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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."

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A)

5th January 2020

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

A year of hope ahead

We are already in 2020, with another new year ahead of us. New year always brings us new hopes. In 2020, with our efforts and hard work, we will try to make changes for the better for our common spiritual home, St Peter's, Rochedale. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our pastoral plans for 2020.

Firstly, we will continue to encourage all our parishioners to be more responsible for the building of our parish community. Currently, there are 33 different ministry groups in our parish, with many of our parishioners being very active in them. They serve God's Church as liturgy ministers, Parish Pastoral/Finance Councillors, sacristans, cleaners etc. We thank them all very much. No doubt, we already are a very active parish. However, our parish is everybody's parish, not just somebody's parish. For those who don't play any particular role in the parish, if they are able to, we invite them to consider joining in one or two ministries. The more parishioners who contribute, the better our parish will become. It's not only because jobs need to be done, but also because when parishioners become more involved in parish life, they will develop a stronger sense of belonging to the parish. Through their involvement their faith will become deeper, too.

Secondly, we will make more efforts and invest more in our youth ministry. Our youth ministry had a good start last year. Our youth ministry coordinator has been very committed and working hard. Three youth groups at different ages have been established and regular activities have been being organized. In 2020, we will invite our school graduates of 2019 back for reunions. It will be good for them to keep their friendships. I hope, by attending these reunions, our St Peter's graduates can find a sense of belonging to our parish and become members of our youth groups, too. Everybody needs a community. In this way, we hope the graduates can have their own community. For the parents of those who are under 18, please encourage and support your children to attend our youth activities. For those who are between 18-35, please try to attend our young adults' activities. The more you become involved, the more it will become yours.

Thirdly, we would like to introduce Parish Community Day on the first Sunday mornings. Basically, on the first Sunday of each month, all of our parishioners are encouraged to come to our parish or to stay after 9am Masses. We will create different interest groups for them. Year 4-6 students, will have their junior youth activities. Games will be organised for older children. Parents will be able to meet and chat with others. Parents may wish to form their own interest groups, such as book clubs or cards playing groups, etc. Any feedback, ideas and/or suggestions about this are most welcome.

My dear friends, let us dream big and aim high. We know, our good God is with us at all times. With him, nothing is impossible. If all of us work together and each of us plays a role in the parish, we believe, the spiritual home shared by us all will become better and better.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 6th Jan	8.00am Mass
TUE 7th Jan	8.00am Mass
WED 8th Jan	6.30am Mass
THU 9th Jan	No Mass
FRI 10th Jan	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 11th Jan	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 12th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Fundraising in 2019: Thank you to all who helped out in any way with our fund-raising events in 2019. Through your efforts we were able to raise the following amounts.

Youth Fundraisers:

Bake Stall: \$356.25

Melbourne Cup Lunch: \$1137.35

Sale of Glow Sticks at Wakerley Carols: \$581.70 (\$1000 was raised for St Vinnies by those who helped to set up and pack down the marquees for the Wakerley Carols.)

Parish Fundraisers:

Entertainment Book Sales: \$377.00

Parish Dinner: \$361.56

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020 are ready for collection from the table near the main doors. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Music Liturgy Meeting: The next Music Liturgy Meeting will be on Monday 6th January at 7:30 pm. Come along to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South to plan for the next few weeks and please bring your copy of *Break Open the Word*. Thank you, *Elizabeth Fort*

Youth Update:

Grade 6 Class of 2019 Reunion: St Peter's Parish Centre on Friday 17th January from 5pm to 8pm. Games, food, fun, catch up...

High School Youth Group: We are taking a break for the school holidays and will return on Saturday 1st February after 6pm Mass. Please join us then!

Young Adults (ages 18 to 35): Dinner on Wednesday 15th January 6pm in the Parish Centre

For more information on any of these events contact Olivia, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Or Instagram: @rochedaleyouth

St Peter's Planned Giving via Direct Bank Transfer:

If you would like to direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Bequests and Endowments: Have you considered leaving a bequest or endowment to the parish in your will? Pick up one of our bequest brochures.

Annuals available on the table near the doors.

God's Word 2020 (\$11) All the readings for every day of the year as well as reflections.

Break Open the Word 2020 (\$18) is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group.

Australia Day: This year Australia Day falls on a Sunday. The church in Australia is permitted to substitute Mass for Australia Day for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Hence, all Masses on 25th and 26th January will have the liturgy for Australia Day. The readings differ from those listed in *Break Open the Word* so the appropriate readings will be emailed to the rostered readers for that weekend so they can prepare. Readers, please check your inbox as the weekend approaches.

We will also have a special 'Aussie' themed cuppa after each Mass that weekend to celebrate. Helpers will be needed to set up before Masses and pack up afterwards. Please bring along a plate of your favourite Aussie food to share.

