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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."

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year A)

9th February 2020

Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

St Josephine Bakhita

Sister Josephine was born in 1869 in Southern Sudan. She was kidnapped from her large family and village, sold into slavery, tortured mercilessly and sold and resold several times. Her life story makes you weep. However, in 1883 she was bought by an Italian consul in Khartoum and travelled with his family to Italy. Here she became the nanny to the daughter of one of the consul's colleagues. It was in this capacity that she was introduced to the Canossian Sisters. Slavery was forbidden in Italy and the Sisters helped Josephine to become a free person. In 1893 she joined the Canossian Sisters, was baptised and for the rest of her life served God joyfully. Sr Josephine was in frequent contact with the local population in the convent of Schio. Her gentleness, calming voice and ever present smile became well known. She was a favourite with the children and became known as "Madre Moretta", black mother. The people of Schio considered her to be a saint. She died in 1947.

On October 1st, 2000, Sr Josephine was canonised by Pope John Paul II. She became the patron saint of Sudan and for all those people who have been trafficked or enslaved.

8th February, the feast day of Sr Josephine, has been named as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking and was celebrated for the first time in 2015.

Many people believe that slavery is a thing of the past. Unfortunately it is not so and today modern slavery takes on many forms: human trafficking, labour exploitation in many industries like domestic work, construction, textiles and agriculture. There is sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage and organ trafficking.

Slavery exists in most countries in the world including Australia. We may never know the true number of persons enslaved because it is a hidden crime and a booming business which nets billions of dollars in illegal profits. However, the present estimate is that 40 million people are enslaved world wide. Out of that number 25 million people are in forced labour. Here humanity has been reduced to a commodity. They are silent victims of a toxic economy driven by a global thirst for ever cheaper goods and services. However, slowly the world's secret shame is becoming more visible. Increased media scrutiny has led countries and companies to become proactive to address the problem. A number of countries have introduced Modern Slavery Acts, including Australia, in 2018. Australia requires companies with a revenue of more than 100 million dollars to report annually on the risks of modern slavery in their operations and supply chains. About 3 000 businesses will have to comply. (*World Economic Forum, 7/1/2019, "Is this a turning point in the fight against slavery?"*)

Millions of people depend on us to free them from human trafficking and slavery. We can learn about the problem and make wise and well informed shopping choices. Most of all we can pray for all our brothers and sisters who have been robbed of their dignity and freedom that is their birthright as human beings.

If you want to learn more google: www.antislavery.org.au and ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans)

The Social Justice Group

Readings for next weekend: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:		Date Claimers for February
MON 10th Feb	St Scholastica No Mass	22 PPC morning tea with Kuraby Muslim community 23 Sacrament of Penance program full day, 10:30am 25 Baptism Information meeting, 7.30pm 26 Ash Wednesday 6.30am, 9am & 7.30pm 29 Ministry Coordinators day at Marian Valley 29 High School Youth Group, 7pm
TUE 11th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes 8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Mass and Rosary Procession	All Ministry Group leaders , please send your Ministry's proposed dates for events, meetings and fundraisers 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.
WED 12th Feb	6.30am Mass	Congratulations to Arya G, age 6, who is the winner of the Christmas Newsletter Colouring competition.
THU 13th Feb	No Mass	Thank You from St Vinnies: The collection that was held at Masses over the Australia Day weekend raised \$3958.45 for the St Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. An amazing response! Thank you to all who donated. If you still want to donate please go to vinnies.org.au
FRI 14th Feb	Sts Cyril & Methodius 9.00am Rosary (in the Parish Office) 9.30am Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of the new school year—All Welcome	Mass to celebrate the beginning of the new school year will take place this Friday 14th February at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend. Rosary group will meet in the parish office meeting room at 9am.
SAT 15th Feb	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass with Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Penance 7.00pm High School Youth Group & reunion	Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at St Mark's Anglican Church, Daisy Hill. This year's focus is Zimbabwe. St Peter's have been asked to provide readers. Contact Jo Cullen if you can attend.
SUN 16th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Penance 10.15am—12.30pm Plenary Forum 6.00pm Mass	

Our Lady of Lourdes Tues 11th February 7.30pm Mass followed by Rosary Procession to the Grotto

Sacrament of Penance: 1st Rite preparation for, and reception of the Sacrament of Penance is being offered in our Parish community to young people grade 5 and upwards, who have been confirmed and received their 1st Communion. The dates for preparation are in the Date Claimers. Should you wish to enrol your child or for more information, please contact the Parish office by this Wednesday 12th February as the Rite of Enrolment takes place next weekend. We look forward to sharing this preparation with your family. Blessings to you all, *Bev & Gwen (Sacramental Team Coordinators)*

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

Are you a Mass Co-ordinator, AV Operator, Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Communion or would like to be? The next Mass Co-ordinators/AV/Communion/Readers Rosters will cover the dates of 29th February to the end of May. Please advise any dates you know that you will be unavailable or any changes for the next roster. New Ministers welcome. Training provided.

