

# 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

Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

5th May 2024

**Readings:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48      1 John 4:7-10      John 15:9-17

### “Remain in My Love”

Last Sunday Jesus appealed to us, “Abide in Me,” and today, His appeal is “Remain in My love” and “that My joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.” We need to recall the incident of killing Mr. Graham Staines and his two children in India (Australians) and the forgiveness of his wife, and the heinous crime committed on certain other Christians and the forgiveness they showed immediately are some examples of remaining in Jesus’ Love. Once a Muslim Man asked the whole world, “from where do the people of your religion get this spirit to forgive others after undergoing such heinous crimes and surprise the whole world?” Jesus had taught about forgiveness on different occasions. But if religious instructions and teachings alone could transform people, we would probably have had a peaceful world. The fact is that there are individuals who surprise the world.

There are many similar people who accepted the invitation of Jesus to ‘abide in me’ and ‘remain in My love.’ When we accept the appeal of Jesus, we will find in our life a transforming effect taking place. After having encountered the indescribable crime, the serenity and calm nature of these people’s face witnessed is Jesus’ love. And such witness to God’s love, forgiveness and joy can be exhibited as a great witness to Jesus’ love and joy. “It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain so that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

Love is to be steady when circumstances become unstable, jobs are lost, home is robbed, and the future seems frighteningly insecure. Love is faithful despite the temptation to stray. Love is ready to forgive the hurtful aspects of life together. Love is a sure shelter against danger. Love is a rock to hold onto when the wedding vows about sickness and health, for richer and poorer become everyday realities.

In the past, some Native American people had a rite of passage when a young man came of age, “a rite of passage into manhood.” On a young warrior’s thirteenth birthday, he would be escorted out of his village by the adult warriors of that village. He was taken miles from his home into the depths of the forest. At sunset the warriors left him alone to face the unknown terrors of the forest. Darkness settled in and he was faced with the fears of the unseen and unknown. The wind made strange noises, the wild animals howled, the rustling shifting leaves sounded just like the approach of a mortal enemy. The dark night seemed endless. After enduring the night without a wink of sleep, dawn began to break. He began to see the forest for what it really is. Majestic trees swayed in the wind; colourful flowers were blooming while the local wildlife searched for food. It was beautiful. To his total surprise, as the light began to grow brighter, he saw an imposing male figure only a few yards away from. It was his own father standing there all night long, ready to protect him in an instant from the perils of the night forest.

*Fr Johny Edapulavan CMI*

### *In our parish this week: May 2024*

Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
<b>8.00am</b> Mass  <i>Public Holiday Parish Office closed</i>	<b>8.00am</b> Mass with Children  <b>4.30pm</b> Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting  <b>7.00pm</b> Parish Pastoral Council meeting	  <b>6.30pm</b> Adoration  <b>7.00pm</b> Mass	  <i>Parish Office closed</i>	<b>9.00am</b> Rosary  <b>9.30am</b> Mass with Grade 3 Children	<b>7.30am - 8.30am</b> Gardening Working Bee  <b>5.00pm</b> Reconciliation  <b>6.00pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>  <b>9.00am</b> Mass with Children’s Liturgy  <b>6.00pm</b> Mass  <i>(Mother’s Day)</i>

## Update on St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



### Pentecost Sunday 19th May

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the history book. It is ready for the Jubilee.

#### Plans for the big day:

- \* Mass at 10.30 am celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton in St Peter's Church.
- \* Followed by a light lunch in the Simon Peter Centre.
- \* The lunch, provided by the Parish, will be catered.

**Reservations are now closed.** We look to be having a wonderful number of parishioners, both past and present, to be joining us on the day.

We plan to make the Mass a **Multi-cultural Mass** so would love participation from all of the different ethnic groups in our parish. Note your name on the list near the church doors if you would like to carry a flag in the procession. Please contact Fr Johnny or the Parish Office if you would like to be involved further in the Mass.

**Please Note:** The 10.30am Mass will be the only Mass on 19th May. The Vigil Mass on Saturday 18th will still be celebrated.

**Volunteers:** This weekend we will begin calling for volunteers to help us with set up on Saturday afternoon, as car parking attendants on Sunday morning and the clean up squad on Sunday afternoon.

