

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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Australia Day (Year C)

Happy Australia Day Overcoming Worry

26th January 2025

Readings: Isaiah 32:15-18 Romans 12:9-13 Luke 12:22-32

Jesus taught on many important subjects during his early life, and worry was one of them. We have record of it in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus tells us not to worry about anything, but we are all very much worried about - job, family, health, safety, the future, etc.

Jesus is trying to teach his disciples not to fear physical death. What they should fear is God. If God knows the sparrows, He certainly knows His own people and will keep them eternally safe. He also told the parable of the rich fool, explaining that the security of earthly treasures does nothing for their eternal state of life. Now he turns back to the disciples to talk about trusting God for their bare necessities.

Jesus is not promising that none of His followers will starve to death or even find themselves without clothing. He is pointing out that worrying about such things takes more energy than trusting God. Jesus tells us to overcome worry by having faith in God's care and provision. And he reminds us that we need to refocus our view of the meaning of life. Jesus is not denying our basic need for food and clothing rather he is challenging materialism. He is warning against living life only for food and clothing.

Bible teacher, Warren Wiersbe, wrote, "Worry is deceptive. It gives us a false view of life, of itself, and of God. Worry convinces us that life is made up of what we eat and what we wear. We get so concerned about the means that we totally forget about the end, which is to glorify God. There's a great difference between making a living and making a life". In addition, Wiersbe wrote, "When we substitute things for life, we stop living by faith and trusting God. All nature trusts God to meet their needs, and so should we. Worry only tears us down. The key to a worry-free life is a heart fixed wholly on God".

Jesus is telling us that we must refocus our view of the meaning of life if we are to overcome worry. That is, we need to ask ourselves, what is it that I am really living for — material things, or God? We need to recognize our value to God. He reasons from the lesser to the greater -if God cares for the birds (the lesser), be confident that God will take care of you (the greater).

God has promised to care and provide for his people. St. Paul wrote, "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Our response is to have faith and trust in God, even when we think he is delaying.

Warren Wiersbe explained; "How do we win over worry? The first step is to realize that God knows our needs, so we can trust Him to meet them. We are sheep in His little flock, children in His family, and servants in His kingdom, and He will see to it that our needs are fully met." Do you believe that God has his eyes on you, knows you, and is aware of your needs? We need to remember that and trust him.

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In our parish this week: January / February 2025

Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Saturday 01	Sunday 02
8.00am Mass <i>Australia Day Holiday Parish Office closed.</i>	St Thomas Aquinas 8.00am Mass 4.30pm SVDP Meeting. 7.00pm PPC meeting	8.00am Mass	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	St John Bosco 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral of Marlon D'Ekenaike	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass Cuppa to follow	The Presentation of the Lord (Year C) 9.00am Mass Children's Liturgy will recommence for 2025 6.00pm Mass

Thanksgiving Mass for all supporters of St Peter's Parish: at Masses next weekend **1st and 2nd February** Fr Johnny will offer Masses of Thanksgiving for all of those who support St Peter's Parish in any way, whether it be by your presence at Mass, as Ministers in one of our many Ministry Groups, financially through the collections at weekend Masses and especially the Planned Giving Program or as members of the school community and staff at St Peter's School and Outside School Hours Care. We invite you to stay for a cuppa and chat after each Mass next weekend to further our celebrations of all of our parishioners and supporters who make up our parish family of St Peter's.

Arch e-Learn: The Archdiocese of Brisbane is thrilled to announce that the Arch e-Learn system has been set up for our parish. Previously used exclusively by employees, the Arch e-Learn system has been expanded to provide our parish volunteers with an enhanced user experience and a streamlined way to access the training they need for their roles. This upgrade ensures that all volunteers have an easy-to-use path to access mandatory training and other learning resources.

Arch e-Learn will replace the paper versions of the Prior Conduct Declaration, Safe Behaviour Code, etc.

Previous Safeguarding Training: Any previous Safeguarding Training completed in the last two years will be credited in the system, so it only needs to be completed when it is next due to expire.

All ministers whose records are up to date and whose roles appear on the Volunteer Safeguarding Matrix, **will receive an email invitation to their registered email account when their Arch e-Learn is created.**

Please know that the emails about Arch e-Learn are not spam. Please check your inbox (and your junk folder) for this email.

This training video is available to explain the new system: <https://youtu.be/XmVth0GV54U>.

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you have any problem with Arch e-Learn. Thank you.

Readings for next weekend:
The Presentation of the Lord (Year C)
Malachi 5:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Planned Giving Receipts: Registered members of our Planned Giving Program should have received receipts via email this week (if we have your email address on file) or the receipts can be found on the table at the back of the church. These receipts are for your record and come with our thanks. However, please be aware that Planned Giving is not tax deductible. Thank you to all of our Planned Givers.

Morning Tea Gathering: Our first monthly get together for the New Year, at the local coffee shop, will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on **Monday 3rd February 2025.** All are welcome to come along.



