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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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

10th September 2017

(Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20)

Reflection

The readings this Sunday revolve around the responsibility we should exercise towards each other as fellow disciples of Christ. We have a duty to encourage each other along the right path, morally and spiritually, and sometimes we might have to offer criticism to fellow members of the Church community if they are doing something wrong. It goes without saying then that we should also be prepared to treat criticism of our own conduct as an opportunity to grow in holiness and spiritual maturity.

Let us not forget our responsibility for each other is not unrestricted and there are limits to how far we should go in offering advice and criticism. Ultimately only God knows the influences that are at work in people's minds that make them blind to the harmful consequences of their behaviour, and so ultimately only God can judge a person. When we have said everything we can to persuade someone, we have to respect their freedom even to continue on a course which we believe is destructive to themselves.

In many situations like that the best way we can show love for someone is to pray for them and to wait patiently for an increase of wisdom or enlightenment. Many of us know from our personal experience that very often people have to make disastrous mistakes before they learn a bit of moral and spiritual maturity. And when we have made a disastrous mistake we might realise that the warnings people offered us, which irritated us so much at the time, were actually an expression of their care and love for us.

That seems to me to be the basic lesson of all the readings this Sunday when you take them together: the mutual love and responsibility we should have towards each other, and the criticism or correction we should be prepared equally to offer and receive as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

Deacon Mike

Fr Baiyi sends his regards. "Now my father has been discharged. He is quite ok now. Thank you to everyone there who has prayed for his recovery."

Readings for next weekend: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

RCIA: In the parish this year a young man, Sione, has asked to be baptised in the Catholic faith. He has been in the Enquiry stage and now wants to be received into the Catechumenate where he will learn about the church's teachings, traditions and scripture. On Sunday 24th September at the 9am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with him. We ask you to welcome Sione, support him and pray for him as he journeys to Baptism at Easter.

The Catholic Leader proudly presents the Community Leader Awards

2017: Nominations are now open for the 2017 Community Leader Awards hosted by The Catholic Leader. The Awards recognises outstanding Catholics across Australia in various walks of life. All Australian Catholics are invited to nominate themselves or someone they know for one of five categories – Young Leader of the Year, School Leader of the Year, Professional Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the major award, Community Leader of the Year. Nominations can be made at the official website, www.theleaders.com.au or grab a copy of The Catholic Leader for a full-page nomination form. Nominations close on Friday September 29.

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 11th Sept	No Mass
TUE 12th Sept	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA
WED 13th Sept	St John Chrysostom No Mass
THU 14th Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
FRI 15th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows 9.00am Rosary No Mass <i>Overnight retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre</i>
SAT 16th Sept	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 17th Sept	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Thanks to Fr John Gillen for celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday at the 9am Mass. Parents please note that we require at least one parent to stay with the Children's Liturgy group each week so that there are 2 adults present. Thanks to those parents who have been helping us!

8am Tuesday morning Liturgy of the Word with the children will be the last one for the term. All Welcome. Unfortunately there will be no week day Masses until Fr Baiyi returns.

Share the Dignity: Thanks to everyone who donated sanitary items to help homeless and at-risk women. We have a large box full to hand over to the charity. You may like to check out the charity's website www.sharethedignity.com.au

Cuppa and Chat Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the 9am Mass this Sunday hosted by Family Group

Parish Pastoral Council: With Fr Baiyi's extended leave we have delayed the process for the new PPC. We have set a new date for the discernment meeting: Sunday 15th October 10.30am. Malcolm Carroll has begun calling those people who were nominated on Fr Baiyi's behalf.

Parish Dinner: Will be held on 7 October at the Glen Hotel Function Room, in Eight Mile Plains. The cost is \$60 which includes: Canapés on arrival, main meal, dessert, tea and coffee. Soft Drinks and alcohol available for purchase. If you would like help for transport, see one of the Pastoral Councillors. We will be fundraising towards security lighting around the church. Everyone is welcome. Tickets on sale this weekend and from the Parish Office during the week. Donations for raffle prizes welcome. Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878.

The Enrich Your Faith Through the Word: Thanks you to Patty and Keith McCourt who ran the recent Bible study programme. Also thank you to all the people who came along and enjoyed the sessions. We hope to offer more opportunities like this in the future.

