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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."

Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

4th December 2016

Pastor's Note:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12: Choose Life and Love

In the first reading Prophet Isaiah presents Zion (city of Jerusalem) as the centre of the peaceful cosmos. This peace is seen on two levels: the first is on the level of the future king's ('a shoot') character and rule. He will be filled with the Spirit of the Lord and will have the gifts required to judge fairly and not by mere appearances. The poor and the meek will be protected completely; the ruthless and the wicked will be judged with integrity and fairness. The second level is seen in the peaceful cosmos/world where humans, animals and the rest of nature will live in harmony without the need to destroy each other. A new vision for our troubled, disturbed, torn and broken world.

John the Baptist was the last in a long line of prophets who foretold the coming of the Messiah. He prepared the way for the One who is to come by alerting God's people to the Messiah's impending arrival and by challenging them to change their lives by repenting for their sins. A radical abandonment of sinful living was required because God was going to communicate with his people directly through his son Jesus the Messiah. John's ministry focused on preaching conversion and proclaiming forgiveness of sin. Repentance is a fundamental change of heart or attitude, which results in leaving sin behind and embracing God's freely shared life and love. Such change is only possible with the gift of God's grace. The time of repentance, he said, is now, not in the future. Repentance through prayer, fasting and charitable works, leads to conversion, and conversion is an important aspect of our preparation if we are to meet Christ when he comes.

Leonardo a Vinci painted the fresco (wall painting), the Last Supper, in Santa Maria delle Grazie church in Milan in three years (1495-1498). It is said that when he started painting The Last Supper, he had an enemy who was a fellow-painter. He despised him and had conflict with this man. When he painted Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of this enemy artist so that it would be present for ages as the face of the man who betrayed Jesus. As he worked on the faces of other apostles, he tried to paint the face of Jesus, but he couldn't make any progress. Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time, he realized what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with this fellow-painter, and repainting the face of Judas as described in the gospels, he could paint and finish the face of Jesus and complete the masterpiece. Be at peace with your fellow humans and that is the way to prepare for the Lord's coming.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings **Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 He judges the poor with justice.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9 Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Readings for next Sunday: **Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 5th December	8.00am Mass
TUE 6th December	8.00am Mass
WED 7th December	St Ambrose 6.30am Mass
THU 8th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRI 9th December	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 10th December	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 11th December	Third Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Adoration and Healing Mass: this Friday 9th December (postponed from last week). As always we will commence with Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Reconciliation available from 9.05 to 9.20am then Healing Mass at 9.30am.

St Vinnies' Christmas Hamper Appeal



Please place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font. Thank you for all your generosity. Helpers will be needed to sort the donations on Tuesday 13th & collate and pack the hampers on Wednesday 14th December. Delivery people also needed for 17th December. Start time for each of these days is 8.30am. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Advent Wreath: The candles on the Advent Wreath will be lit at each weekend Mass from now until Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to light the candles.

VOLUNTEER Readers, Communion Ministers & Altar Servers are needed for all Christmas Masses.

If you know which Mass you will be attending please consider if you can volunteer to help out in any way. Write your name on the sheets on the back table.

New Communion/Readers Roster ready for collection this weekend.

Parish Working Bee to tidy up the Church in preparation for Christmas Saturday 17th Dec starting at 7.30am. The Gardening Group has already done an amazing job but if anyone wishes to work on the gardens on the 17th that would also be welcome. (Note this is the same day the St Vinnies' hampers are being delivered)

LETTER BOX DROP Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Invitation' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from outside the Church if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area. Please mark which street you are doing on the map provided.



Children's Christmas Pageant Practice is at 10.30 am on Saturday, Christmas Eve for 6.30 pm Mass that night. All children who would like to be part of the pageant please come. The Practice lasts for a couple of hours. Parents welcome! Help welcome! Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more information

Musicians and singers for the 6.30pm Mass please also attend practice at 10.30am.

God's Word 2017—is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day and even space to note down important events and reflections of the day. A great resource for yourself or it would make a fantastic Christmas gift—only \$10! - from the back table

Parish Office hours will vary Tues to Fri this week.

Planned Giving Envelopes: The envelopes for 2017 are ready for those who contribute to Planned Giving in this way. Please collect yours today.

Thank you to all who give to our Planned Giving Program either through envelopes, Direct Debit or Credit Card or even direct bank transfer. Your assistance keeps the Parish functioning.

We have more envelope packs so if your set is not there or should you wish to contribute or change your current contribution please contact the Parish Office or complete a Pledge Card at the back or the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to Julie or John. Thank You **Little Blue Books** (\$4) and **The Word Among Us** (\$5) for Advent available now.

