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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 B)

10th December 2017

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 — 2-Peter 3:8-14 — Mark 1:1-8

The appointment of Deacon Mike Jones

About two weeks ago, I was copied in on an email to Deacon Mike, sent by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. With that email, Deacon Mike has been officially appointed to diaconal ministry serving the healthcare sector in the Archdiocese as well as Deacon at Rochedale Parish. And this appointment will be effective from 1st January 2018 for a term of three years. Please join me in congratulating Deacon Mike and welcoming his formal appointment to our Parish.

As a matter of fact, Deacon Mike has been serving our Parish for many years without a formal appointment. He preaches at Mass, celebrates baptisms and marriages, presides over funerals and serves our parish in many other ways. As you know, he always preaches at one of the weekend Masses. Before Mass, he and I always get vested and stand in front of the Church, greeting and welcoming people. Sometimes, we hear people addressing him as father. We know father is a title for priests. That means some of our parishioners are not familiar with the diaconate degree of the sacrament of Holy Orders. I would like to take this opportunity to renew your memory about diaconate catechesis.

Holy Orders includes three degrees and diaconate is the third one. The other two are episcopate (bishop) and presbyterate (priest). So deacons are ministers ordained for tasks of service of the Church. Among their tasks, is the task of deacons to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting at and blessing marriage, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity (CCC 1536, 1596, 1570).

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Latin Church has restored the diaconate as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy. This permanent diaconate, which can be conferred on married men, constitutes an important enrichment for the Church's mission (CCC 1571). Deacon Mike is married so he is a permanent deacon. Besides that, there are transitional deacons, too. The transitional diaconate is to be conferred on seminarians who are continuing to priesthood. In the Brisbane Archdiocese, after their diaconate ordination, the transitional deacons will be usually ordained into priesthood about 6 months later.

Like priests, deacons wear liturgical vestments at liturgies. As well as albs, they wear stoles, too. They place their stoles over their left shoulder and it hangs across to their right side. Over the alb and stole, a dalmatic (like chasubles worn by priests and bishops but different) is worn during liturgical celebrations. Also, we address deacons differently from priests. Usually Catholics address priests as father but we don't do the same to deacons. We address them as deacon, such as Deacon Mike.

Dear friends, thank God for having a permanent deacon, Deacon Mike, to serve our parish. His service has greatly contributed to the building of our Parish. While thanking Deacon Mike and welcoming his formal appointment to our Parish, let us also learn more about the diaconate degree of Holy Orders, knowing what deacons wear at liturgy, what they do in the Church, how to address them properly etc.

Fr Baiyi

This Friday, 15th December marks the eighth anniversary of my ordination to the diaconate. It has been a great source of joy for me to be able to serve the community of St Peter's Parish both as a deacon and earlier as a teacher in the parish school from 1992. I look forward to continuing this service to the community which is closest to my heart.

Deacon Mike



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 11th Dec	8.00am Mass
TUE 12th Dec	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Christmas Candlelight Reflection
WED 13th Dec	St Lucy 6.30am Mass
THU 14th Dec	St John of the Cross 10.00am Funeral Mass for Terri Mills 7.30pm Meeting about Christmas Family Mass
FRI 15th Dec	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 16th Dec	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 17th Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Readings for next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr B) Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Social Justice News: The World Council of Churches fears the cycle of confrontations on the Korean Peninsula might slide into nuclear war. Therefore all Christians around the globe and all people of goodwill are invited to join the campaign "A Light of Peace" in which candles will be lit in the first two weeks of Advent. We will light a candle in church but also invite you to do the same at home.

We have just received a parcel from Zambia with 30 letters from the girls in the City of Joy. We are delighted. The parcel was 5 months on the way. The letters are addressed to a number of parishioners.

We also have past copies of *New Internationalist* magazines which covers a variety of Social justice issues to give away. Please take any that you would be interested in reading. Look in the red box at the back of the church. *Erika on behalf of the SJG*

LETTER BOX DROP Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Invitation' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from outside the Church if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area. Please mark which street you are doing on the map provided.



RIP Michael Bahn. Long term parishioner Michael passed away on Thursday morning. His funeral will be held this week at St Peter's. Date and time to be confirmed

Children's Christmas Pageant Practice is at 10.00 am on Saturday, 23rd December for 6.30 pm Mass Christmas Eve. All children who would like to be part of the pageant please come. We need angels, shepherds, kings... and of course Mary and Joseph. We also need readers. The practice lasts for a couple of hours. Parents welcome! Help welcome! Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more info

Musicians and singers for the 6.30pm Family Mass please also attend this practice at 10.00am on the 23rd.

