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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)

8th December 2019

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

To prepare ourselves well for Christmas

We have moved into the second week of Advent, an important period of time to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Celebrating Christmas, or any other Christian feast, is very different from celebrating social festivities. We do so because we need to commemorate particular events that have happened in the course of Christian history. These feasts also offer us an opportunity to reflect on why those particular events have happened and what they mean to us now, as individuals and as a community. By so doing, we hope we can understand more deeply God's unconditional love that will help us lead a more fruitful and happier life. During the four weeks before Christmas, our Church invites us to listen to the relevant Biblical passages at Mass, receive the sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation, and attend other spiritual activities as our preparation for this solemn occasion.

During Advent, we should try to attend Mass as often as possible. The Mass readings for every day during this period are specially selected. "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second coming at the end of time." (GNLYC 39) The Mass readings before 17th December focus more on Jesus' second coming. As a sign itself, Advent reminds us that our whole lifetime on earth is for us to prepare ourselves for Jesus' second coming. From 17th December onward, "the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth." (GNLYC 42) Therefore, by attending Mass every day, our minds and hearts will be well prepared by the deep understanding of the twofold character of Christmas as expressed in the Mass readings.

Also, we are encouraged to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Christmas. Reconciliation is instituted by our Lord. It is a time for us to reflect on our past lives and to pray to God for his forgiveness. Through this sacrament, we restore our broken relationship with God. This relationship has been damaged by our sins. **In our Parish, we are celebrating the second rite of reconciliation on Monday, 16th December, at 7:30pm.** Record this date and time in your diary and make sure you will be available for this sacred sacrament. Please invite others and encourage them to come along with you. Of course, the first rite of reconciliation is always available on Saturdays at 5pm.

My dear friends, our Faith Enrichment Team is organizing a **special reflection evening** this year. It will be held on this coming **Wednesday, 11th December at 7:20 for 7:30pm.** The theme is "bringing Jesus to Birth in our Hearts". It will take place in a candle lit, quiet and sacred space. I hope to see as many of you as possible that evening in our Parish church. By attending Mass, receiving Reconciliation and joining us for the reflection evening and through many other ways, I am sure that we will have a hope-filled Advent and later, a Christmas celebration that is blessed and joyful.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: Third Sunday of Advent—Year A
Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 9th Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00am Mass
TUE 10th Dec	8.00am Mass 4.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA
WED 11th Dec	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Christmas Reflection
THU 12th Dec	No Mass
FRI 13th Dec	Saint Lucy 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation 5.30pm Young Adults Christmas Dinner
SAT 14th Dec	Saint John of the Cross 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 15th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 10.30am Musicians Practice for Christmas 6.00pm Mass—Deacon Mike's 10th Anniversary

Bringing Jesus to Birth in Our Hearts

St Peter's Christmas Reflection Evening
A time of quiet prayerfulness.

Preparing to welcome the birth of Jesus .
Experiencing peace with God.

In a candlelit, quiet and sacred space.

Wednesday, 11 December, 7:20 for 7:30pm

A very small number of copies of *The Way* Advent & Christmas resource still available today for only \$3.

LETTER BOX DROP Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Invitation' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from near the main doors if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area. We would also like to cover the new Rochedale Estates again to welcome any new residents to our church.

Healing Mass: Our usual First Friday Rosary, Adoration and Healing Mass will be held this Friday 13th December having been postponed due to the end of school year Mass last Friday.

Calling all Musicians and Singers: The practice for the Christmas Masses will be held on Sunday 15th December at 10:30am. Please come along and help us to make the music come alive this Christmas at St Peter's. Any queries- please phone Elizabeth on 3341 0852.

Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Monday 16th December at 7.30pm.

Youth Update:

High School: Thank you for everything this year! We have loved every moment of our Saturday nights! We are taking a break for the school holidays and will return on the 1st of February.

Young Adults: Christmas Party on Friday 13th of December from 5:30pm.

Contact youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au for the address. We hope to see you there!

Congratulations Deacon Mike

Deacon Mike's 10th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate will be celebrated next Sunday 15th December at the 6pm Mass. We are so blessed to have Deacon Mike in our parish so please come along to celebrate.

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.

St Vinnies' News: For Sale from the Piety Stall:



New books, prayer cards, statues,
Columban Calendars for 2020 \$8.

Christmas Cards—pack of 8 for \$4.

Also, some single cards \$0.50 each.

