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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."

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

12th January 2020

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17

Reaching out to others

About two years ago, at one of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meetings, we discussed how we might reach out to others, especially to those who are in our area but follow other Christian traditions or believe in other religions. As children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, we have been taught that we should love our neighbours and pray for them. If we would like to do that well, we should meet and know them in the first place. At the end of the meeting, we decided to select one member of PPC, representing St Peter's Catholic Parish in building connections with our neighbours. Les Hauff volunteered to take this role. Even now Les has finished his term on PPC but he has chosen to remain in this position. Thank you very much, Les.

Obviously, Les has been working hard and well. Great fruit has been produced. On 20th July last year, we had a very successful morning tea with a Muslim community. On the following weekend, I wrote a special newsletter reflection on the event. Some months later, on Saturday, 16th November, we had another great gathering with another one of our neighbours. This time, our guests were the representatives of St Philip's, Anglican Church. There were eight of them who attended our morning tea, including their pastor, Reverend George Stuart. From our parish, eight members were present, including Deacon Mike and myself. During the period of time, as we did with the Muslim Community, we introduced our parish to our guests, especially our school, liturgical celebrations and many different ministry groups. Particularly, we highlighted our three ministry groups: The Social Justice Group, Care and Concern and St Vincent de Paul Society. We thought these three ministry groups would offer common topics of interest for both parties, since these groups are associated with helping and caring for the poor and needy in the society. Of course, our friends talked with us about their community, especially their newly-built church on Rochedale Road. The morning tea was enjoyable and lasted about two hours. Before our guests left, we took some photographs to document this significant gathering.

Some time ago, a wonderful piece of good news arrived. We have received an invitation from the Muslim community. Now we will be visiting the Muslim community on 22nd of February. We believe that, through these types of visits, we can come to know one another better, avoid misunderstanding, build trust, even cooperate in some fields in the future. We hold different beliefs but share the same human nature. Those things we have in common are much more than the differences between us. With understanding of and respect for one another's different faiths, we can build up our wider community together and contribute to the wellbeing of the local community.

My dear friends, God has started his good work amid us. Let us pray to God for a bright future of this work. With our effort and hard work, with God's wisdom and grace, we will bring this good work forward and produce great results for all involved.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 13th Jan	8.00am Mass
TUE 14th Jan	8.00am Mass
WED 15th Jan	6.30am Mass
THU 16th Jan	No Mass
FRI 17th Jan	Saint Anthony 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 10am New Home Communion Ministers meeting
SAT 18th Jan	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 19th Jan	Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Australia Day: This year Australia Day falls on a Sunday. The church in Australia is permitted to substitute Mass for Australia Day for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Hence, all Masses on 25th and 26th January will have the liturgy for Australia Day. The readings differ from those listed in *Break Open the Word* so the appropriate readings have been emailed to the rostered readers for that weekend so they can prepare. Readers, please check your inbox. We will also have a special 'Aussie' themed cuppa after each Mass that weekend to celebrate. Helpers will be needed to set up before Masses and pack up afterwards. Please bring along a plate of your favourite Aussie food to share.

Community Day: Our Parish is considering having a Community Day on the first Sunday of each month, possibly beginning in March.

As Fr Baiyi mentioned in his newsletter reflection last weekend, this community day will be great for all ages. We would like to encourage you to let us know what your thoughts are about the following.

- **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?**

If you could send your ideas or suggestions to the parish office via email or phone 33414421, that would be greatly appreciated.

Youth Update:

Grade 6 Class of 2019 Reunion: St Peter's Parish Centre on Friday 17th January from 5pm to 8pm. Games, food, fun, catch up...

High School Youth Group: We are taking a break for the school holidays and will return on Saturday 1st February after 6pm Mass. Please join us then!

Young Adults (ages 18 to 35): Dinner on Wednesday 15th January 6pm in the Parish Centre. For more information on any of these events contact Olivia, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Or Instagram: @rochedaleyouth

National Response from the Catholic Bishops to the Bushfire Crisis: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, as president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has announced this week that the scale of the bushfire crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally. As part of this response, parishes across the country will take up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread. Copies of a Prayer for those affected by bushfire and drought can be found near the main doors of the church. Please take a copy home and continue to pray. For more information go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires>. This site also has a link to donate to the Vinnies bushfire appeal online, which you can do at any time.

Welcome to the New Year: 2020

Below are some date claimers for January and February that we have already. Looks like a busy and productive year ahead!

