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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 C)

6th January 2019

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

The Pastoral Plan for 2019

In my reflection for last weekend, I wrote about what we had achieved in our parish in 2018. This reflection is for the first weekend of 2019. I guess it is an appropriate time to talk about the pastoral plan for this new year. As I have always said, the growth and development of any Catholic parish depends on the active involvement, whole-hearted contribution and constant prayer of EVERY parishioner. That's why I would like to share this plan with you. I hope all of us can do our best to make it happen.

My long-term dream for our parish is to build it as our common SPIRITUAL HOME. This means all parishioners will know one another, support one another, become friends with one another, and treat one another like family members. As I keep saying, a Catholic parish is not only a place where people attend Mass and receive other sacraments. It is also a place where, through the celebration of sacraments, the involvement of the different ministries and other parish activities, all parishioners can, in practical terms, become BROTHERS AND SISTERS in the Lord. I know this will take a long time. In the interim, a short-term plan is necessary and helpful. During 2019, I hope we can focus on two main goals.

Firstly, we need to develop our youth and young adult ministry. Our youth and young adults are important members of this spiritual family. We have the responsibility to engage with them and offer them more resources and opportunities so that they can grow into committed disciples of Jesus. As we know, without a vibrant and effective youth and young adult ministry that helps nurture adult disciples, our parish will perish. Recently, our Archdiocese granted us \$10,000 for this ministry. With these funds, we may be able to appoint a youth and young adult minister. This person must be someone who has strong faith and a passion for this ministry, not somebody who just wants a job. He or she should feel that they have been called by God to create opportunities, relationships, and an environment that will lead to important life changes. These life changes will affect not only the lives of young people but also the future of the Church.

Secondly, I would like to announce 2019 as a VISITATION YEAR in our parish. As I preached on the fourth Sunday of Advent, visitation is very important to me. At our last Parish Council Meeting, members discussed a program called "Pass the Pastor". The idea behind this program is that as your Parish Priest, I visit you in your home. I really would like to get to know my fellow parishioners better. And you could get to know your Parish Priest better, too. Of course, if it's not convenient to visit you at your home for any reason, we can meet at another venue, e.g. a café or coffee shop. Through this program, I hope I can be considered as one of your family members who will support you through prayer and encouragement. Hopefully, I can visit two or three families a week. If you wish me to visit you, please invite me through the parish office. As a Church Family we should also be encouraged to visit one another, especially elderly family members, relatives and friends.

My dear friends, more details about these two projects will unfold with time. Please pray for their success and support us in your own way. Let us hope and pray for a wonderful 2019.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Titus 2:11-14: 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 7th Jan	8.00am Mass 7.00pm RCIA Team meeting
TUE 8th Jan	8.00am Mass
WED 9th Jan	6.30am Mass
THU 10th Jan	No Mass
FRI 11th Jan	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 12th Jan	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 13th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

2019 Year planner: to help us plan for 2019, could Ministry Group leaders please advise the Parish Office of any dates your ministry group is planning events or fund-raising etc.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019 ready for collection.

Pet Crosses: Please contact the Parish Office if you ordered a Pet Cross and have not collected it yet.

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying
What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

To have your say visit
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

St Vinnies' News: Fridge and television needed.

Please call Brian on 0419 992 294 if you can help.

Help needed: We are seeking a volunteer to clean the Parish Office. It would require an hour or 2 of your time preferably on a weekly basis. We also need people to join our Church Cleaning Ministry Group. If anyone would be interested in joining either of these important 'behind the scenes' Ministries please see Fr Baiyi, Julie or Jo.

Planning for World Day of Prayer: Calling for Parishioners who maybe interested in the planning for World Day of Prayer on 1st March 2019. World Day of Prayer is a day and time set aside for the entire world of different denominations to come together in prayer. We at St Peters are hosting this year and the country we will be praying for is Slovenia. I know it is early but we need to start a planning group for this day and the Mass. Please see Jo Cullen if you are interested

God's Word 2019 Liturgical Diaries for sale. \$10. All the readings for every day of the year & reflections.

Card Group: Come and join the Card Group for a friendly and casual game of cards every Monday morning in the Parish Centre from Monday 7th January.

Break Open the Word 2019: Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone, especially those people in the Reading Ministry.

Donations of spectacles, Bibles, lead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and exercise books for an optometrist to take to Vanuatu. Place your donations in the marked box at the back of the church.