**Musicians and Choir Practice:** Calling all musicians and singers. Please come along to the church to practice for the Jubilee Mass on Tuesday 14th May from 7pm.

**Donations:** The cost associated with celebrating our 50th Anniversary, including the lunch and history book will be covered by the Parish, however we would very much appreciate any donations towards helping us cover the costs associated with our celebrations. If you would like to make a donation, options will be available on 19th May (cash or credit card) or you can donate online anytime to Rochedale Parish BSB: 064 786 Account number 100000067. Please note 50th anniversary in the reference. *Thank you.*

## Readings for next weekend:

### The Ascension of the Lord (Yr B)

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

### Calling Parishioners with a Heart for *Laudato Si'* (*Integral Ecology*)

Are you interested in caring for our beautiful parish environment and exploring ways we can contribute to Pope Francis' call to action? The Archdiocese has a *Laudato Si'* Action Plan and we would love to have a group of people from our Parish to see how we could best follow this plan at St Peter's.

We are not about long meetings, just an hour, six meetings a year. We would also keep in touch with St Peter's Social Justice group and the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you are interested in joining me to form this group, please contact Elizabeth Fort (elizabeth.fort@icloud.com) or see me at Mass! Our first meeting will be negotiated for a time that best suits you. I look forward to working with you to continue making St Peter's a sustainable parish in simple ways. *Thank you, Elizabeth*

**Gardening Working Bees:** This Saturday 4th & next Saturday 11th May 7.30am - 8.30am. The weeds are taking over the gardens again, so please come along armed with your secateurs, gloves, hat, water bottle, sunscreen and gardening tools. We are holding 2 short weeding/trimming sessions so it will make it less taxing. Please come along and help at either or both to make the gardens beautiful for the Jubilee.



**Sunday 2nd June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*)** There will be many ways to mark this feast.

**First Holy Communion - 9am Mass:** The children and their parents are working through their workbooks and attending workshops in preparation with the final workshop being held this Sunday 28th April. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 10.30am to 5pm. Please fill in your name on the roster near the church doors for each half hour timeslot.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen in the city beginning at 2pm. Pick up a flyer if you are interested.

**Those who have died:** Mary Carragher (*Moya Gough's mother*)

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Gerrit Severein, Peter Viola, Clare Lynch, Bobbie Richmond, Bernadette McLay, Patti Bistagne, David Northey, Elsie Bishop, Eunice Carter, James Hayward, Gordon Giles, Phyllis Beliveau, Ruth Rosso, Alma Adamson, Clara McKivett, Marie Maloney, Dennis Mitchell, Betty Wormald, Maree Hooiveld, Allen Thrower, Monica Kirchner, Fr Frank Clancy, Lorraine Clark, Hume Maynard, Dennis Marrinan, Jim Cook, Alan Mason Mollie Ewart, Simon Bakker, John Bochniak.

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

Kevin Fry, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Oliver Bunn, William (Bill) Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Dan O'Gorman, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, Ray Parker, Phillip Van Rooyen, Olga Mariani, Diane Land, 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS:

## PARISH OFFICE

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## ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**FAITH MATTERS: Does God's call to holiness seem too hard?**

In my own walk with God, over so many years, my true conversion to 'knowing, loving and serving God' has been very slow.

As a youth, I occasionally thought I was pretty well sinless – nearly a saint! But that, of course, came from a very poor recognition of where sin lay in my life, and how serious my faults were. The closer I move to God, the more I realise how spiritually impoverished I am, how far I am from clearing the bar, and how much I have needed Jesus' saving love from that painful, ignominious cross.

They say that until you recognise your own sinfulness, and inability to conquer it, you can never truly appreciate the enormity of the Father's love and Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.

It wasn't until my mind and heart were opened to this, that I specifically put my life, heart, and desires into God's hands.

Even though that was a huge step forward, I have taken a long time to implement much of my surrender. Although, more recently, I seem to have been able to draw on God's grace more effectively, and have seen genuine progress in different areas of my life.

I keep reminding myself that it is not what I seem like in other people's eyes that counts, but that my heart is constantly refocused on God and his loving plan for this world.

