

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

30th March 2025

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Name of God is Mercy

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Rejoice Sunday. Anticipating Easter joy, we are invited to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and confession and by celebrating our coming home with God. The Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land. St. Paul invites us to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled us with God. Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his **"homecoming"** where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the joy of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son.

In 2016 a book by Pope Francis titled, **"The Name of God is Mercy"**, was released in 86 languages around the world. The book is not authored by him but it contains all that he has been saying about God's mercy and an interview – that Andrea Torielli, had with Pope Francis on various issues of Mercy. Pope Francis has been trying to hammer in the reality of God's generosity, love and mercy as His true nature and being. The Pope is not claiming it to be his unique discovery. He reiterates what the Church Fathers and scriptures have long before revealed to us.

The parable of the prodigal son is also known as the parable of the loving father. This parable can be described as one of the best illustrations of God's mercy. The repentant son approaches the father who is just waiting anxiously to receive him, the son, after being some time with the father enjoying all the comforts, decides to repeat the act. Loving as his father is, he again gives him another portion of his property. The whole cycle is thus repeated all over again not once, not twice, but many times. And the loving father keeps accepting the erring son repeatedly, never so much as once chiding him. That is why, **Pope Francis continues to say that "God does not remember our sins."** He continues to say, "Mercy is essential because all are sinners in need of God's forgiveness and grace, and it is necessary today, at a time when humanity is wounded and suffering – not just war and poverty and social exclusion, but also fatalism, hard heartedness and self-righteousness." Finally, the prodigal son does not repeat his act of going off, is that having experienced his father's love, he has no choice but to be transformed. His father's unconditional love does change him totally. "He urges people to think of the Church as a field hospital where treatment is given, above all, to those who are most wounded."

Why don't we also think of comparing ourselves to the older son? We are working and we devote our time to family. And just like the older son, we want credit for it. So, we think we deserve a little better treatment. So, the lesson from this parable is about God's love for those who repent and turn to him. The father in the Gospel welcomed the children with open arms. The older sibling, however, the one who did everything right his whole life, did not understand the grace, which is an unmerited favour. Grace is a gift. God is immensely merciful. He is always there to take us back even after the longest periods of recklessness.

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

In our parish this week: March/April 2025

Monday 31	Tuesday 01	Wednesday 02	Thursday 03	Friday 04	Saturday 05	Sunday 06
8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass with school children	8.00am Mass	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed</i>	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Healing Mass 7.00pm Lenten Reflection followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Yr C) 9.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass 6.00pm Mass

The Season of Lent

Lenten book: Start Anew With Christ - Daily reflections for Lent \$5

Friday Evenings: Reflective Prayer from 7pm and Stations of the Cross from 7.30pm. Please join us for this weekly hour of Prayer, Reflection and Memorial in the Parish Centre and church.

Sunday Stations of the Cross in Lent following 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 is prayed, with the first part of each in another language and the second part in English.

Lenten Reconciliation Evening- Second Rite: There will be a Reconciliation service - Second Rite - on **Tuesday April 8 at 6:30pm.** Father Johny has asked Fr Joseph from Daisy Hill parish for assistance to help with the smooth running of the evening.

In the Second Rite, we gather as a group to listen to God's word and reflect on our sins. Then Father will hear one or two sins that are the most important to ask for forgiveness. It is not a time for an extended confession. Father Johny offers Reconciliation in the First Rite before Mass on Saturdays, starting at 5pm. This will be available through Lent. You could see Fr Johny to make a suitable time on a different day, if you prefer.

We hope to see many parishioners on April 8, as we prepare in a special way to celebrate Easter with renewed hearts and minds.

Musicians & choir practice Tuesday 15th April at 7pm.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 17th April Mass **7.00pm.**

Good Friday 18th April

10.00am Walking the Way of the Cross

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil Saturday 19th April Mass **7.00pm**

Please note that it is not the usual Saturday evening Mass time.

Easter Sunday 20th April Mass **9.00am** only

Those who have died: Mel McKay, Col Woodhead, Pamela Potts, Fr Leo Burke

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon, Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana, Matthew Cogliati, Nicholas Chin, Cyril O'Brien, Dudley Maloney, Margaret Woltmann, Margot Vizmanos-Tovera, Jessie White, Elaine Fitzgibbons

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Gerry & June McCrenor, Stephen Land, Kevin Fry, Rex Bransdon, Cora Taylor, Brent Austin, Ann Gooiker, Mary Scholes, Ian Forno, Don Tallon, Robert Cussans, Yolanda Timkoe, Rikki-Lee Curran, Valerie Isaac, Kerriane Meulman, Mel Singh, Kent McMahon, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Kevin Collier, Ray Parker, Maxine Macdonald, Sr Lila Galvin, Sandra Macdonald, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Patricia Green, Joy de Souza, Reg Van Rooyen, Rhonda Lawson, Kathy Jensen, Steph & Les O'Gorman, Teresa Leong.

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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Readings for next weekend:

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philipians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11



WOW (Wise Owl Wednesdays): Tuesday 15th April

Morning Tea at Parish Centre followed by Bus Outing to **Lord Mayor's City Hall Concert** – Journey of Remembrance on the 110th anniversary of ANZAC Day. The bus leaves St Peter's at 10.30am and should return about 2pm. Open to all those aged over 65 in our local community. RSVP to the Parish Office by Fri 11th April 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.

Sacramental Program 2025 - Please keep in your prayers:

Sacrament of Penance: Some of the children who received their First Holy Communion last year will participate in a one day program on the Sacrament of Penance in the First Rite this Sunday 30th March from 11am.

