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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 Lent—Year A

### 5th March 2017

#### Pastor's Note:

The gospel of the first Sunday of Lent tells us the story of Jesus overcoming the temptations from the Evil one. Jesus is true man as well as true God. In the beginning of His public ministry, he was tempted by Satan for three times, which is unbelievable to us. Actually, by his own experiences, he would like to remind us that he, as our Saviour, could be tempted by Satan, then we, as his followers, cannot avoid being tempted on our faithful journey. Therefore, we are not living a life without challenges and difficulties, but one full of tests and temptations. We have to prepare ourselves well for hard times. When that time comes, we won't panic! We will face it fearlessly with the grace of our Lord.

Three times Jesus was tempted and three times he defeated Satan with the Scriptural texts. This indicates that how important it is in making ourselves familiar with the Holy Scripture and how powerful God's word is. That is why we should read the Holy Scripture as many times as we can and attend activities like Bible sharing and Bible study as often as possible. Before we go to Mass, we need to familiarize ourselves with the readings of the Mass in advance, getting our hearts prepared for entering into the word of God during Mass. At Mass, we concentrate upon listening to the word being proclaimed by readers or the Clergy. And we ought to take the homilies delivered by Clergy seriously since the Clergy are chosen by God particularly for the purpose of the proclamation of His word. The Holy Spirit always works through them and their proclamations. By all of these, we will have the strength and the weapons to deal with temptations and other tests when facing them.

When Satan was tempting Jesus, he quoted some Scriptural texts too. This reminds us that the Holy Scripture could be abused and quoted intentionally for a wrong purpose. Only when we read and comprehend the Holy Scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and follow good instructions of the Church on how to read the Bible, we can avoid misreading and misusing the Bible. And when we are tempted by others to quote the Bible wrongly, we can definitely shun being misled.

It's worth noting that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness. We cannot ignore that the Holy Spirit played a crucial role in the event that Jesus overcame the temptations. In other words, we not only follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit but rely on His strength. Then we will become really strong spiritually, not fearing the power of the Evil one.

In this special season, Lent, let us follow the steps of Jesus and depend on the Holy Spirit. With the power of God's word, we reflect on our lives and prepare our hearts. At the end of Lent, we hope that we can have a new life in the resurrected Lord.

*Fr Baiyi*

#### Readings First Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Creation of our first parents, and sin.

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12, 17-19 Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

#### **Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 6th March</b>	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
<b>TUE 7th March</b>	8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
<b>WED 8th March</b>	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
<b>THU 9th March</b>	8.45am Play Group 10.00am Lenten Discussion Group
<b>FRI 10th March</b>	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Healing Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>SAT 11th March</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 12th March</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> 9.00am Mass                      6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will be held this weekend however Children's Liturgy will take a 2 week break next Sunday 12th and 19th March due to the Sacrament of Reconciliation class needing to use the room for their workshops.

**Little Books for Lent** available for purchase now: \$4 each. Black for Adults and Purple for children. *The Word Among Us* \$5 per copy. On the table near the main doors.

**Next Healing Mass: Friday 10th March:** Rosary 8.30am, Adoration 9.00am, Healing Mass 9.30am.

**Project Compassion** boxes & envelopes available today! Help Caritas help those in need this Lent.

**Lenten Program:** there will be 3 Lenten Discussion Groups. Tuesday evening at 7.30pm here in the Parish Centre, Wednesday evening at Mary Naughton's house, Thursday morning at 10am here at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining a Discussion Group please write your name on sheet at the back of the church under the group time you would like to attend. Thursday group starting this week though you are welcome to join in any group for any session.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held on the Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. 2 volunteers needed each week to lead Stations. Please help out Fr Baiyi and volunteer. Sign up sheet available today.

**Communion Ministers and Readers** please collect your new rosters covering March to May from the back table. Thank you for your continued participation in these Ministries. Some people will find Volunteer Data Forms with their rosters if the Parish Office does not already hold your completed form.

**Name Badges:** have arrived for those who placed an order. If anyone would still like to order a Parish Name badge please write your name on the sheet and we will place a new order in a couple of weeks.

