

# 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."

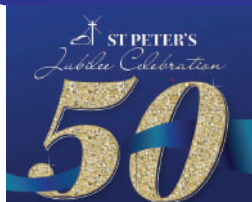


## PARISH PRIEST

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## Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

9th June 2024

Readings: Genesis 3:9-15 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1 Mark 3:20-35

### Renew the Face of the Earth

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on the 5 June, is about raising awareness and taking action on critical environmental issues. It serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to protect and preserve the planet we call home.

In 2024, the focus is on land restoration with the reversal of desertification and building drought resilience, under the slogan "Our Land. Our Future". All generations are called to be #GenerationRestoration".

Through land clearing for agricultural farming, logging for products such as timber and paper, urban expansion, and infrastructure development, humans are destroying forests at the alarming rate of 10 million hectares per year or, in everyday terms, at a rate equivalent to 27 soccer fields per minute. (*Earth.org*) Land restoration means ecosystems are revived, and animal and plant habitats are rejuvenated. Worldwide this requires fierce resolve on the part of governments, business, agriculture sector, community groups and individuals to tackle land restoration in a multitude of ways. Importantly, the causes of land degradation, drought and desertification, such as unchecked development and consumerism and climate change drivers must be tackled. Last year, temperatures records were shattered. Much of the world felt the impacts, not just in heat stress but with the intensity and frequency of severe storms, floods and drought. Restoring land without tackling climate change would be like giving with one hand and taking away with the other.

A call to commitment and action comes with this following realisation: *I said somebody should do something, then I realised I was somebody.* Each of us is called to action and the call comes from God himself. In Genesis 2 our duty to be custodians of the earth is clearly outlined: "God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it **and keep it.**" The Hebrew word for keep is 'shamar' and it means 'to guard or watch over and protect.' Pope Francis in his beautiful encyclical *Laudato Si* exhorts us "to be protectors of God's handiwork, which is essential to a life of virtue...not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (#217). The example of land stewardship from our Indigenous Australians is also acknowledged and provides powerful models of 'caring for country'.

Being part of Generation Restoration means each of us takes up the challenge to protect and restore our ecosystems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote sustainable practices in everyday aspects of our lives. The simple, restorative action of planting a tree or shrub is one potent way to partake in land restoration. Trees are generous with abundant benefits that preserve, enrich and sustain the planet and our lives in immeasurable ways. Trees filter the air we breathe, mitigate the effects of climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, prevent soil erosion, slow water evaporation, provide food and medicines, cool and shade, building materials, homes for many species of insects, birds and mammals and much more. The health benefits, both physical and mental, of trees for humanity is both massive and matchless. The proverb "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second-best time is now." is certainly compelling.

(Please turn to page 4 to continue reading the reflection from the St Peter's Social Justice Group)

### In our parish this week: June 2024

Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	Saturday 15	Sunday 16
<p>8.00am Mass</p> <p>10.00am SVDP meeting</p> <p>7.00pm Parent Meeting - Sacramental Program</p>	<p><b>St Barnabas</b></p> <p>8.00am Mass with Children</p> <p>9.30am RCIA</p> <p>4.30pm SVDP Meeting</p>	<p>6.30pm Adoration</p> <p>7.00pm Mass</p>	<p>St Anthony of Padua</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p>	<p>9.00am Rosary</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>10.15am RCIA</p>	<p>8.00am Gardening Working Bee</p> <p>5.00pm Reconciliation</p> <p>6.00pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>9.00am Mass</p> <p>10am - 2pm St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p>

**First Holy Communion at 9am Mass** - 21 children received their First Holy Communion last weekend. One more, Patrick, will receive his First Holy Communion this Sunday. Please keep all of these children and their families in your prayers.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** last weekend was well attended. Thank you to all who participated.

### St Peter's Parish Golden Jubilee:



**The 50th Anniversary Parish History book:** final copies. If your family has not received a copy of the book and you would like one, please contact the

Parish Office. We also have a pdf version that can be emailed if you would prefer.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Shelagh Ballment for her efforts in the compilation of this book.