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

Youth Update:

High School Youth Group (& reunion of St Peter's graduates): 7-8:30pm on Feb 15th and 29th in the Parish Centre.

Young adults: location and other info is sent out closer to the date. Dates for February are 13th & 25th.
Junior (years 3-6): March 22nd 10am-12:30pm
For more information on any of these events contact **Olivia**, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Are YOU Coming to OUR Parish Plenary Forum? Sunday February 16 from 10:15am – 12:30pm, Parish Centre
Since October 2019 – we have been preparing.

Now it is our turn - Every parishioner at St Peter's is invited to participate in the Parish Plenary Forum next Sunday February 16 from 10:15 – 12:30, Parish Centre.

What will happen at the Forum? Rob Cosgrove from Evangelisation Brisbane will facilitate the forum and lead us in a simple but prayerful process called Communal Discernment around the themes. We will pray, share, listen to each other and arrive at our shared sense of what the Spirit is saying to our Church in Australia.

What will be the outcome of the Forum? - -Our groups will draw together what has been communally discerned. Our Parish Plenary Team will submit this on our behalf to the Phase 2 - Discernment and Writing Groups as they prepare papers that will shape the Plenary Council Agenda for October 2020.

Perhaps you are thinking, 'I am not sure whether to go?' We have a wonderful opportunity to have our voice heard. What do you sense God is saying to our Church at this time? What do you sense a Christ-centred church might look like? Please come and share your thoughts. It will be a structured, easy and rewarding process.

Loving God, guide us as we engage in our communal discernment process together at our Parish Plenary Forum. Help us to listen humbly to each other and give us a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Parish Plenary Team & Faith Enrichment Group

Community Day: Our Parish is considering having a Community Day for all ages on the first Sunday of each month, possibly beginning in March. We would like to encourage you to let us know your thoughts on:

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?

Please send your ideas or suggestions to the parish office via email or phone 33414421.

Expression of Interest to Attend Plenary Council as a Delegate of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is seeking expressions of interest from potential delegates to participate in the two sessions of Plenary Council 2020. Delegates to the Council will contribute toward the renewal of the Church via discussion of the Plenary Council Agenda, which is currently being developed.

Please go to <http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/plenary/> for more information if you are interested in being considered as a delegate. The Expression of Interest Form has to be completed and submitted by 12.00pm Monday 10th February 2020.

Christian Religious Instruction teams in the local State Schools need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like for information.

Invitation from ARMIA (*Active Refugee and Migrant Integration in Australia*) and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank: **Come, eat and play!** ARMIA House and Our Lady of Lourdes invite **all refugees and new migrants under 13 years of age...** To join us for afternoon tea and board games every Tuesday afternoon during term time, beginning March 4, 2020 (3:30 - 4:30 pm) at ARMIA House, Mains Road, Sunnybank (Contact 3344 1149) Socialise and practise English skills and have fun!

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Wylie Smith, Sarah Land (*Stephen Land's Mother*), Keith Mayer, Graham Moore, Lyle Watson

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Kevin Flanagan, Justin Scott, Anthony Greaves, Bill Greenup, Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Rixon, Mary Woodhead, Dean Anderson, Allan Hopkins, Mary Gredden, Edna Mildren, Cyril Lamberth, M Luszczek, Steve Hooiveld, Ken Chapman, Les Dawson, Josephine Cooney, George Hardy

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, 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 Jr, 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.

15th & 16th Feb	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Joyce Lyster	Francis Yoo	Aurelie Twidale
AV Operators	Olivia Brown	Mick Denton	John Donohue
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Shenelle Nelson 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Jonathan Vigor 1. Shane Sweeney 2. Julie Hondroudakis	C. Lynn White 1. Daniel Twidale 2. Aurelie Twidale
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Carl de Mello Monika Svarc (Snr)	Steph Lenihan Joan D'Netto Gwen Martin Anne Scanlon	Bev de Paola Diane McKeone Jo Cullen
Altar Servers	Talia, Rene	Finn, Leo, Tess, Mikel	Eza, Asha
Musicians	Carmel	Rita	Liz

Church Cleaning: Group 1 Sue & Donald Fernando, Murray Wickman, Jenifa & Suresh

Children's Liturgy: Paola **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's Team

Cuppa: Sun 16 Feb after 9am Mass: Stephanie Lenihan, Julie Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills, Emeline Uwimana

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

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