**Enrolments for 2018 for St Peter's Catholic Primary School** are being taken now. Please contact the School Office on 3341 4800 for an enrolment pack. **Next Music Ministry Meeting** will be held on Monday 13th March 7.30pm at 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. Bring your copy of *Break Open the Word*

**Social Justice News:** Dear friends, this **Sunday 5th March** the leaders of churches throughout Australia invite all people to join in prayer and fasting for refugees and asylum seekers.

In this way we join in solidarity with those who have fled their homes and seek safety for themselves and their families. May we start the first Sunday of Lent with prayer and fasting for this worthy cause. On **11/12 March** we will be celebrating International Women's Day. There will be a **retiring collection after all Masses for the needs of the Girls in the City of Joy and the Hamlin Foundation**. Every dollar helps the girls and the women lead a more dignified existence and achieve their full, God given potential. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## SAFEGUARDING



### Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy.

In 2014, Archbishop Mark launched the new Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy. The central message of the Policy is grounded in the policy statement:

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.**

**They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.**

This means that **everyone in the church** must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through

the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety, embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

**To meet this commitment, our parish will be required to fulfil a number of compliance matters. Some of these have already been put in place; however your support is needed to ensure that our Parish meets all requirements of the policy implementation.**

**Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative** is Malcolm Carroll.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

**New contact details:** Please have a look at the revised Newsletter layout. Especially note the contact details for Fr Baiyi. We now have a Parish Mobile number for After Hours Emergency calls: 0481 975 660. If you require a Priest for a medical emergency during Office hours call the Parish Office number 3341 4421 but after hours use the Parish Mobile number.



**Are you new to our Parish like Fr Baiyi?** 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 Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.

**Could this be your Ministry?** The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3rd May to 22nd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications is Friday 21st April 2017. Please apply now in writing to: Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. Fax (07) 3257 1885. email: [cppc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cppc@bne.catholic.net.au)



<p><b>CRI in State Schools:</b> Volunteers still needed at local State Schools. Contact Sonia Kenny <a href="mailto:soniaikenny@gmail.com">soniaikenny@gmail.com</a> 38413583 or Kerri-Ann Caswell <a href="mailto:evkezc@bigpond.com">evkezc@bigpond.com</a> 3219 7435</p>	<p><b>Mass in French:</b> will be held at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba on Sunday March 5 at 3.00pm. For inquiries please contact Aline on 3205 4614.</p>
<p><b>40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN</b> Our annual 40 day, 24 hour prayer vigil at Bowen Hills starts on Ash Wednesday 1 March and we need prayer volunteers like you! If you can spare a few hours over Lent to pray for the lives of unborn children, please email us at <a href="mailto:40daysbrisbane@gmail.com">40daysbrisbane@gmail.com</a> or visit us at <a href="http://40df.net">40df.net</a> on how to be involved! <b>St Joseph's Gregory Terrace Open Day</b> Wednesday 8th March 4—7pm. For more info see noticeboard or Ph 3214 5200 or email <a href="mailto:enrolments@terrace.ald.edu.au">enrolments@terrace.ald.edu.au</a></p>	<p><b>Clairvaux MacKillop College International Women's Day Event</b>—Wed 8 March: 6pm. This evening of reflection is an opportunity to recognise the unique and ever-becoming gift we are as women; to claim our stories, appreciate the stories of others and to celebrate the spirit of hope that women bring to the world Cost \$20.00 per ticket. (includes savoury finger foods) The funds raised will be supporting our Touching Country Expedition to The Kimberley. To make a booking please contact the College on 3347 9200.</p>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Samy Tokatly

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Fred Wiseman, Bette Davis, James Jensen, Marcella Hayward, Tony Lilly, Francis Mayer, Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Carol Stewart, Edward McCormick, Ray Bennett, Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Ann Mendoza, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Michael Ah Koy, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, 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.*

**Roster 11th & 12th March 2017**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Michael Claridge Neil Ballment	Clive Angelina	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Diane McKeone Bev de Paola Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Theresa Cruz	Jada	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Anne Fry Vickie Routledge Jo Cullen	Volunteers Please	Rita

**Church Cleaning:** 8 Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan. Help needed!

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

**Cuppa:** Sun 12th March after the 9am Mass: Kate Glynn, Jo Cullen, Jim Nathan, Malcolm Carroll

**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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**Social Justice Group Facebook:**  
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