Hampers: Donations of non perishable food and gifts for our Christmas hampers for the needy are being collected now. Pick up a flyer with dates and gift suggestions. Place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font. Helpers needed 17th & 19th Dec

Faith Matters! Second Sunday of Advent
How might we prepare to bring Jesus to birth in our hearts?



Preparation for the birth of a baby can be an exciting time of setting up the baby's room, cleaning the house, washing clothes and ensuring that we have the basic necessities for a new born. Welcoming a new baby to our homes fills us with a sense of joy and wonder!

During Advent, we are called to prepare a way for the Lord.¹ **We are invited to prepare the home of our heart** by removing some of the clutter; getting rid of baggage we might be carrying and letting go of grudges or resentments we might be holding. Then, our hearts will be a welcoming and safe place ready to receive the child Jesus.

Fr Anthony Jukes beautifully reminds us, *'Just as Mary gave birth to God in that stable in Bethlehem, so also we are called to birth God into our hearts and world through all our kind words and acts of charity. It might sound incredible, but like Mary, we also become mothers of God.'*²

So as part of preparing the home of our heart, let each of us reflect on these questions:

- How will I make room in my heart for Jesus?
- What will I need to get rid of?
- How will I change my life so that I can give Jesus my attention through my awareness of his unconditional presence?

Let our prayer be, Come! Come Lord Jesus! Help me prepare my heart to receive you and your gifts this Christmas. Amen.

1. Matthew 3:3.

2. Fr Anthony Jukes OFM, in *The Way: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2019*, Catholic Diocese of Woollongong, p. 24.

Faith Enrichment Group

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.

Some Advent & Christmas Date Claimers
St Vinnies' Hamper Collection until Sun 15th Dec.
 Collation of Hampers Tues 17th & Thurs 19th Dec
Christmas Reflection:
 7.30 pm Wednesday 11th December
Choir & Musician's Practice:
 10.30am Sunday 15th December
Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:
 7.30 pm Monday 16th December
Practice for Children's Pageant at 6.30pm Mass will
 be held at 10.00am on Monday 23rd Dec
Christmas Masses:
Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th Dec
 6.30 pm (Family)
 & 9.00 pm (Vigil)
Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Wednesday 25th Dec 9.00 am
New Year's Day Wednesday 1st Jan 9.00am only



**Mass Co-ordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers
 AV Operators & 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 table near the main church doors.
Children's Pageant Practice is at 10 am on Monday
 23rd December for 6.30 pm Mass Christmas Eve. All
 children who would like to be part of the pageant please
 come along. The Practice usually lasts for an hour and a
 half. We need children to play Mary, Joseph, angels,
 kings, shepherds... We also need readers. Parents
 welcome! Help welcome!
 Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more information.
Musicians and singers practice for the 6.30pm Mass
 please also attend the pageant practice at 10.00am on
 Monday 23rd Dec. Practice for the other Masses will be
 held on Sunday 15th December at 10.30am.

St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Recently 4 spots have become available on our September 2020
 tour. If you are interested in joining us please contact Stephanie Lenihan asap. Mobile 0413268860
 Email salenihan@hotmail.com Don't miss out on a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel with your fellow
 parishioners and see where Jesus lived and carried out his ministry.

Lights of Christmas: December 11 - 24, 6.30pm - 10.30pm on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral. The lights
 of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with a wonderful sound and light show.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Brant Jones, Maria Chu, Elizabeth Ribic

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Alfie Healan, Michael Bahn, 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, Margaret Quigg, John Jolley George, Thelva O'Shea, Ethel Bevan, Noela Parker,
 John Francis Doyle, Mary Duncan, Gary Patinggale, Margaret Lynch, Margaret Bradley, Hanorah Henderson,
 Rod Caligari, Udhav Mone

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.

14th & 15th Dec	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Diane Lane	Grace Tuazon	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operators	John Donohue	Mick Denton	Olivia Brown
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Olivia Brown 2. Peta Grandin	C. Megan Philpott 1. Arthur Leow 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Anne Fry 1. Lynn White 2. Shane Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Monika Svarc (Snr) Joyce Lyster Mel McKay	Jim Nathan Lydia Chew Donald Fernando Bev de Paola	Deacon Mike Jones Matthew Jarvis John Blake
Altar Servers	Angelina	Finn, Leo, Tess	Talia, Marissa
Musicians	Eliz	Rita	Carmel

Church Cleaning: Group 8 Basil's Cleaners

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

Cuppa: Sunday 15th Dec after 9am Mass: Family Group

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 0414 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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