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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."

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A **9th April 2017**

Pastor's Note: Hosanna in the highest

A very widespread Chinese proverb says "though one knows there are tigers on the mountain, one still goes bravely towards it". It is used to praise a person who is dauntless, never evading any dangers but facing them courageously when needed. *Water Margin*, one of the four classical Chinese novels, tells a story of a person who literally "went bravely towards a mountain though he had known clearly there was a tiger on it".

A man named Wusong loved helping people get rid of dangers. One evening, he travelled to the territory of Yanggu County, Shangdong province. After a long and tiring journey, he got very hungry. So he walked into a small restaurant and had a big meal. When he was trying to continue his journey, the owner of the restaurant came up to him, warning him that there was a tiger on the mountain ahead and the tiger had killed about 30 people already. Despite this warning, Wusong continued on his journey. On the mountain, he did meet the tiger and had a very severe battle with him. Eventually he killed the tiger with his fists but the process was extremely dangerous. It was really a narrow escape for him, however, since then, the dangerous road has become a safe one. Nobody else was killed by tigers on the road.

Today is Palm Sunday. We recall the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Unlike other Sundays, there are two gospels in today's liturgy. The first one narrates the process of the entry and the second one the Passion of the Lord. And this special arrangement by the Church has special significance. Jesus had been fully aware that what this entry would mean to him. He would have to face all kinds of sufferings. He would be tried, forced to carry the cross on the way towards Golgotha and eventually, crucified to death on the cross (second gospel reading). Although the road ahead was full of dangers and sufferings, Jesus decided to continue his way without any doubts and hesitations. He kept his cool and was so calm (first gospel). We can say that "he was going bravely towards the mountain though he knew that there were tigers on it".

That Wusong intentionally went on his way towards the mountain with a tiger on it was because of the loss of many lives. Due to his brave actions, a dangerous road was turned into a safe one. That Jesus intentionally entered into Jerusalem, where he would be tortured and lose his life, was because of the loss of the direction of humankind. People had forgotten God and His way. They were walking on the way towards self-destruction. Due to His brave actions, humankind has won the chance to get back on the right track since whoever believes in Him will have eternal life.

Dear friends, when we are celebrating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, let us thank Jesus for what He has sacrificed for us. Meanwhile, let us learn from Jesus the spirit of "though one knows there are tigers on the mountain, one still goes bravely towards it", fighting for love, compassion and justice, not fearing and evading the dangers on the road ahead. *Fr Baiyi*

Readings Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel: Matthew 26:11-54 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Readings for next weekend: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 36-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 10th April	8.00am Mass
TUE 11th April	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Choir & Musician's practice for Easter
WED 12th April	6.30am Mass
THU 13th April	Holy Thursday 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI 14th April	Good Friday 10.00am Way of the Cross at John Paul College 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
SAT 15th April	Easter Vigil 5.00pm Reconciliation 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Note later time!)
SUN 16th April	Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass (Note no 6pm Mass)

Children's Liturgy will take a break for the school holidays. Recommencing on 23rd April **Project Compassion** boxes & envelopes still available from the back of the church. Help Caritas help those in need this Lent. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving have always been a part of the Lenten journey. Please return your donations as quickly as possible after Easter so we can finalise these donations for Caritas.

Social Justice Group News:

Easter almost here. Please purchase fair trade chocolate Easter eggs. *Erika*
ANZAC Day Mass Tues 25th April 8am here at St Peter's

Easter Volunteers: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists. We particularly need **8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night.**

Easter Choir/ Musicians: All singers and musicians are invited to come to a music practice for the Easter ceremonies on Tuesday 11th April at 7:30pm in the Church. We would love to have many singers and musicians to help us make wonderful music this Easter so please come along. Please phone Liz Fort 3341 0852 for any further details. Thank you!

Good Friday Collection: The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place at our 3pm Good Friday service as usual.

NOTE: There will be no week day Masses from Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April. (after Easter)

Date Claimer - Installation Mass: All parishioners are invited to the Official Installation of Fr Baiyi as our Parish Priest at Mass on Friday 12th May commencing at 6.30pm.

The Trading Circle will be setting up displays of their Fair Trade Goods in the Parish Centre on the weekend of 6th & 7th May. You will be able to purchase their wonderful hand made goods after Masses that weekend. Perfect Mothers Day gifts!

No Parking: Please don't park down the driveway between the Memorial Wall and the grass area.

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.

Share the Dignity provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items during April and again in August. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of April. Please contribute to this worthy cause.

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. Still only \$65. Remember that now, as well as the traditional book



Palm Sunday Procession:

As usual we begin our 9am Palm Sunday Mass with the Procession with palms. The 6pm Masses will have a Liturgy of Commemoration of Jesus' Solemn Entry into Jerusalem also.

