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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."

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

24th January 2021

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

The real "dragon" is here with us

When I was a student, I was told a story, one of the very well-known Chinese ancient legends. Unlike Western culture, dragons are an auspicious symbol in Chinese culture. This story is about a person, Yegong, who really liked dragons more than anything else.

Because of his fondness for dragons, Yegong painted dragons on the walls of his house, carved dragons on the pillars of his big bed and talked about dragons at all times. Dragons could be seen everywhere in his house, up and down, front and back, with each dragon baring its teeth and brandishing its claws.

There was a real dragon in heaven. The dragon was very happy when he learned of the story of Yegong. One day, the dragon decided to pay Yegong a visit in order to thank him for all he had done. With strong winds, heavy rains and loud thunder, the dragon happily came to Yegong's home. He poked his head into the window, coiled his tail to the main entrance, rocking and rattling. The whole house was shaking.

Yegong had never thought that a real dragon would come to his house. When he saw the dragon, Yegong was so frightened that he trembled all over and hurriedly hid himself under his bed. It turned out that what Yegong loved was not real dragons but just painting, carving and talking about dragons.

In the Catholic Church, we often talk about the lack of priestly vocations. We all pray to God every day to send us more workers. We all hope that, among ourselves, there can be someone who responds to God's call in the service of people through ordained ministry. We all dream that, one day, there will be one or more seminarians in our community. We will support our seminarians happily and unconditionally. Of course, we are not Yegong. Our fondness of priestly vocations is not just talking, painting or carving. It is a real thing for all of us. We definitely mean it.

Now, our dream has come true. The seminarian, Gerard Lai, whom I introduced on the weekend of 12th/13th December, 2020, is already here with us. The real "dragon" has arrived! Believe me, Gerard is not like the dragon in the story at all. He hasn't come with strong winds, heavy rains, or loud thunder. He will never make our parish shake wildly. He came to support us, work with us and learn from us. He is young, gentle and handsome, a lovely young man. Let us welcome him, pray for him and grow with him.

Gerard will not be the first seminarian supported by us. Our parish has a good tradition in doing so. Our senior parishioners will still remember the seminarians who have done their internships and/or placements in our parish. One of them is Fr Morgan Batt, who is the current Parish Priest of Burleigh Heads. One of his drawings is still used as our Parish Letterhead. Let us keep up this good work.

In order to support the accommodation, running cost of the car and other expenses of Gerard, our parish has opened a new bank account just for this purpose. **For those who wish to support Gerard through electronic donations, please feel free to do so with the following bank details.**

Account Name: Vocations Support BSB: 064-786 Acct # 100026892

We thank you greatly in advance for your generosity.

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January	In our parish this week
Mon 25 th	The Conversion of St Paul 8.00am Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 5.00pm Liturgy meeting
Tues 26 th	Australia Day 9.00am Mass <i>Public Holiday – Parish Office closed</i>
Wed 27 th	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
Thurs 28 th	St Thomas Aquinas No Mass
Fri 29 th	9:00am Rosary 9:30am Mass
Sat 30 th	9.00am RCIA 9.30am Social Justice meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation <i>(or by appointment)</i> Vigil Mass for Sunday: 6.00pm Mass
Sun 31 st	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Readings for next weekend:
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Booking in to attend weekend Masses: Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BJZHS>.
New QR code to help you book for weekend Masses: In addition, we now have a QR code which will link you to the parish TryBooking page to 'purchase' your tickets for weekend Masses. The TryBooking page will now stay open until each relevant Mass time so that you can book in anytime, even when you arrive at Mass, via the QR code. However, if you book **after 11am** on the Friday before the weekend Mass, you will now need to print your tickets or show the ticket on your mobile phone to the Marshall to prove that you have registered. Please select tickets for each family member attending, including infants. If you do not have access to the internet or have any difficulty with booking, please phone the Parish Office.
On arrival at Mass, have your name checked off the list by the Marshall at the main church doors, or show them your ticket if you booked after 11am on Friday.
Weekday Masses: do not require pre-booking. Please register upon arrival at Mass.



St Vinnies News: Donations needed: We have some families needing your help with the following items: Long curtains (lined - not see-through)
Tall pantry kitchen cupboard
1 mower and a laptop.
Please call Brian 0419992294

Electronic Deposits: If anyone would like to donate to **St. Vincent de Paul** please use the following account: BSB 064-786 Account No. 100026100 Agent No. 8071

Mass for Australia Day Tuesday 26th January will be at 9.00am. Please book your tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCXT>

Break Open the Word 2021: An excellent resource for readers \$22. Only 1 copy left

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2021 are available for collection for those parishioners using the envelope system for their Planned Giving contributions. Thank you to all who support our parish financially through the Planned Giving program by any of our various methods.