**Donations:** Thank you to those parishioners who have already given donations to help us cover the cost of the history book and 50th anniversary celebrations, we appreciate your financial support very much. You can donate online anytime to Rochedale Parish BSB: 064 786 Account number 10000067. Please note 50th anniversary in the reference. *Thank you.*

**Jubilee Thank You Mass:** Mass and cuppa will be held at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday 23rd June.

All those who planned and assisted with the 50th Jubilee Mass, hospitality, parking, set up and clean up teams are invited to attend. Congratulations on a job well done.

**Sacramental Program:** If your child is in Grade 3 or above and has been baptised but not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email [stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au).

**Parent Information meeting this Monday 10th June at 7pm** in the Parish Centre.

**Those who have died:** Janice Maguire, Barrie Brown

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** James Burns, Mary Carter, Robina Carter, John Leadbetter, John Donohue, Frances Owen, Janet Thyer, Edward Dwyer, Alex van Blonestein, Roy Harvison, Jim Fleming, Paul Simpson, Ricky Peeters, Joan Paszkiewicz, Edward Lynch, Betty Morgan, Amelda Holmes, Rollo Enright, Christopher Roman, Cecil H Carter, Arthur Boitano, Herb O'Gorman, Jean Phelan, Thomas Camp, Maud O'Gorman, Helen Hine, Jim Culbert, Peter Sartori, Anthony Luton, Myrtle L Minter, Graham 'Bud' Colhoun, Elwyn Routledge, Constance (Connie) Desbois

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

Rikki-Lee Curran, Hank Arts, Valerie Isaac, Brother Amos, Ameka, Mitchy, Kerriane Meulman, Kent McMahon, Phyllis Mayer, Diane Land, Oliver Bunn, William (Bill) Kelleher, Philomene Crowley, Nan Hauff, Janet Hicks, Maxine Macdonald, Doris Choy, Joy de Souza, Sandra MacDonald, Don Tallon, Kevin Collier, Don O'Donoghue, 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.*

### Readings for next weekend:

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)**

Ezekiel 17: 22-24    2 Corinthians 5:6-10    Mark 4:26-34

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH ROCHEDALE**

# VINNIES

## Winter Appeal

**SUNDAY 16TH JUNE**  
**10AM - 2PM**

**DJ DANCING PIANO & CHOIR PERFORMERS**  
**RAFFLES AUCTIONS LOB A CHOC CAKE STALL**  
**BBQ BARISTA COFFEE SHOWBAGS LUCKY DIPS**  
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**St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day** Please come along for a parish gathering to support St Vinnies and help them help the vulnerable in our parish area this winter. Helpers needed on the day for set up from 7am and to help on stalls, even if for only 15 minutes to give someone else a break. Also calling all bakers - Cakes, slices, biscuits etc with ingredients clearly labelled for sale on the day. Contact Carmel Northey-Cherrett or Kevin Fry on 0417 002 782.

**Calling all Gardeners:** There will be a **Gardening Working Bee** on Saturday morning 15th June starting at 8am to plant the shrubs donated by BCC around the church grounds. Please bring your gardening tools, a hat and gardening gloves.

**Couples for Christ** invite all parishioners to a spiritual journey through a Christian Lifestyle Program in the Parish Centre on Sundays. For more information contact via email [rochedale-clp@gmail.com](mailto:rochedale-clp@gmail.com). Next session at St Peter's will be on 9th June.

**Ministers at weekend Masses** - please advise Julie dates unavailable from July to September for the next roster. Thank you.



### PARISH OFFICE

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### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Phone: 1800 846 643

**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.

**FAITH MATTERS: Are You Ready?**

Jesus said no-one but the Father knows the hour, but there would be signs of the times.

Is death scary to you? Why?

If you were told you had to pledge allegiance to a system that openly denies God, or die, what would you choose?

Is your care for someone or something else in this world such that your desire to preserve them would override your allegiance to God and the ways of God?