Ministry Groups Around our Parish:

Liturgy Committee:

The Liturgy Committee meet several times a year, usually at night time, to plan for the larger feast days and special events in the Parish. This includes, Lent/Easter, Pentecost, Advent/Christmas, St Peter's Day... We plan for the decorations and symbols in the church environment that help make parishioners aware of the liturgical year and its messages. In addition, we review the music for these events and prepare for the Second Rite of Reconciliation celebrations held in Lent and Advent. Along the way, we keep in contact with the Archdiocesan Liturgical Committee via their newsletters and update our knowledge of liturgy. We need to follow directions from liturgical church documents and also cater for our local context when planning. Sub-groups of parishioners plan the Introduction to the Mass, Penitential Rite and Prayer of the Faithful for Mass each week. We are grateful to all our helpers and members for their work. This year we have purchased new posters for Lent and

Advent and these have added to the beauty of the church environment, I am sure you will agree. When you see a symbol near the altar during the year, why not take some time to reflect on the readings and see if you can find a connection to the symbol placed by your Liturgy Committee members! We hope to support your prayer life as the liturgical year unfolds at St Peter's. Perhaps you have a great interest in liturgy and would like to join our team? Please fill in an Expression of Interest form and we will contact you. You would be most welcome.

Liz Fort

Welcoming Group

Welcoming group was commenced with a group of people who would encourage and welcome people to church.

Over time, and through the Archbishops message and Pope Francis, it has become evident that it is the responsibility of all members of our Parish to be welcoming to all parishioners or new members. Hospitality is at the heart of the Christian tradition. A welcoming parish community is an evangelizing parish. Welcoming is about making an inclusive environment. Especially if we have unchurched participants in our parish, a welcoming group of people can make such a difference and create a loving community.

St Peter's is about creating a relaxing, inviting atmosphere so as Parishioners we should feel comfortable to go and introduce a new member to one of our friends or fellow Parishioners.

We should look at ourselves and say "Are I a welcoming person. Is there room in my busy life for others? Do I extend a welcoming gesture? Smile. Do I introduce a new family or member to others??"

St Peter's has a wonderful reputation for community but we still need to reach out to new members and cultures as Jesus did and be inclusive witnesses of our faith. On cuppa days after Mass this is a wonderful opportunity to gather, chat and perhaps support someone in need. From Matthew 10:40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Jo Cullen

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 new bequest brochures.

Mass Co-ordinators Ministry:

Our Ministry here at St Peter's is designed to assist our Priest and Parishioners in the preparation of the Church prior to each Mass on the weekends and special events such as Easter & Christmas. It entails arriving approximately 30 minutes prior to Mass times and the setting up of all things necessary to ensure that the Mass runs smoothly for our congregation and our Priest, thus allowing our Priest to welcome Parishioners to our Masses and prepare himself spiritually. At the end of all Masses we ensure the Church is left in good order for the following weekend Masses.

We currently have 12 Mass co-ordinators and work on a roster basis so your contribution time-wise would only be approximately 1 Mass per month. To ensure the above, we have documented the setting up procedure and a full training session and ongoing support is available for all Mass Co-ordinators and any Parishioner who wishes to join our Ministry. We sincerely hope you will consider joining our Ministry, as to fulfil our personal ongoing Catholic mission we all need to contribute in time and spirit and to ensure that our Parish here at St Peter's continues to grow, we are confident that you will find our Ministry a rewarding one to be part of and it will only entail a short period of your personal time per month. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally should you wish to find out more about the Mass Co-ordinators Ministry or simply talk to the Mass co-ordinator who is present at any Mass you attend.
Blessed Regards, Kevin Healan 0428862015.

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 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

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am

(1st Fridays 8.30am) All Welcome!

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

St Vincent de Paul Group:

New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Brian Rixon, Kyle Webster, Armando Sta. Ana, Jeffrey Lawlor, Harry Coleman, Sam Dibella, Frances Barry, Sylvia Justo (Sylvia Privitera's mum)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Viliami Naupoto, Daniel Byrne, Violet Williams, Trish Pareezer, William Mahony, Patrick Clarke, Greta van Bekkum, Colleen Watt, Michael Sullivan, Isabel McCarthy, John Carvel, Richard Smith, Patrick Kelly, John O'Brien, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan, Norman Bishop, Esther Jarvis, Clare Mann, George Gough, Maureen Leadbetter, Fr Bill Hall, Cathy Donald, Theresa Adamson, Kerry Cavanagh

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Irene Hughes, Kevin Fry, Helen Arkadieff, Don Bechly, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Martine Pitts, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, John Green, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, 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.

12th & 13th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Carl de Mello	Grace Tuazon	Anne Fry
AV Operators	John Donohue	Mick Denton	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 2. Geoff Hondroudakis	C. Alana Vigor 1. Romana Langdon 2. Arthur Leow	C. John Blake 1. Aurelie Twidale 2. Daniel Twidale
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Lydia Chew Donald Fernando Bernard Langdon Gwen Martin	Deacon Mike Jones Ros Dawson Jo Cullen
Altar Servers	Luna, Talia	Agnes, Angela	Eza, Angelina
Musicians	Liz	Rita	Tim

Church Cleaning: 8 Basil's Cleaners

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

Cuppa: Sun 13th Jan after 9am Mass: Joan d'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon, Tongan Community

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