Care & Concern Christmas Lunch: A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Care & Concern Christmas lunch on Saturday. The response was overwhelming. Thank you to Rita and all the committee - an amazing effort! To all those who helped with donations, food to assist on the day, and purchasing raffle tickets, many thanks. Thanks to Fr Baiyi & Julie for your support. Funds raised will be donated to St Vincent de Paul & Caritas. Wishing you and your families a joyful Christmas and blessings for the New Year. *Lynn White*

Advent Wreath: The candles on the Advent Wreath will be lit at each weekend Mass from now until Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to light the candles.



Can you spend just one hour with Jesus!!!

Christmas Reflection by Candlelight 7.30 pm Tuesday 12th December. A time of quiet semi darkness in the church. A time to unwind, reflect on the year and feel the closeness of Jesus in prayer and quiet space. Small reflective pieces will be read. Please come along to prepare yourself for the joyful birth of Our Lord Jesus. Only an hour—no longer! All are welcome!

Christmas Decorations: We would like

every family to bring along a small Christmas decoration which we will use to decorate our tree on Christmas Eve. Put your name on your decoration and you can take it home again after Christmas.



Calendar: Reminder to all ministry group leaders: please send in your groups' dates for any events, meetings etc for 2018 so we can prepare a parish calendar of events.

Church Cleaners, Mass Co-ordinators, Readers & Communion Minsters please collect your rosters.

Planned Giving Commitment: Please support our Planned Giving to keep our parish functioning fully: Traditional cash envelopes or a monthly Credit Card payment, weekly, monthly or yearly Direct Debits and **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.

Volunteer Mass Co-ordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers & 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 back table.

Christmas Date Claimers

Christmas Candlelight Reflection:

7.30 pm Tuesday 12th December

Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:

7.30 pm Tuesday 19th December

Choir & Musicians' Practice

7.30pm Wednesday 20th December

Practice for Children's Pageant for Christmas Eve: 10.00 am Saturday 23rd Dec.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th Dec

6.30 pm (Family)

& 9.00 pm (Vigil)

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec

9.00 am only

New Year's Day Monday 1st Jan

9.00am only



Beautiful Vinnies Christmas cards for sale after Mass. Pack of 8 for \$4.

Vinnies News: 1. This year Vinnies has an unprecedented number of hampers required for our needy families. We desperately require food items (both Christmassy & general). You have been very generous in the past and we know will answer this extra call for help. Also, we will need volunteers for sorting donations on Tuesday 19th December 9.30am and for packing hampers on Wednesday 20th December 8.30am. We appreciate your help in this important ministry.

2. Columban Calendars for 2018 also available (cost \$9).

Break Open the Word 2018: \$18 each. An invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group.

God's Word 2018 —is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day. A great resource for yourself or it would make a fantastic Christmas gift—special deal ** still only \$10!

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018 :“I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.” – *St Dominic Savio (14 years old)*

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Advent Gospel Reflection with Dr Antonia Pizzey. Dr Antonia Pizzey Lecturer from ACU will share her wisdom about St Mark and his Gospel The dates are Tuesday 5th December; 12th December; 19th December at 7:00pm. The Workshops will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church at Park Ridge. Tea and coffee will be available and if people could bring a small plate to share for supper that would be appreciated. Gold coin contribution would be appreciated to offset costs. Please contact St Bernardine's Parish office, Regents Park for more information on 07 3884 7600.

Weekly Webcast of the 10am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral: The cameras and sound equipment have recently been upgraded so will have people feeling they are participating as best possible. Anyone who is infirmed or shut in can tune in one of two ways —

- (i) accessing the Archdiocesan Website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/> or the shortlink URL archbne.org/bzw
 - (ii) accessing the Archdiocesan You tube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicBrisbane>
- The option of watching the event “on demand” after it has concluded is also available at the You tube site within 30 minutes of the Mass finishing.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Terri Mills, Kevin Desbois, Eliza Calabria, Joan Hine, Pat Feeney

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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 Pattingale, Margaret Lynch, Margaret Bradley, Hanorah Henderson, Rod Caligari, Udhav Mone, Emily Jane Mahony, Sarah Hamill, John Pulley, Maria Riccobon

Please pray for those who are sick, especially John Green, Michael Bahn, Edmund Ho, Tricia Dowing, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Anthony Van Rooy, Evelyn Scanlon, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, 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, Bonnie Dematillar, 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 December 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Mal Jensen Joyce Lyster Clive D'Silva	Deacon Mike Jones Carl de Mello Mei McKay	Monika Talia	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Arthur Leow Monica O'Leary	Stephanie Lenihan Lydia Chew Jo Cullen	Luna	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	John Blake Vickie Routledge Charisse Mone	Helen Graczyk Malcolm Carroll Ros Dawson	Eza	Liz

Church Cleaning: 8 Basil's cleaners

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

Cuppa: after the 6pm Mass on Sat 16th December: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin

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
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