces left! Brunch, Carols Sing a long, trivia, raffles & Christmas Craft stall. (Please be prepared with cash). Contact Lynn 0403051103 for any queries. Payments to the parish office by Friday 22nd November 2024 please or pay C&C ladies on church verandah. Contact the C&C ladies or the Parish Office for those last few places!



### Flowers in the Church- a thank you and an Advent message

The beautiful flowers donated this year for our Church have been much appreciated. They help to remind us of God's glory and the beauty of creation. Thank you to those who have generously donated flowers!

During this Advent Season, we will move to a light purple colour for our church banners and **we will not use flowers** until the Christmas season. This is to make our focus on the Advent Wreath with its special symbolism for the season. Thank you for your kind understanding.

### Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

**God's Word 2025** - \$20 - Liturgical diary with all of the daily readings for 2025 plus daily reflections.

**HOPE Reigns** Advent Books - \$5 - Group and Individual Reflections for Advent 2024.

**Break Open the Word 2025** - \$26 - a fabulous resource for those who are Ministers of the Word.

**Those who have died:** Patricia Jones, (*Carmel Nothey-Cherrett's Aunt*), Patricia Cussans (*Dawn Evans' Sister in Law*), Tom Morris, Philomene Crowley (*David's mother*)

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Eileen Nemesi, Guido Rosso, Joan Chidgey, Brant Jones, Stella Joseph, 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, Mario Gatbonton, Mona McKenna, Vince Fitzsimon, Evelyn Ellwood, Mabel MacDonald.

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

Jamal Chalhouh, Jim Collins, Ann Gooiker, Ian Forno, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahan, Phyllis Mayer, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, 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: Advent Prayer Space

Families may like to set up an Advent prayer space in their homes and this can be very simple. Find a large round plate and place four small candles on this, in a circle. They could be tiny ones in glass jars, three light purple and one pink, such as you would find in the 'dollar shops.' You might like to place some greenery around the candles or leave them on the plate simply as they are. Invite your family to pray around these candles at some time each day. Perhaps let yourself be inspired to pray using the **Hope** Advent reflection booklet. You might light a candle, read the Scripture and pray about the reflection.

At times, families might like to have their children or grandchildren lead prayer.

#### Loving God,

As we get ready for Christmas, help us to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.

Fill us with love and kindness, so we can share it with others.

Help us to be patient and to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Guide us to be like Jesus, showing care and compassion to everyone we meet.

Thank you for the gift of Jesus. May we celebrate his birth with joy, gratitude and peace in our hearts. Amen

You are encouraged to engage in prayer to truly prepare hearts and minds for the Christmas Season.

*St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry*



## 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:

☑ Donations of Cash or Gift Cards from:

Woolworths, Drakes, Coles, K Mart, Big W

☑ Donations of Christmas Goodies:

Christmas Puddings or Children's Toys for All Ages

Gift Cards or Cash - pin in marked envelopes to the  
"VINNIES' GIVING TREE".

Christmas Goodies - place at the foot of the tree.



OR handed in to the Parish Office  
by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024



From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)  
Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars – For Sale

From Saturday 30 November to Sunday 15 December, the Piety Stall will be selling Christmas Cards and Columban Calendars on the verandah at each Mass.

Cards will be \$4:00 for a pack of 5.

Calendars will be \$11.00 each. Sales are cash only.

There also will be Stocking Fillers available for sale at the same Masses. Cash Only.

#### Prayer for the month of November

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Roster: 30th Nov/1st Dec	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Stephanie Lenihan	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	David Crowley	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
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 Vivienne Linnett Lisa Hammett Deseree Quan Conrad D'Netto	Laly Chackoo Vickie Routledge Helen Graczykl
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 2: Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Tina Nguyen			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No Cuppa next weekend. Next Cuppa after 6pm Mass on Sat 7th December			
This week 24th - 30th Nov		Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha	Counting: Marcos' 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: 0413 268 860

♥ 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



**Help needed:** Recently 2 of our Church Cleaning Ministers have had to withdraw from the Ministry for personal reasons thus leaving one of our groups in need of new members as they are down to 2 people. We aim for 4 or 5 people to a group so that the duties are shared. If you would be able to help out once every 5 weeks on either a Saturday morning or Friday afternoon, please contact the Parish Office.

Duties include vacuuming, mopping, dusting the church and Parish Centre and cleaning the Parish Centre kitchen and church toilets. Most people give an hour to an hour and a half of their time. This is a lovely way to support our Parish Family.

**To help you with your planning:**

**Christmas Masses:**

**Christmas Eve** Tuesday 24th December

**6.30 pm** (Family Mass with children's pageant)

& **9.00 pm** (Vigil)



**Christmas Day** Wednesday 25th December **9.00 am** only

**Children's Christmas Pageant Leaders needed:** Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to assist with the Children's Pageant at the 6.30pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve. We would love a mix of experienced and new helpers!

**Entertainment Memberships:** \*\*This Christmas, Let the Adventures Begin! \*\*

Make every outing special with an Entertainment Membership! Enjoy \*\*over \$20,000 in savings\*\* on the best restaurants, activities, and more! When you purchase a Single City Membership, you'll get a **\*\*FREE Multi City Upgrade\*\*** + a **\*\*\$30 Gift Card\*\*** as a special Christmas bonus!

Give the gift of experience this year and keep the fun going into 2025! **\*\*Hurry, offer ends soon!\*\***

Help boost St Peter's fundraising. 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](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)



**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.

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