Communion Ministers & Readers & Mass

Co-ordinators Please collect your new rosters for September to November if you haven't already done so.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October, commencing at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Church Locked: The Church will be locked and alarmed on weekdays at 1.15pm.

The Catholic Leader was last month named as the Best Catholic Newspaper for 2017 by the Australasian Catholic Press Association. This weekend's Leader contains a letter from Archbishop Coleridge on the Same-Sex Marriage issue.

Social Justice News: The Brisbane launch of the 2017 Social Justice Statement, "Everyone's Business", on an inclusive and sustainable economy, will take place on Wednesday 20 Sept at 7:30 pm at St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo. Bishop Brian Finnigan will launch the Statement. There will also be two guest speakers who will address some aspects covered by the Statement. A cuppa is available from 7pm & parking is available in the churchyard. All are welcome. We at St Peter's will hold Social Justice Sunday on the weekend of **14th & 15th October** after Fr Baiyi has returned.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Today a special collection will be taken up for the **Annual Catholic Campaign** which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This includes: Centacare's pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and the MacKillop Fund bursaries.

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Vinnies News: Huge Thank you to St Peters Parishioners & St Peters School Families and Staff - we raised \$3567 in cash through the SVDP Winter Appeal as well as receiving many gifts of blankets, throw overs, and doona's, some which were beautifully hand made
Although we had wet weather for the festival the day was a resounding success for which we are extremely grateful to Carmel Northey who is the driver of the SVDP Winter Appeal launch in our Parish

We had many Volunteers who also deserve a Special mention - it simply cannot happen without the time, enthusiasm and energy these people so generously give.

St Peters School presented us with \$426 collected from the Gold Coin for jersey day - it is really fantastic to see our children and grandchildren growing up in such a wonderfully, nurturing environment at St Peters - Thank you Bronwyn and your team for your most generous support provided to SVDP

SVDP is not about hand outs - we look to assisting with a hand up through encouragement, and building self esteem so people can maintain and build their sense of dignity and feel part of our community - this is how you all assist - it is not just about material items it is also about knowing people do really care
God Bless you all for helping those in need.

PS. we have a good quality wheelie walker available immediately for anyone in need.

Entertainment Books 2017/18 still available \$65 from the Parish Office or www.entbook.com.au/2224e97. Fantastic for the school holidays. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants and activities!

Invitations for Youth from around the Archdiocese:

Ignite Conference 2017 is a national Catholic youth conference held in Brisbane for adults, students, kids, ministry leaders, teachers, priests and religious. It's about encountering Jesus Christ and the Church, experiencing dynamic faith, being equipped for living the Christian life, and being empowered to impact the Church and the world. It's the biggest Catholic youth event in our Archdiocese so be sure to check it out!

Cost: night rallies are free; starting at \$285 for four day pass

Date: 4pm Thursday 21st - 3:30pm Sunday 24th September

Venue: Mueller Performing Arts Centre (75 Morris Rd, Rothwell). For more info see the website

Spirit in the City Conference - QUT's Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane - Saturday, 7 October 2017 - Starting at 8.30am. A Website can be found at www.spiritinthecity.com.au and registrations are now open with Early Bird tickets closing Friday, 15 September 2017. For more info - Deacon Russ Nelson - Mb 0427 743 534

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Aline de Baritault, Vincent Simon, Shaofen Li (*Fr Baiyi's mother*), PJ Granville-Edge

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham, Mercia Rance, Barry Elmes, Frank Neilsen, Terry Gallagher, Julia Jordan, John Brownlee, George Jonas, Stephen O'Brien, Rodrigo Jebamalai, Harry McKenna, Frist Jansen, Walter Donohue, Kathleen Pettiford, Ben Steffens, Kenneth Breuer, Christine Weverink

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Neil and Shelagh Ballment, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Val Holzberger, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, 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.

Roster 16th & 17th September 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Barry Tier	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Michael Claridge David Crowley	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Lydia Chew Mary Naughton	Jade	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Bev de Paola Kath Seymour Megan Seymour	Alan Scanlon Shane Seymour Marilyn Mills	Finn Leo	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Aurelie R	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Helen Graczyk	Deacon Mike Jones Matthew Jarvis Cesarina Gigante	Chevonne Rena	Anne

Church Cleaning: 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

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

Cuppa: after the 6pm Mass on Sat 16th Sept: Romana Langdon, Helen Viola

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:
 St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

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