Youth Update: Youth events will recommence later in January with a high school youth group fortnightly during the school term on Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm. During 2021 we will be also having a social young adults (18-35 year olds) catch up once a month and a more formative faith and life discussion catch up once a month.

If you would like more information, please contact our youth coordinator Olivia using the email: youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or via our Instagram @rochedaleyouth

God Bless, *Olivia*

Seniors function - A "My health for Life Program"

An **information session** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 24th February at 10am** for all those interested in joining the program to be run from the Parish Centre. If you are interested in attending the information session, please contact Julie at the parish office or Lynn White on 0403051103.

My Health for Life is a **free** lifestyle modification program designed to help eligible participants improve their health and reduce their risk of developing chronic disease. The State Government has invested in the health of Queenslanders through funding the **My health for life** program, developed and delivered by the Healthier Queensland Alliance (collaboration between Heart Foundation, Stroke Foundation, Diabetes QLD, Primary Health Care Networks). The program aims to prevent the development of chronic conditions such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease or stroke in Queenslanders. It takes a fresh, personalised approach to help people move past the barriers that stand in the way of making healthy choices and positive lifestyle change.

To check if you are eligible go to myhealthforlife.com.au or call 13 74 75

Visit St Peter's Parish Website www.stpetersrochedale.org.au

Watch Mass online: You can watch Mass livestreamed from the **Cathedral of St Stephen** at 11.30am Saturday, 8am and 10am Sunday and 8am Monday to Friday at www.archbne.org/bzw.

Care & Concern: If you or anyone you know who is isolating would like to chat, please contact Lynn on 0403 051 103

The Catholic Leader will return as a **print** newspaper on the **first Sunday of February**. To coincide with the revival of The Catholic Leader print newspaper, we will be making several changes to the publication. In 2021, The Catholic Leader newspaper will be a **monthly publication**.

As with our previous print editions, The Catholic Leader will be a paid publication with an increased cover price of **\$4** to cover all associated expenses. Initially, the papers will be made available in Brisbane archdiocesan parishes, but we are asking all readers to consider taking up a subscription to ease the burden on parish staff at this time. Subscriptions will start from \$50/year for paper delivery, and until June 27, you will get complimentary access to the monthly digital replica newspaper, and unlimited digital access to catholicleader.com.au. Your newspaper will be delivered to your nominated postal address by the first Sunday of every month. You can take up a new print subscription by visiting catholicleader.com.au/subscribe or call our friendly team on (07) 3324 3555.

Our final free digital newspaper will be the January 31 edition and will be sent to subscribers' email addresses on January 28.

St Peter's Planned Giving: Since March, our income from collections at Mass and Planned Giving is down by over 23%. We would be very grateful, if you are able, to please continue to support the Parish financially.

Via Direct Bank Transfer: If you would like to direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Credit Card or Direct Debit: Please contact the Office to set these up.

'Parish Giving' App: You will need to create an account the first time you log in and select your favourite parish, St Peter's Catholic Parish Rochedale! The logo to look for is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background.

See our parish website for



detailed 'User Guides'.

Tap & Go Donations: Try our new donation terminal in the church: \$5 donation to St Peter's per swipe.

Attention: There are some significant safety concerns in the Rochedale area for some of our families regarding a new Pad Mounted Electrical Transformer installed in Priestdale Rd by developers and Energex which is yet to be activated. Please see the noticeboard for further information or speak to Lynn White on 0403051103 if you would like further information in relation of this transformer or to indicate your thoughts on this situation.

Roster: 30 th & 31 st Jan	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Lydia Chew	Petta Traynor
AV Operator	Mick Denton	Arthur Leow	John Donohue
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. David Crowley 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Jackson Sabu 2. Jess Smith	C. Anne Fry 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Eza Jom
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Joan D'Netto Jim Nathan	Deacon Mike Jones Mel McKay
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Ryan Lin	Roger Ta'ale
Cleaning Group 3:	Basil and Julie Britto		
This week – 24 th to 30 th January:	Sacristan: Peter Jeong & Helena Cha		Counting: Carl's Group

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Gail Russell, Estanis Pereira, Claudio Libre, Gloria Aurora Libre, Angelo Ocqualda, Paul Young, James Chacko

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Brian Christensen, Daisy Bucklar, Robert Irwin, Ron Tasker, Derek Sharp, Paula Mulderry, Vince Dibella, Julie Apted, Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello, Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin, Sr Margaret O'Brien, Hope Wiltshire, Jim O'Donnell, Wolfgang Kurth

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Marie Mitchell, Kathy Jensen, Cecilia Lai, Sharon Peisley, Colin and Maria Dixon, Bill Justo, Angeline Ta'ale, Colin Blackley, Catherine Brown, Gillian van Rooyen, Merlene Muldoon, Stan Gainfort, Stephen Land, Melissa Vink, Olga & Diego Tagini

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.

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:

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411641312

Safeguarding Children & 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

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