Blessings on the King

Refrain:

- Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King!
Hosannah! Hosannah! Son of God, we sing!
Hosannah! Hosannah! Blessings on the King!
We praise you, we bless you,
our gifts to you we bring.
- Your people are gathered on this holy day,
to lay down before you, branches on your way.
We sing of your glory as you enter in.
Come now, Lord Jesus, wash away our sin.
 - O Lord, you are King now, King of all the earth.
The stars in the heavens shine on our rebirth.
Your death and your rising gives to us new life.
No longer in darkness, now we have your light.
 - You are our brother, brother and friend,
sent by the Father, all our hearts to mend.
We pray now, Lord Jesus, as you come today.
Please guide us now with you as you go your way.
 - The meek and the lowly gather now to sing.
To sing out their praises to the humble king.
Yours is the Kingdom of peace and joy and love.
The Father has sent us his Spirit from above.

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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.





Vinnies News: Vinnies are having an Easter raffle. Please don't forget to buy your tickets before or after Mass during the next two weeks. The prize includes some wines and an Easter basket filled with goodies. Tickets are \$1.00 each and funds raised will assist us to help the needy families in our area. The raffle will be drawn after 9am Mass on Palm Sunday.

TV needed: Please contact one of the Vinnies members if you have a spare TV you can donate for one of our struggling families.

Donations of sewing materials especially thread and lace required for the St Vinnies Sewing Classes at Woodridge. Some other ideas; pins, needles, fabric.... Donations to the Parish Office

Invitations from around the Logan Deanery: See the noticeboard for more information

From St Edward's, Daisy Hill to all St Peter's parishioners to attend a Reflection and Reconciliation with Fr Ray Sanchez CP on Monday 10th April commencing at 6.30pm.

From St Paul's at Woodridge: The St Paul's Junior Youth Group has been working hard to re-enact the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited to witness this production by the young people of our Parish aged 7 to 13 years old. Passion Play will be held at 10am on Good Friday at St Paul's Catholic Parish in the Church, 3 St Paul's Drive (Off Jean Street), Woodridge. For more information contact Lina Bethell – Mobile: 0450 120 650

From St Patrick's, Beenleigh to all St Peter's parishioners to attend the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on 23rd April commencing at 2.30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Mass. 24 Tobruk St, Beenleigh.

From St Matthew's at Loganholme: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane is holding a seminar on Baptism at St Matthew's Parish Hall on Saturday 29 April, 9am – 6pm and Sunday 30 April 2017, 11am – 1.30pm

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

VERSE FOR VINNIES CONCERT– Sunday April 30th 1.30pm at Mary MacKillop Centre in the St William's Church Complex, Grovely Parish, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra . The feature poets for April 30 will be some 12 North Pine Bush Poets. There are Australian, State and Festival champions among these poets so not only will you receive professional performances but a great variety of both modern and traditional Australian poetry. A concert not to be missed. Please put this Sunday aside for Vinnies. Cost: \$15 (includes afternoon tea)

ONE MILLION ROSARIES FOR UNBORN BABIES: The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Centenary of Mary Immaculate School at Annerley 29th & 30th April. See the noticeboard for more information

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Mrs Cruz Mujica Rocafuerte (*mother of Fr Rodrigo from Loganholme*), Grace Bruderer, Peter Howard

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Kevin Thorley, Kerry Routledge, Lyn Murray, Thomas Ray, Seiuli Foutanu, Alice Mitchell, Cyril Cooper, Charles Steiner, Nita J Hammond, Raymond Stierer, Lynn Robinson, Peta Power

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Lucy Macini, Margaret Brewer, Maddie Smith, Pat Mildren, 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.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

EASTER SERVICES



Mass of the Lord's Supper Thurs 13th April at 7:30pm

Good Friday - 14th April

Ecumenical Way of the Cross 10:00am at John Paul College

(NOTE: starting point is a different location this year, inside JPC in the car park at the North end of John Paul Drive. Remember to bring a hat, sunscreen & an umbrella

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm at St Peter's

Easter Vigil Mass Sat 15th April 7:00pm (Not 6.00pm!!)

Easter Sunday Mass 16th April 9:00am (**NOTE: NO 6:00pm Mass Easter Sunday**)

Rosters 15th & 16th April 2017

Church Cleaning: 5 Mary Andrew, Mark Connolly, Narelle Garland, Shane D'Silva

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's Team

Cuppa: there will be no Cuppa on the Easter weekend. Next Cuppa & Chat will be 23rd April after 9am Mass

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:

Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

Social Justice Group Facebook:

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