January:

- 15th January 6pm Young adults (ages 18 to 35) dinner
- 16th January Care & Concern meeting
- 17th January 5pm till 8 pm Grade 6 Class of 2019 St. Peter's school reunion
- 25th & 26th January Australia Day Masses cuppa after each Mass.
- 28th January 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
- 29th January St Peter's School returns

February:

- 1st February 7pm High School Youth Group
- 14th February 9.30am Opening school Mass
- 15th February 7pm High School Youth Group
- 15th & 16th February Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Penance for Grade 5 and above
- 16th February 10.30am Plenary Forum with Rob Cosgrove
- 22nd February PPC morning tea with Kuraby Muslim community
- 23rd February Sacrament of Penance program full day
- 25th February 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
- 26th February Ash Wednesday
- 29th February Ministry Coordinators day at Marian Valley.
- 29th February 7pm High School Youth Group

All Ministry Group leaders, please begin setting your Ministry's proposed dates for the year for events, meetings and fundraisers. Please send your proposals 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.

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.

Christian Religious Instruction: *Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own backyard?! Why not consider going back to school this year?*

Christian Religious Instruction teams in your area need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible with students and share the gospel message clearly. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, blue card and a letter from your church minister. Teaching curriculum and training are provided. Please contact us if you would like some more information. Sonia Kenny soniajkenny@gmail.com 0422 068 552. Kerri-Ann Caswell evkezc@bigpond.com 0409 893 685

See the Noticeboard for Invitations from around the Archdiocese

PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA With Bruce Downes (online)
Australia is currently being devastated by Fire!
It is time to Pray powerfully together!
Pray for the firefighters and emergency workers
Pray for the victims and families
Pray for the homes and businesses destroyed
Pray for the burnt land and death and injury of our animals
Pray for rain, so much rain needed!
Pray for healing
Join me and Pray each night at 8pm AEDT on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube!
Facebook.com/TheCatholicGuyBruceDownes
Instagram.com/TheCatholicGuy
Youtube.com/TheCatholicGuytv
Or pray with me wherever you are!
May we experience God's power and love amidst the tragedy!

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers: Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 January 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Neville Williams, Shane O'Brien, Alastair Smith, Chris Land (Stephen's brother), Paul Delley, Gaye Harnell

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Fr Bill Hall, Cathy Donald, Kevin Dingwall, Theresa Adamson, Kerry Cavanagh, David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan, Valda Long, Stan O'Gorman, Rita Poynting, Brendan Fagan, Thelma Armstrong, Thelma Armstrong, Thomas Hamill, Alfred Warwas, Clara Heckelman, Marie Spinks, Donald Irwin, Mary Clive, Charlotte Campbell, Bill Hawkins, Pamela Brown, Jessie Bess

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Garry Kapper, 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.

18th & 19th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Carl de Mello	Francis Yoo	Kate Guy
AV Operators	Mike Collier	Mick Denton	John Donohue
Readers	C. Peta Grandin 1. Clive D'Silva 2. Joyce Lyster	C. Jackson Sabu 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Megan Philpott	C. Raylee Burns 1. Bob Burns 2. Shane Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Trish Meulman Danny Vaihu Rob Meulman	Deacon Mike Jones Alan Scanlon Julie Hondroudakis Gwen Martin	Donald Fernando Jim Nathan Jo Cullen
Altar Servers	Talia, Rene	Finn, Eugene, Euha	Eza, Asha
Musicians	Carmel	Rita	Liz

Church Cleaning: Group 5 Mark & Gabrielle Connolly, John Viola, Kieran Lenihan

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

Cuppa: Sunday 19th Jan, after 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon

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

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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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Catholic Church plans national response to bushfire crisis

STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough.

The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organisations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions, are also making a big contribution.

While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally.

From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
- Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

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Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread.

As well as donations at Masses on Australia Day weekend, people are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies in your state or throughout bushfire-affected communities [by donating here](#).

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild.

With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future.

A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action.

January 7, 2020



Support those affected by bushfires

catholic.org.au/bushfires

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE AND DROUGHT:

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love
you created our earth
to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now
in faith, hope and love,
asking you to look with favour
on our fire-ravaged and drought-stricken land,
on our starving and
displaced animals,
on our failing crops and burning
farms, towns and forests.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart
to our farmers
and to all who are affected by drought;
be with those who support them.

Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires,
those who have lost family, friends, property and stock.
Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services.

In your loving providence,
send abundant rain to quench the fires
and to restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,
hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whom the promise of new life
has dawned, and
through the power
of the Holy Spirit,
the Lord the giver of life:
Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians –
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop –
Pray for us.

