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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 Lent (Year A)

8th March 2020

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

International Women's Day 2020 - St Peter's Women

International Women's Day, on the 8th March, is a global celebration of the social, economic and political achievements of women. It is also a day to remember all women around the world who are deprived of dignity and basic human rights.

The theme for this year's IWD is # EACH FOR EQUAL.

Individually, we are all responsible for our thoughts and actions. All day and every day we can challenge inequalities, improve situations, engage in conversations to change mindsets and raise awareness against bias. **Together**, all our individual achievements can help create a gender equal world that is healthier, wealthier and more harmonious.

For us Catholic women it is not just important to discuss the role of women in society but also in our beloved church. St. Peter's, our home parish, is a very vibrant community where ALL members are encouraged to actively participate in the life of the church, according to their talents and to the best of their ability. Our church is greatly enriched when a range and diversity of talents are tapped and utilised. At present, there are 36 different lay ministry teams in our parish. Being a member of a lay ministry is not considered a job but a call from God to serve others and to respond generously to the needs of the Church and wider community.

Women are an integral part of many of St Peter's lay ministries, participating not only as members, but also leading many ministry groups. Women lead the Parish Council, Care and Concern, Social Justice Group, RCIA Team, Liturgy and Music Ministry and many others. The Coordinator of all Lay Ministries is also a woman. Women bring commitment, energy, new ideas and optimism to groups. Their special gifts and talents lie in the ability to forge relationships, to show empathy, to listen attentively, to discern, consult and collaborate. However, being members of lay ministries also requires a level of courage, spirit, determination and sacrifice. The women we see in our lay ministry groups never seem to tire in their commitment to serve. In so doing, these women feel affirmed, valued and respected.

At this point we would like to call on all women, and indeed all people in our parish who have not yet made a decision to join a ministry, to sincerely consider getting involved. To fully energise the life of our parish and the Church as a whole, we need your very unique gifts, talents and experiences. In turn, you will find that being a member of a lay ministry group is a very heartening and enriching experience. We really need you.

At the Gatherings for the preparation of the Plenary Council 2020 some of our women have expressed the desire to see women in decision making positions at all levels of church, local, diocesan, national and universal. This was also the wish of women across the diocese. The Bishop of Parramatta, Bishop Vincent Van Nguyen said: **"Until we have truly incorporated the gift of women and the feminine dimension of our Christian faith, we will not be able to fully energise the life of the church."**

We wish all women a wonderful International Women's Day.

The Social Justice Group

Readings for next weekend: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 9th Mar	8.00am Mass
TUE 10th Mar	8.00am Mass
WED 11th Mar	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
THU 12th Mar	No Mass
FRI 13th Mar	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 14th Mar	9.00am Lenten Discussion Group 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.00pm High School Youth Group
SUN 15th Mar	Third Sunday Of Lent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Recruitment: Our Parish abides by the Archdiocesan requirements for the recruitment of Ministers.

Care & Concern is in need of volunteers to assist with 'Visitation'. Please contact Lynn for further information 0403051103

Rosters for those who minister at weekend Masses have been emailed out. Please check your inbox.

Crossroads RCIA commences in 2nd term.

Crossroads is for young people, aged from Grade 5 upwards, who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or perhaps would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. We have a group commencing at the end of April. For more information please contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878

Would you enjoy a 'Books and Reading' Group?

If you are a keen reader and would like to share your interest with other keen readers please be in touch with Raylee: by email rayleebob@bigpond.com or text message to 0435 583 325

Share the Dignity: Donations of sanitary products needed to help homeless women and girls this March. Place your donations in the labelled box during March.

Prayers for the Sick: Due to space constraints in the newsletter we will have to reduce the size of our list of names for those who are ill. The names will be on for 4 weeks as per the names of the deceased. If the person still requests prayers, please add their name to the list again via the form on the table near the main doors.

