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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."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

3rd September 2017

(Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27)

Gospel Reflection

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to Jerusalem and would suffer grievously there, and be put to death and then rise again, they must have been confused and distressed. Peter had been appointed the rock on which Jesus would build his Church. Now he was hearing that Jesus was going to be put to death.

Impetuous as ever, Peter remonstrated with Jesus, saying that this could not be true. Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God — Peter had acknowledged this earlier and Christ had confirmed it, pointing out that it was God who had inspired this knowledge in Peter. So how could the Son of God be about to suffer and die? The faith that had led to Peter's insights about Jesus being the Messiah had now deserted him.

In turn, Jesus' response to Peter's hostile reaction to his future suffering was stern, unlike his warm words when Peter had affirmed his belief that Jesus was the Son of God. He castigated Peter: **'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's'** (Mt 16:23).

Jesus then described the essential condition of being one of his followers, and this condition would apply to Peter, the first pope, just as much as to the humblest disciple: **'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'** (Mt 16:24).

For the disciples, this teaching must have seemed incomprehensible. Even today, many people resist the idea of having to embrace suffering. Yet dealing with suffering is at the root of the Christian life. The willingness to appreciate the transformative value of suffering is a pre-requisite for authentic Christian living.

Recognising the disciples' incomprehension, Jesus sought to make them understand. He told them that, in order to gain eternal life, they must lose this life — their attachment to the things of this world. Nothing matters more than pleasing God.

Jesus posed a crucial rhetorical question: **'What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'** (Mt 16:26). What, Jesus asked, is more important than saving the soul?

If we lose our soul, what joy will the pleasures of this world bring us? None. On the contrary, they will haunt us throughout eternity as the cause of our downfall. Jesus reminds us, as he reminded his first disciples, about this possibility: **'For the Son of man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour'** (Mt 16:27).

In summary, then, the reality of Christian living is that we are challenged to be fully prepared to suffer for the kingdom of heaven. We need to be clear in our minds and hearts about the central importance of saving souls. That is our greatest task while living in this world.

With thanks to: **John Littleton**
Journeying through the Year of Matthew
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Deacon Mike

Readings for next weekend: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 4th Sept	No Mass 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 5th Sept	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.00pm RCIA
WED 6th Sept	No Mass
THU 7th Sept	
FRI 8th Sept	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.00am Rosary No Mass
SAT 9th Sept	Annual Catholic Campaign Commitment Weekend 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 10th Sept	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Annual Catholic Campaign Commitment Weekend 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday at the 9am Mass. Parents please note that we require at least one parent to stay with the Children's Liturgy group each week so that there are 2 adults present. Thanks to those parents who have been helping us!

Tuesday mornings Liturgy of the Word with the children 8am for the rest of the term. All Welcome. Unfortunately there will be no week day Masses until Fr Baiyi returns.

Share the Dignity: Thanks to everyone who has donated sanitary items to help homeless and at-risk women. We have a large box full to hand over to the charity. You may like to check out the charity's website www.sharethedignity.com.au

Communion Ministers & Readers & Mass Co-ordinators Please collect your new rosters for September to November.

Cuppa and Chat will recommence after the evening Masses this Sunday 3rd September as Winter is officially over!

Thanks to Fr Bavin Clarke and Fr John Gillen for celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Parish Pastoral Council: With Fr Baiyi's extended leave we have delayed the process for the new PPC. We have set a new date for the discernment meeting: Sunday 15th October 10.30am. Malcolm Carrol will soon be calling those who were nominated on Fr Baiyi's behalf.

Parish Dinner : Will be held on 7 October at the Glen Hotel Function Room, in Eight Mile Plains. The cost is \$60 which includes: Canapés on arrival, main meal, dessert, tea and coffee. Soft Drinks and alcohol available for purchase. If you would like help for transport, see one of the Pastoral Councillors. We will be fundraising towards security lighting around the church. Everyone is welcome. Tickets on sale this weekend and from the Parish Office during the week. Donations for raffle prizes welcome. Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878.

Music Liturgy: The next time we will plan for Music Liturgy is this Monday September 4th at 7:30pm. Please feel welcome to bring your copy of Break Open the Word to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. Please call Liz Fort for any information on 3341 0852.

St Ignatius Parish Toowong's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality—Tuesday 5th September 7.30pm – 9.15pm at Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Tce, Toowong. No Booking Required. Donation at the door. Supper provided. See flyers. Parking Available - Please check Stuartholme School's website www.stuartholme.com for details. This is usually a great night. See Mary Naughton or Jo Cullen or call Julie in the parish Office to organise to car-pool from St Peter's.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October, commencing at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Church Locked: The Church will be locked and alarmed on weekdays at 1.15pm.

Going to Hospital? Parishioners, if you or one of your family are being admitted to hospital and you wish to have a visit from a chaplain or wish to receive communion whilst in hospital, please be sure to mark this on your admission form or speak to the person admitting you to make sure your wishes are known and documented. Please do not assume that because you have listed your faith that you will automatically receive a visit. You must give permission for a visit. (advice from Greenslopes Hospital)

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Entertainment Books 2017/18 still available \$65 from the Parish Office or www.entbook.com.au/2224e97

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Installation of Fr Kevin Nkem Njoku as Parish Priest of St. Mary's Parish, Beaudesert: The parishioners of St Mary's Parish invite the parishioners of St Peter's Parish to the official installation of our new Parish Priest, Fr Kevin Nkem Njoku by His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 10:00am Mass on Sunday 17th September 2017. Mass will be followed by a celebratory morning tea in the garden & deck area between the church and school. RSVP: by 7th September 2017 if you will be attending. Phone: (07) 5541 1068 or email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Your Vocation Can Provide Sustainable Solutions to Poverty in Timor Leste: Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there. If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on September 24th. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Vincent Simon (*Fr Jacob's brother-in-law*), Shaofen Li (*Fr Baiyi's mother*), PJ Granville-Edge, Ken Warby

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Anna Viola, Lillian Rose Funk, Leslie McLachlan, Alice Harvison, Mariah Egan, Jennifer Johnstone, Kevin Sorohan, Johannes (John) van Hoof, Roy Bevan, Mary Hanson, Bernard Burke, Thomas White, Edward Lynch, Anthony Aliprandi, Ursula Knuth, Blanche Kay, Kath Lourigan, Peter Lee, Vi Christensen, Ivan Christensen, Robert Cussons, Harold Littleton, Michael Bray, Bessie Wiltshire, Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Aline de Baritault, Kieran McKenna, Val Holzberger, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Anne Hawkins, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Bonnie Dematillar, Terri Mills, Johnny Summers

Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectern.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 9th & 10th September 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Mal Jensen Geoff Hondroudakis	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Ann Maree Collier	Jade Layla	
Sun 9:00am	Jo Cullen	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Theresa Cruz Del Reynolds	Deacon Mike Jones Jo Cullen Donald Fernando	Zac	
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy	C 1 2	Anne Fry Margaret Connors Lynn White	Kate Guy Kevin Fry John Blake	Chevonne	

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Kathy Winter, Efren & Grace Tuazon

Children's Liturgy: Kristy Scanlon **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: after the 6pm Mass on 3rd Sept: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

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