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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."

First Sunday of Advent

Year B

3rd December 2017

Readings:

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

The newly established Coordinator of Lay Ministries

Only by having all parishioners participate actively in different ministries will a Catholic parish be healthy, fruitful and ongoing. Because of the importance of encouraging lay ministries, we have recently made a decision to establish a new position in our parish: Coordinator of Lay Ministries.

This position was originally planned to be called Volunteer Coordinator. However, playing a role in parish ministries is totally different from doing volunteer works for other organizations or governments. **Lay ministries become sacred because of God whom we love and serve.** We don't have the responsibility to do any volunteer works but we do have the responsibility to build our own spiritual home. It is the way to serve others as well as build ourselves. In this way, we practice our faith and enhance our relationship with God. We will experience inner satisfaction from serving our community. And our ability to love and forgive will be enhanced, too. Therefore, all those who participate in any parish lay ministry are not volunteers but lay ministers. That is why we have eventually decided to call this position Coordinator of Lay Ministries.

The duties of this position are as follows: Firstly, to assist the parish priest to increase the awareness among parishioners of the importance of lay ministries. **Every parishioner should be a server, to be more exact, a minister.** We come not to be served as clients or consumers, but to serve as our Lord has said and done. We encouraged more people to get involved, not just because we need to get things done, but also we want to foster people to be hungry for serving God by serving others. I hope one day it's not us who ask parishioners to do some job but parishioners who come to us requiring something to do. Secondly, to invite more parishioners to get involved in a particular ministry and make sure all our ministries keep going. Thirdly, to assist every ministry group establish its own leadership and recruit new members. **So this position does not replace the existing leadership of any ministry group but strengthens it.** Fourthly, to help organize irregular parish activities, such as parish dinner and ministries expo, and some fellowship activities for lay ministers as well. Mind you, it is not the coordinator who does any specific ministry because this position is to organize people to do things.

Here I would like to announce the appointment of Josephine Cullen as our Coordinator of Lay Ministries, effective from 1st December 2017. Actually Jo has informally been playing this role for a long time. And she has been very successful. By the way, she is our current chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. At the last PPC meeting, she was nominated as the chair and accepted the role happily. At that stage, she didn't know that she would be appointed to this position. These two roles happened to be one person. I think it is a good thing since the two roles are not mutually exclusive but complementary. Please join me in thanking Jo for accepting this appointment and pray to God for her for making further contributions to our parish in this role.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Beautiful Vinnies Christmas cards for sale after Mass. Pack of 8 for \$4.

Vinnies News:



1. Christmas is fast approaching and we are in the process of organizing Christmas hampers. For this and the next 2 Sundays there will be baskets near the Baptismal Font for your donations of non perishable goods, toiletries, age appropriate gifts, toys and festive fare. Hampers are a way of bringing a little Christmas joy to those most needy in our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please take a leaflet after Mass for some gift ideas.

2. Columban Calendars for 2018 also available (cost \$9).



Holiday Home needed for Jack the Maltese terrier, formerly owned by parishioner, Paul O'Brien. Jack's new owners need him minded from 11th December to 14th January. Can you help?

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Advent Gospel Reflection with Dr Antonia Pizzey. Dr Antonia Pizzey Lecturer from ACU will share her wisdom about St Mark and his Gospel. The dates are Tuesday 5th December; 12th December; 19th December at 7:00pm. The Workshops will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church at Park Ridge. Tea and coffee will be available and if people could bring a small plate to share for supper that would be appreciated. Gold coin contribution would be appreciated to offset costs. Please contact St Bernardine's Parish office, Regents Park for more information on 07 3884 7600.

Weekly Webcast of the 10am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral: The cameras and sound equipment have recently been upgraded so will have people feeling they are participating as best possible. Anyone who is infirmed or shut in can tune in one of two ways —

(i) accessing the Archdiocesan Website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> or the shortlink URL archbne.org/bzw

(ii) accessing the Archdiocesan You tube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicBrisbane>

The option of watching the event "on demand" after it has concluded is also available at the You tube site within 30 minutes of the Mass finishing. The uncertain future of Mass for You at Home on Channel Ten makes this a valuable service.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Eliza Calabia, Joan Hine, Pat Feeney (Les O'Gorman's sister)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Bernard Luton, Sophie Robinson, Bernard Montegrando, Marie Maguire, Ruth Ballment, Les Harris, Silvia Milaudi, Eddie McDonnell, Alfie Healan, Bobby Smith, Bernie Minton, Bill Smith, Ottilie Brandt, Vincent Blundell, Charlie Fry, Anastasia Medcraf, Desmond van der Haar, Mary Becker, Clifford Sharp, Frederick Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Luise Warwas

Please pray for those who are sick, especially John Green, Michael Bahn, Edmund Ho, Tricia Dowling, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Anthony Van Rooy, Sr Patricia Lynch MMM (Fr John's aunt in Dublin), Evelyn Scanlon, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, 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, 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 December 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Michael Claridge Shelagh Ballment David Crowley	Stef Danudibroto Natalie Haddie Jo Cullen	Layla Sam	Anne
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Bev de Paola Theresa Cruz	Deacon Mike Jones Anne Scanlon Del Reynolds	Zac	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Anne Fry	C 1 2	Fiorenzo Matarazzo Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Anne Fry Kevin Fry ?	Chevonne Rena	Liz

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Kathy Winter, Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 10th December: Care & Concern

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:
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