Sacrament of Penance: This February we will be preparing children in grades 5 and above to receive the Sacrament of Penance in the form of the 1st Rite. This is a revised program so any child, Grade 5 or above, who has never experienced the first Rite of Reconciliation is encouraged to attend. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Welcome to the New Year: 2020

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

Below are some date claimers for January and February that we have already. Looks like a busy and productive year ahead!

January:

15th January 6pm Young adults (ages 18 to 35) dinner

16th January Care & Concern meeting

17th January 5pm till 8 pm Grade 6 Class of 2019

St. Peter's school reunion

25th & 26th January Australia Day Masses cuppa after each Mass.

28th January 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting

29th January St Peter's School returns

February:

1st February 7pm High School Youth Group

14th February 9.30am Opening school Mass

15th February 7pm High School Youth Group

15th & 16th February Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Penance for Grade 5 and above

16th February 10.30am Plenary Forum with Rob Cosgrove

22nd February PPC morning tea with Kuraby Muslim community

23rd February Sacrament of Penance program full day

25th February 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting

26th February Ash Wednesday

29th February Ministry Coordinators day at Marian Valley.

29th February 7pm High School Youth Group

All Ministry Group leaders, please begin setting your Ministry's proposed dates for the year for events, meetings and fundraisers. Please send your proposals via email to the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can check for clashes with other events. All requests need to be submitted at least one month prior to the event as our diary fills quickly. Thank you.

Community Day

Our Parish is considering having a Community Day on the first Sunday of each month, possibly beginning in March.

As Fr Baiyi mentioned in his newsletter reflection, this community day will be great for all ages. We would like to encourage you to let us know what your thoughts are about the following.

- What interest group would you like to suggest? (Not necessarily join)
- What interest group would you be interested in?
- If you, or someone you know, would like to coordinate any particular group?

If you could send your ideas or suggestions to the parish office via email or phone 33414421, that would be greatly appreciated.

See the Noticeboard for Invitations from around the Archdiocese

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers: Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 January 2020.

Pastoral Ministers Gathering Friday 21st February, at Hendra parish. Sr Ursula O'Rourke will be our guest speaker and she will be focusing on 'Sacraments'. She will delve into the Theology underpinning the sacraments, break open our sacramental policy and explain the ordering of the sacraments of initiation, whilst giving us some insight into the history surrounding them. During the day, we will also have the opportunity to look at resources that support our sacramental preparation. It should be an informative and beneficial day. If you are involved in a Sacramental Ministry and would like to attend this day please see Jo Cullen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Shane O'Brien, Alastair Smith, Chris Land (Stephen's brother), Paul Delley, Gaye Harnell

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Gai Hocking, Francis Waters, Ken Evans, Jesse Nicholson, Kane Thorpe, John 'Jack' Elliott, Violet Williams, Trish Pareezer, William Mahony, Patrick Clarke, Greta Van Bekkum, Coleen Watt, Michael Sullivan, Isabel McCarthy, John Carvel, Richard Smith, Patrick Kelly, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan, Norman Bishop, Esther Jarvis, Clare Mann, George Gough, Maureen Leadbetter, Fr Bill Hall, Cathy Donald, Kevin Dingwall, Theresa Adamson

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, Kevin Fry, Michael O'Grady, Joseph Peki, Vickie Routledge, Alan Camp, Ian Thompson, Kevin Kelly, Edna Bultitude, Vilma Ghouse, Callum Poynter, Sue Power, Rebecca Power, Rex Bowen, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Barrie Martin, Marcos Mendoza, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Fabio Viola, Michael Harkin, David Richardson, Kaitlin Bakker, Karen Johnston, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Lori Hodder, Ramona Cruz, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, Sylvia Privitera, Johnny Summers, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, Ursula Williamson

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.

11th & 12th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Jo Cullen	Efren Tuazon	Helen Graczyk
AV Operators	David Crowley	Mike Collier	John Donohue
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shenelle Nelson 2. David Crowley	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Jada Nathan 2. Jackson Sabu	C. Helen Graczyk 1. Margaret Connors 2. Lynn White
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Deacon Mike Jones Joyce Lyster Ann Maree Collier	Bev De Paola Del Reynolds Marilyn Mills Anne Scanlon	Jo Cullen Kate Guy Cesarina Gigante
Altar Servers	TBA	Finn, Leo, William	Talia, Marissa
Musicians	Carmel	Roger & Tongan Choir	Eliz

Church Cleaning: Group 4 Basil's Cleaners

Children's Liturgy: None This week: Sacristan: Celine Phillips Counting: Carl's Team

Cuppa: Saturday 12th Jan, after 6pm Mass: Helen Viola, Diane Land, Care & Concern

Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! 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 Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Other Parish Contacts:
Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103
Family Group Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411641312
St Vincent de Paul: New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults
 Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or
 sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au
Social Justice Group Facebook:
 St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

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