In other words, do you really believe that God has everyone's very best interests at heart, such that you will choose to hold fast to God, even when everything seems to be working out in an evil way?

Have you really, REALLY, looked deeply into the immensity of the sacrifice Jesus-God made for YOU, and for all who would accept the gift, to wipe away our debt of sin? Recognising the astonishingly humble Love in that sacrifice, made by the Supreme God who created everything, is the basis for a truly strong faith.

When Jesus returned to Heaven, the disciples thought that Jesus' second coming would be in their lifetime. God, however, gives each person, and the world as a whole, generous time to choose what is good, and only carries out drastic judgment when the majority of people practise serious evil, and the situation will only worsen if God does not intervene. Look at Abraham's plea for Sodom and Gomorrah. Also, God did not wipe out the peoples of the Promised Land until their sins were "full".

The Bridegroom will come on a day and at an hour that finds relatively few ready to accompany him to the Great Wedding Feast. Is your heart ready? Do you have sufficient Oil of the Holy Spirit to light your entire way?

*St Peter's Faith Enrichment Ministry*

**Youth Update**

New members always welcome!

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**ST PETER'S PARISH IS HOSTING A HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DAY**  
 27 JUNE 2024  
 9AM - 3PM

We're looking for high school students interested in coming to St Peter's for a day, making friends and building community. There will be lots of activities and food provided!

If you are interested, please fill out the form above. Any questions can be sent to youth.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.

Roster: 15th & 16th June	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Mark Connolly	Baji Itteera	Liberty de Jesus
AV Operator	Callista Jesuthasan	Jonathan Vigor	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Megan Philpott 2. Blanca Mastrangeli	C. Megan Carroll 1. Bob Burns 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan Anne Scanlon	Vickie Routledge Kate Guy Ann Maree Collier
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Tim Hondroudakis	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 3: Lance George, Liberty de Jesus, John Viola			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : No cuppas after 6pm Masses during winter. Next cuppa 23rd June after 9am Mass.			
This week 9th-15th June	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**

**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

## Reflection continued from page 1:

On a community level, we can act, too. Our St Peter's Parish has formed a local Laudato Si group to review our parish operations to align them with the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Laudato Si Action Plan for 2024-2026. This process will allow our parish to adopt or upgrade practical measures that assist us in our sacred duty to care for our common home - planet Earth.

*St Peter's Social Justice Group*

**Peter's Pence Collection: Date Claimer** - The Annual **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up as a Retiring Collection on the weekend of 29th & 30th June at all Masses. This collection allows the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please come prepared to give generously of what you can afford.

**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 **1st July**. All are welcome to come along.



**The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes** is presenting a seminar in Chicago 14-16th June which is being live streamed. Go to <https://missionevent.thecatholicguy.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:** Get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals to many hospitality, retail, leisure & travel businesses across 20 cities.

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

## Around the Archdiocese

**Priestly Ordinations:** Bradley Davies & Michael Tran were Ordained to the Priesthood on Friday 7th June at 7pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth St, Brisbane. Please keep these men in your prayers, especially during this important time.

**Invitation from Jo Cullen at Catholic Mission:** All parishioners are invited to a Dialogue with Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia in the Hanly room in the Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane on Monday 24th June from 6pm to 7.30pm. Carparking will be available under the cathedral. Jo Cullen has extended an invitation to all St Peter's parishioners to meet and hear the Cardinal's story. Register via Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/cQTQF](http://www.trybooking.com/cQTQF)

**All God's Children: The Why and How of Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue** Do you provide religious instruction in State Schools, work in aged care facilities, or visit hospitals with residents from diverse faith backgrounds? Do you teach Study of Religion in Years 11 and 12, or are you an educator in a Catholic or other faith-based school? Do you have a family member, friend, or colleague from another Christian Church or faith community? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church's stance on relations with other Christians and people of other faiths, and what is happening in Queensland?

You are invited to a free presentation to explore what Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue is all about. This presentation will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person.

When: Saturday 13th July Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Where: Hanly Room, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct

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