Genuine humility, love, and a willingness to rejoice no matter what – choosing to trust that God is wonderfully in control – is what helps me actually grow.

I can't MAKE myself better, but if I face my weaknesses, ask for God's grace, then in God-awareness seek to be Jesus' presence in my world, God will win!

*St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry*

**Youth Update**

**New members always welcome!**

✉ youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au    📷 @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

**Grocery donations:** Please continue to help those less fortunate in our parish area by bringing in non-perishable grocery items and placing them in the boxes in the church. Thank you.



**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.

Roster: 11th & 12th May	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Stephanie Lenihan	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Jonathan Vigor	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Mal Jensen 2. Peta Grandin	C. Alina George 1. Mae Marfil 2. Caitlin Marfil	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Sharon Fong 2. David Roati
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Carl de Mello Joseph Varkey	Del Reynolds; Alan Vigor; Deseree Quan Stephanie Lenihan Joan D'Netto	Helen Graczyk John Blake Cesarina Gigante
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Tim Hondroudakis	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty De Jesus and John Viola.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass After Sunday 9am Mass 12th May - Anne Scanlon, Rashelle Johnson & Rosie Bertolacci.			
This week 5th-12th May	Sacristan: Suma Joseph		Counting: Bob's 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**

**OTHER PARISH CONTACTS**

**Care & Concern: Transport:** 0450 287 902

♥ **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

**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



**Project Compassion:** Please bring back your box or envelopes **asap** so this can be finalised. Thank you.

**Morning Tea Gathering** Our next regular monthly get together at the local coffee shop will be held at More Cafe in Springwood Mall (near Woolworths) at 10am on Monday 6th June. All are welcome to come along.



**Permanent Endowment:** We are extremely grateful to a very generous parishioner who has made a donation of \$50 000 as a permanent endowment. The fund has been named 'St Peter's Rochedale Family Fund' from which St Peter's will receive an annual payment. You are welcome to add to this permanent endowment fund, which will benefit the ministries and programs of St Peter's into the future.

**Bible-sharing Group:** We are offering the opportunity for anyone interested in a Bible-reading/sharing group to advise their interest and preferences to Alan Vigor as soon as possible: Mob: 0407 962 342, or email: nalarogiv.1@gmail.com. It would be a relaxed sharing-group, familiarising us with God's love for us, along with a chance to share prayer.

**Couples for Christ** invite all parishioners to a spiritual journey through a Christian Lifestyle Program in the Parish Centre on Sundays beginning May 26th from 11am to 2pm. For more information contact via email rochedaleclp@gmail.com.

**Safeguarding Training:** Thank you to those Ministers who have updated their Safeguarding Training which must be done every 2 years. The link to the Safeguarding training video can be found on the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Go to: <https://brisbane-catholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/>. Scroll down to find the link that says 'Safeguarding Training Video'. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office for more information and to fill in the forms once you have completed the training.

**Entertainment Memberships:** Limited time offer - \$40 e-wish gift card with a Multi city membership and \$20 gift card with a single city membership. Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses. Great gift idea for Mother's Day!! Help boost St Peter's fundraising. St Peter's Online Order Page is <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

### Around the Archdiocese

**May Rosary Prayers:** Catholic Mission are promoting World Mission Rosary in May. 2pm Monday to Friday join Zoom meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>. Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280. Password 876574

**Our Lady Help of Christians Nationwide Holy Rosary:** Saturday 24th May between 2-4pm. Parishes across the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to come together united in prayer with the Blessed Mother Mary for God's peace and love in our lives. This year prayers will be focused on vocations and those in Australia who are suffering from conflict, famine, accidents, abuse, sickness, homelessness or natural disasters. For those who are unable to make it to a Parish, they can pray in their home, preferably at the same time. For more information please email [olhcrosarynationwide@gmail.com](mailto:olhcrosarynationwide@gmail.com).

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** (WWME) 21-23 June is a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend getaway". It is an opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries and more deeply explore the precious nature of your relationship. It gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from the pressures and distractions of daily living. Where: The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes Contact: Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen Phone: 0481 307 821 or Email: [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au) For more information: <https://www.wwme.org.au/dates>

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