

# ST FAITH'S STRATHPINE

## PARISH PROFILE 2021



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St Faith's Strathpine

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## 04 | VISION STATEMENT

**"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His  
righteousness and all these things will be  
added unto you..."**

Matthew 6:33







## MISSION STATEMENT | 05

**“To connect people with God through Jesus, the Word of God; to embrace, serve and enhance our community; and to ensure our parishioners strengthen and grow in their journey of faith.”**

- We very passionately believe that the Bible is the Word of God and believe in the Creed
- We strongly believe in the incarnation, the atoning death of Jesus and that he paid the price for our sins on the cross.
- We believe in the resurrection as an historical fact.
- We believe that the Holy Spirit empowers people and guides them today.
- We hold the Eucharist as integral to our Faith journey.

### People

- One of St. Faith's greatest strengths is its variety of people and their willingness to serve through a number of different ministries. These cover areas from Liturgical Assistants through to cleaning.
- Parishioners work tirelessly for the Mission of the church and their love for the Lord and one another.
- We have a focus to nurture disciples for Christ.
- Spiritual growth is encouraged through worship, prayer groups, seeking the Holy Spirit, fellowship and Bible studies.

### Services/Worship

- Regular celebrations of Holy Communion are held.
- We celebrate our Patronal Festival of St. Faith on the Sunday closest to 6th October.
- Sunday at 7.30am and 9am.
- Monday to Thursday Morning prayer takes place at 7.30am in St. Thomas' Chapel.
- Sunday morning services are supported by a talented team of musicians and singers.
- 7.30am Traditional service, following the APBA service book with hymns and scripture music; there is a roster of keyboard musicians.
- 9.00am Contemporary service engaging with families through song and Sunday School, baptisms are also included in this service time. A variety of modern and traditional worship music is sung during this service.
- Following each of the services, parishioners with a special concern are encouraged to come to the altar for prayer.



### **Our Sunday school - NEXT GEN**

- Programs catering for toddlers and young children up to 12 years
- A wonderful, fully enclosed playground, within close proximity to the tea/coffee area.
- Currently there is no program for the students 13 to 18 years. We are seeking to employ a part time Youth Worker.





### Current activities

- Bread ministry – giving to the needy in the local community.
- Craft group – Mondays AM. This group are looking to expand to include life skills lessons.
- Domestic violence personal care packages distributed via the local police.
- Hypermarket craft stall.
- Lawnton State School breakfast program supported by two teams. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month.
- Mothers Union 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am.
- PODs – home fellowship groups.
- Samaritans food care cupboard distributes food parcels within the community area.
- Strathpine West State School English program for new Australians, weekly.
- Support to seafarers with beanies, scarves and 2nd hand clothes, delivered to the Port of Brisbane.
- A well supported working bee 1st Saturday of the month 8am.



## CURRENT ACTIVITIES | 09



### **The Church Building**

- A traditional worship space featuring a stained-glass window either side. One window depicts the story of St. Faith, the other Jesus with children.
- Fully air-conditioned building, which makes for comfortable worship all year round.
- Large screen TVs mounted outside under cover to enable an overflow congregation to be included. Also used for notices, movie nights and outdoor events.
- Data projectors and audio equipment.

### **The Hall**

- A brand-new spacious kitchen
- An espresso coffee bar accessible from within the hall and outside.
- 2 festive alfresco areas, featuring coloured lights and access on either side.
- Fully air-conditioned.
- Large storage facility attached to the hall.

### **The Ministry Centre**

- Office, meeting, craft rooms and storage.
- Leased photocopier.
- Computer system.
- Air-conditioned throughout.
- The parish has its own wireless broadband network and website functioning from the ministry centre.
- Newly renovated bathroom and toilet.
- Revamped kitchen area.





## **The Rectory**

- Wireless broadband access.
- 4 bedrooms.
- Priest's study with ample shelving and storage.
- 2 bathrooms.
- Laundry.
- Modern kitchen.
- Fully carpeted & tiled.
- Air-conditioning.
- Double carport with roller door, accessed from the street, not the church grounds.
- Small back yard and shed.
- Side gate access to church.





### **We would like our new priest to be someone who:**

- Seeks to be guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Is imaginative, creative, courageous and young at heart.
- Has a sense of humour.
- Teaches and preaches the Gospel.
- Has a deep love and appreciation for community.
- Leads by example by becoming fully immersed in the life of the Parish.
- Understands that we are a diverse community who enjoy both traditional and contemporary services.
- Is willing to try new things and welcome change.
- Is committed to a 5 year or longer tenure.

IN 1964 the Parish of Pine Rivers was formed and the first services were held in the Pine Rivers Shire Hall.

In 1979 the Mission District of Pine Rivers South was formed. Fr. Cliff Brown was the first priest in charge. It soon evolved into a Parochial District with Fr. Peter Lockyer as the first Vicar. His task was to build a new church. In 1979 new land on Samsonvale Road was purchased and Bishop Wicks launched a building fund. The new Church and Hall were finished and dedicated by Bishop Wicks in 1980. A new Rectory was built and dedicated in 1982.

Archbishop Grindrod appointed Fr Tom Hall to take over the parish in 1985. The church building was paid off in 1987 and the church was consecrated the following year. Fr Tom served as Rector for 24 years before his retirement in April 2009. An interregnum period followed after which Fr. John Graham-Freeman was appointed as Rector. After his retirement in August 2015 the parish had another interregnum period. Reverend Des Potter was appointed in December 2017 and has approximately 18 months until retirement. The Parish is also currently blessed to have Reverend Beryl Nielsen as an Honorary Associate Priest.

There has been an extension made to the church, known as St. Thomas' Chapel, which incorporated the altar and other elements from St. Thomas Church in Lawnton.





### The Parish and local area

**W**E are a vibrant Anglican Parish in the Brisbane Diocese. Our parish is in Pine Rivers which is part of the Moreton Bay Regional Council and is 22km to the center of Brisbane.

Average weekly attendance at the Eucharist is approximately 100, spread over both services.

St Faiths has been a beneficed parish since 1989. It is self-supporting from parish offerings, craft stalls and gifts. This sustains our internal operations as well providing community outreach as part of our Ministry Service. Our Parish is in the financial position to finance the stipend of a full time Priest and a part-time secretary (financial statements may be provided by request).

There are a number of good schools within a short distance from the Rectory, including three state schools, St. Paul's Anglican College, Genesis Christian College and The Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School. A Campus of the University of the Sunshine Coast is located in Petrie, 10 mins to the north.

There is a good rail and bus service connecting Pine Rivers to surrounding areas and Brisbane city. In 2021 a new housing area has been developed very close to St. Faith's and families have begun to populate this new development giving good opportunities for outreach.

We recognise and know that we will not get everything in our list of qualities and also understand that our new Rector will not come into a "perfect parish". However, we look forward to welcoming the priest God has called to lead St Faith's into the future. We know that God's will is to further His Kingdom in this little patch of the Brisbane Diocese and so we finish this document with Romans 15:7

*"Accept one another,  
then, as Christ accepted  
you, in order to bring  
praise to God."*