From Rochedale St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)
In closing off from 2024, we have kindly received from Care and Concern \$1750 from their Christmas Brunch. A big thank you to the Care and Concern team and all who supported this lovely occasion. Thank you also to all who contributed to the Vinnies Collection at the Christmas Masses, and which gifted \$1784 to us. We are so grateful for our Parish's generosity, prayer, and heartfelt support.

After a short break, we commenced our work again last week. Within the first 3 days, we had 11 calls for assistance. Thankfully, we were able to visit these homes in pairs and provide help with food, medications and sometimes furniture. People are struggling and the need is great. Thank you for being part of our work.

Job Opportunity at Manly Parish: Job Title: Parish Manager and Pastoral Associate (two roles, one position)
Status: Full-time: Four weekdays and one day on either Saturday or Sunday (negotiable with the priest). See the job description on the noticeboard on the church veranda. Please contact Fr Baiyi for more information or send your application and resume to Fr Baiyi Gong at gongp@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications close on Monday, 27 January 2025.

Those who have died: Marlon D'Ekenaike, Fouad and Jamal Chalhoub, (*Michelle Brack's parents*) Joyce Raffaldi

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Derek Sharp, Paula Mulderry, Vince Dibella, Julie Apted, Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello, Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, Alan Camp, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin, Sr Margaret O'Brien RSC, Hope Wiltshire, Jim O'Donnell, Wolfgang Kurth, Robert Mallon, Monica Wing, Harold Potent, Mary St George, Fred Tinkoe, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

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, Phyllis Mayer, 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: Do you ever feel...

You can't live up to what God asks of you...
 You could never be as dedicated to God as the Saints...
 You have overwhelming faults and weaknesses...
 Your life is a constant struggle... Nothing seems to
 work properly... Others do a much better job than
 you... You have nothing worthwhile to offer the world...
 Life isn't worth living... You can't meet the demands
 placed on you... God couldn't love someone as weak and
 ineffectual as me... people think so little of me...
 You just drift from crisis to crisis...

Take heart!

God loves you so much that he, personally, came into our broken way of life to show us his care for us—each, individually!

He says to each one of us, individually, "Come to me and lay your burdens on me, so I can help you carry them: you are never meant to carry them alone. Trust everything in your life to me. I am the One who knows exactly what you need and how perfectly to respond to every need. Don't look at the troubles and struggles, but put ALL in my hands, and then be at peace. Your task is to trust that I will lovingly and faithfully work out every situation in the best way; that I will calm every storm, heal every wound, and strengthen every weak limb, All I need from you is your heart turned constantly to me and to my ways, and your choice to believe that I mean it when I say, "Ask, and you will receive."

Of yourself, you can never be truly in control—and you WILL fall—but what matters most is that you continue along the 'narrow path' that leads to God's heart where is to be found true peace and joy, forever. (See God's Word)

St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry

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.

Help needed:

AV Operator during weekend Masses: We are in need of a few more AV operators at all of the weekend Masses. We have had only 6 people on this Ministry covering all 3 Masses each weekend. After our recent call out, we have 3 young people who will undergo training over the next few months and it would be great to have a few more people join this ministry. This role involves turning the AV and computer system on and off and clicking the powerpoint slide over throughout the Mass using the prompter. Please speak to one of the AV operators at Mass for more information or contact the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning Ministry: We are still in need of at least 1 new volunteer to join our cleaning groups. 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.

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 invite 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.

Roster: 1st & 2nd Feb	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Dee Daniels	Stephanie Lenihan	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	Mile Collier	Mick Denton/Tony Arakakkunnel	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Neil Ballment 2. Pat Branson	C. Alina George 1. Megan Philpott 2. Lisa Hammett	C. David Roati 1. Anne Fry 2. Vickie Routledge
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment	Swapna Joseph, Alan Vigor Leroy Lobo Vivienne Linnett Del Reynolds	Helen Graczyk John Blake Laly Chackoo
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Carmel Northey-Cherrett	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 1: Lynda Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Deb Meggs, Nita Stratton-Funk & Helen Graczyk.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Following 6pm Mass on Saturday 1st Feb: Care & Concern Group			
This week	26th Jan- 1st Feb	Sacristan: Celine Phillips	Counting: Marcos' 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

How to Leave a Legacy that makes a Difference Forever!

Thanks to one of our generous parishioners, the **St Peter's Rochedale Family endowment fund** has been established and will permanently be invested for growth and the principal will never be spent down. Each year the fund distributes 5% of the balance back to the Parish. As the fund matures over time, through investment growth and donations, the distributions increase and become a steady stream of annual income for the good works of our Parish. Please consider helping our Parish Endowment grow. To make a non-tax-deductible donation to the Parish Endowment go online to www.catholicfoundation.org.au/ways-to-help/endowments/parishes/ and choose the St. Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund from the drop-down menu. Or you could put an extra cheque marked "endowment" into your giving envelope or put your donation into a plain envelope marked "endowment".

This is a way for parishioners, who believe in sharing their gifts and reaching out to others, to leave a legacy of care and support far beyond their lifetime. **We hope that each of you will prayerfully consider a gift today or name the St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund in your Will as a special offering to the Rochedale Parish Community.**

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity. Please pray that our parish perpetual fund grows like the loaves and fishes!

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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)

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



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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