Break Open the Word 2017: now available on the back table. Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry

Volunteers needed: We still have vacancies on our church cleaning teams and now also we are in need of someone who could **wash and iron the Church linen** once a month. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated. **Bereavement group** is also seeking volunteers. Please contact Julie in the Parish office.

Christmas Date Claimers

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION:

7.30 pm Tuesday 13th December

COMMUNITY 2ND RITE of RECONCILIATION:

7.30 pm Monday 19th December

CHOIR & MUSICIANS PRACTICE:

7.30pm Wednesday 21st December

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT PRACTICE for

CHRISTMAS EVE: 10.30 am Saturday 24th Dec.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th Dec

6.30 pm (Family)

& 9.00 pm (Vigil)

Christmas Day Sunday 25th Dec

9.00 am only

New Year's Eve Saturday 31st Dec 6.00pm

New Year's Day Sunday 1st Jan 9.00am only





Vinnies News: 1. Christmas is fast approaching and we are in the process of organizing Christmas hampers. For this and the next 3 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. SVDP would like to thank Woolworths Kuraby, and IGA Rochedale for their continued support for our Christmas hampers.

2. Christmas cards \$2.50 per pack and "Columban Calendars" for 2017 (cost \$9) are now available from the St Vinnies piety stall



PCI House Supervisor Volunteers Required: Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated (PCI) who assists mothers confronted with an unplanned pregnancy in difficult circumstances require the services of Volunteer House Supervisors for the Charity's safe house. She (or a married couple) will have a separate suite, free rental, free electricity, water and rates, but beyond that this work is a labour of love. This position is a live-in position which oversees the running of the house including the safety and security of our guests and volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer House Supervisor, relief Volunteer House Supervisor or Volunteer Support Worker, please call the President, Patti Camp on telephone: either 1300 777 777 or 07 3892 7662, alternatively email: pci777@bigpond.com or write to PO Box 427, Moorooka Qld 4105.

Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry (FLPM) is a course offered by the Institute of Faith Education (IFE) in partnership with Evangelisation Brisbane. Workshops will be hosted starting from April 29, 2017 at the Francis Rush Centre. For more information see the IFE website ife@bne.catholic.net.au or call (07) 3336 9167 or email: www.ife.qld.edu.au

St Gerard's Christmas Festival is on now and will continue every night till 23rd December from 6pm till 10pm. Huge lights display, food outlets, gift shop and free entertainment every night at 7.30pm. Check website for more details: www.olaparishchermside.org.au

Centenary of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Corinda 1917—2017. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnigan 6pm Sat 28th January 2017 at St Joseph's Church, Corinda. Dinner will follow at the Sherwood Services Club, Clewley St, Corinda. Cost of dinner: \$30 per person. Please contact the Corinda Graceville Parish Office on 3379 1534 or at corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au to make a booking.

Become a Mission Ambassador for Catholic Mission. Have you experienced Mission in an overseas context? Have you a heart for sharing the Good News? Do you want to help us make a difference in the world? At this stage, we are simply looking for names and contact details – we will then be in touch early in 2017 to discuss the logistics and clarify your availability and level of interest. Ph 3336 9239 or ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Mary Easton (Anne Hawkins' mother), Teresa Healan, Margot Harris, Kathleen Horne, Veronica Cullen, Mary Rose Gill, Anna Chacko

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, Otilie Brandt, Vincent Blundell, Charlie Fry, Anastasia Medcraf, Desmond van der Haar, Mary Becker, Clifford Sharp, Frederick Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Luise Warwas, Lindsay Maiden, Jim Whewell, Philippe de Baritault

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Roger Byrne, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, 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 10th & 11th December 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Jo Cullen Shelagh Ballment	C 1 2	Michael Claridge Neil Ballment Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Volunteers please	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Bev de Paola June Wilson	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Theresa Cruz Walter Simpson	Volunteers please	Rita
Sun 6:00pm	Malcolm Carroll Cora Gatbonton	C 1 2	Patti Camp Alan Camp Vickie Routledge	Volunteers please	Liz

Church Cleaning: 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

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

Cuppa: Sunday 11th December after 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon



Are you new to our Parish? If you've recently joined the Parish, **WELCOME!!** Please make yourself known to us. We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a 'New Parishioners Card' at the back of the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators

In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.

- Baptism Preparation:** Julie Hondroudakis
- Bereavement Group:** Contact the Parish Office
- Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337
Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878
- Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent
- Family Groups:** Alan & Kristy Scanlon
Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
- Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Les O'Gorman 3341 3862
- Mothers' Prayers:** Trish Bakker
- Music Liturgy Group:** Liz Fort

- Parish Pastoral Council:**
Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll
- Play Group:** Kristy Scanlon
- RE Teachers in State Schools:** Rita Bishop
- Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am
(1st Fridays 8.30am)
- Social Justice Group:** Erika Meerwald
Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
- St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:**
John Blake

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