First Holy Communion: Those children who have been Confirmed but not yet received their First Holy Communion will begin their preparation with a Rite of Enrolment this Sunday 30th March at the 9am Mass.

Project Compassion. Please pick up a box or envelope

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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 7th April.**

All are welcome to come along.



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FAITH MATTERS: Absolute Surrender

The idea of surrendering to God everything we are and have sounds overwhelming, even impossible. Yet this is what God calls all of us to do, no matter who we are, how much life we have left to live, or what personal goals we have set for ourselves—or others have set for us.

You must be joking, right?

Who could do that? You'd have to be a super-saint! That's not me. God couldn't be asking that of me!

When Jesus was speaking about marriage and divorce, his disciples were astounded at the standards he set, saying, "If that is how things are between husband and wife, it is not advisable to marry" (Mt 19:10). And when Jesus said it would be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven, again they were astonished, saying, "Who can be saved, then?" (Mt 19:25).

But Jesus' reply gives us the answer to these "impossible" challenges: "Jesus gazed at them. 'For men,' he told them 'this is impossible; for God everything is possible.'" (Mt 19:26)

This is the golden key to the lock. We cannot do these things in our own human strength, just as we cannot live up to God's standards of behaviour but need Jesus' victory on the cross to open the gates of Heaven to us.

We need God's grace and power working in and with us in order to respond to God's call on our lives.

God knows we can't manage it by ourselves, so He gives us the strength to respond through His Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit, so long as we **choose His way** and **seek His abundant help**. "God's strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9).

So, **"Rejoice!"**

Faith Enrichment Ministry

RIP Mel McKay: Former parishioner Mel McKay passed away on Saturday 22nd March. Mel was very active in Parish Ministries during the time she and her husband Ron were St Peter's parishioners. Mel's funeral will be held this Thursday 3rd April at 10.30am at St Joachim's Church, Yuletide St, Holland Park

Mass Ministers: Please check your email inbox for the new roster for April to June as well as the swap list. Thank you all!

Help needed: Following up on Helen's speeches last weekend at Masses, we would love you to read over the Ministry brochure handed out and reflect on how you might join in one of our 30 plus ministries at St Peter's. Our church family works best if we all contribute. Any of the Ministries would love you to join. If you would like to join in any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office or fill in the brochure and bring it back to Mass. Some of our Parish Ministry Groups that are most in need of new members are:

Home & Nursing Home Communion Ministers: If you are free one Tuesday morning once a month, please consider joining our volunteers who take Communion to the household and help Fr Johny with the Mass and taking Communion to those in the Nursing Homes in our parish. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help.

RCIA: Discussing our faith and assisting adults on their faith journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

AV Operator during weekend Masses: This role mostly involves progressing the powerpoint slides during Mass.

Hospitality Ministry: We are in need of willing parishioners to step in to help serve our weekend cuppas after the Masses.

Church Cleaning Ministry: 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 every 5 weeks.

Roster: 5th & 6th April	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley/Benjamin Fiju	Mick Denton	Jonathan Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Peta Grandin	C. Fion Fiju 1. Eric Quan 2. Blanca Mastrangeli	C. Megan Carroll 1. David Roati 2. Anne Fry
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joseph Varkey Joyce Lyster Rob Meulman	Conrad D'Netto Alan Vigor Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Lisa Hammett	Cesarina Gigante Helen Graczyk Vickie Routledge
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Ihsan Laksmana
Cleaning Group 5: Neil Mone, Jackie Leema, Kathy Winter, Julie Hondroudakis			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : After the 6pm Mass on Saturday 5th April - Care and Concern			
This week 30th March-5th April		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
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STOpline: 1300 304 550

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group



Rochedale Vinnies Easter Raffle

All Masses 29/30 March; 5/6 April

Tickets - \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Card or Cash

Buy some tickets and help us share God's
practical love with those in need.

Rochedale Youth: Youth & young adults gatherings are being planned fortnightly on a Thursday evening in the Parish Centre. For information on our Youth Ministry or Young Adults Group, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Around the Archdiocese:

Lenten Concert Series: The Cathedral of St Stephen, final concert Thursday 3rd April at 12 noon. Free admission.

Tony Alonso: Internationally Renowned Composer, Theologian & Recording Artist Tony Alonso is coming to Brisbane in May 2025. Tony Alonso PhD is one of the foremost contemporary Catholic liturgical composers and a noted theologian whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture. Many of his 200+ compositions and arrangements appear in compilations and hymnals throughout the world. Tony is presenting a series of Brisbane Events: Lecture 15th May, Workshop for Teachers and students on 16th May, Concert 17th May and a Parish Music Ministry Workshop on 17th May. For more information go to "Shop-Workshops" on the Liturgy Brisbane website or <https://liturgybrisbane-workshops.weebly.com/tony-alonso.html>

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



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.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE

ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM

A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

Chrism Mass: Every year this Mass is a very important Archdiocesan celebration, just before Holy Week, during which the Holy Oils for the year are blessed. Each parish is requested to send 4 or 5 parishioners to represent the Parish at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 10th April from 7pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr Johny or the Parish Office.

St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund: You can contribute to the Endowment Fund at any time but a gift in your Will is the greatest commitment you could make to sustain the future of our faith and parish. When you confirm a gift in your Will to our parish endowment fund, you become an eternal guardian of your faith. Contact the Parish Office for information

Archbishop's Vocations Dinners: Archbishop Mark Coleridge is hosting 2 Vocations dinners for men and women discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Consecrated Life. Dinner for Women is on the 24th April from 6 pm. Dinner for Men is on the 22nd May from 6 pm. Contact Fr Johny to express your interest in attending.

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