Youth Update:

High School Youth Group (& reunion of St Peter's graduates): 7-8:30pm on 14th March

Junior (years 3-6): March 22nd 10am-12:30pm
After the Family School Mass on the 22nd of March we will be having a **cake stall** to fundraise for our Youth Ministry. If you are able to **donate any cakes** to sell please drop them off before Mass with an ingredients list attached. Thank you for your support, Olivia
For more information on any of our Youth events contact **Olivia**, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Date Claimers

March

17 Liturgy Meeting
18 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm
19 Faith Enrichment, 7:30pm
20 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
21 Lenten Discussion Group 9am
22 Family School Mass 9am
22 Junior Youth Event 10am
24 Vinnies Meeting 4pm
25 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm
26 Care & Concern Meeting 7:30pm
27 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
28 Lenten Discussion Group 9am
28 High School Youth Group 7pm
30 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Lent 7:30pm
31 Baptism Information meeting, 7.30pm

April

1 Lenten Discussion Group 7.30pm
3 Rosary, Adoration & Healing Mass, from 8.30am
Reflection 7pm, Stations 7.30pm
4 Lenten Discussion Group 9am
Weaving of Palm Crosses, 10.15am
5 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord
7 Vinnies Meeting 4pm
9 Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm
10 Good Friday—Walking the Way of the Cross 10am
- Celebration of the Passion, 3pm
11 Easter Vigil Mass, 7pm
12 Easter Sunday Mass, 9am

Ministry Group leaders, please note that all requests for events, meetings and fundraisers need to be submitted to the Parish Office at least one month prior so we can avoid clashes with other events. Thank you.

Living Lent - Fasting from Screens!

Why fast from screens? During Lent Pope Francis¹ suggests we disconnect from smart phones and screens and turn off the television to make room to connect with the Gospel - to rediscover and deepen our relationship with God.

Can I really do that? While we probably can't have a total break from screens, we can decrease screen time. We can target specific periods throughout our day e.g. waking, meal times, before bed, and choose to unplug and disengage from screens.

What do I add if I give up screens?

- I could ... give thanks before or after a meal for the gift of life, food, family and friends.
- I could ... spend time in conversations with loved ones, perhaps getting the ball rolling by asking, 'What went well today?'
- I could ... light a candle, turn off the lights and say 'God is with me/us!', entering into prayerful stillness and silence ... being with God ... ending with the Sign of the Cross slowly and mindfully.
- I could ... read the Sunday Gospel or Scripture with my family or by myself. I could take time to read slowly, pausing to reflect on what I am being invited to pray about.

Be still and know that I am God...Be still and know...Be still...Be! Ps 46:10

1 Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday General Audience, 2020, <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-02/pope-general-audience-ash-wednesday-catechesis-lent.html>



Second Sunday of Lent 8th March 2020

27 year old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management to combat draught. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



'Be Opened' Lenten App: Whilst this app has been readily available on the Apple Store it has been very difficult to find on the Google Play Store as the standard search words do not seem to be working. Evangelisation Brisbane are aware of the problem and apologize for any inconvenience.

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! We will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum. Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further info or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

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.

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 0411196775

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Ron Routledge, Vivian Kennedy, Patricia Porter, Maurice de Rozario

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Dominic, Nicholas, Fatima and Stephen Chin, James Leong Kam Chin, Agnes Chin En Kiau, Annie Mah, Florence Chia, Marcella Hayward, Anthony 'Tony' Lilly, Francis Mayer, Mary Cheng Wong, Nina Ong, Hyacinth Jebamalai, Carol Stewart, Edward McCormick, Ray Bennett, Florence Chia, Matti, Yacoub, Terrence Powis, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith, Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerslake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Kevin Fry, Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen

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.

14th&15th Mar	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am		Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Mark Connolly	Lydia Chew		Malcolm Carroll
AV Operators	David Crowley	Arthur Leow		John Donohue
Readers	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Joseph Varkey 2. Shenelle Nelson	C. Megan Philpott 1. Jada Nathan 2. Jackson Sabu		C. Aurelie Twidale 1. Bob Burns 2. Daniel Twidale
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Deacon Mike Jones Diane Land Joyce Lyster	Jo Cullen Bev De Paola Joan De Netto Donald Fernando	Julie Hondroudakis Diane McKeone Lydia Chew	Mel McKay Matt Jarvis John Blake
Altar Servers	Angelina, Asha	William, Leo, Jerrin		Talla, Marissa
Musicians	Rita	Roger & Tongan Choir		Liz

Church Cleaning: Group 5 Mark & Gabrielle Connolly, John Viola, Kieran Lenihan, Francis Yoo

Children's Liturgy: Angela

This week: Sacristan: Celine Phillips

Counting: Bob's Team

Cuppa: Sun 15th March after 9am Mass: Rashelle Johnson, Kimberley Kanages, Amanda Revelo

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