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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 Lent—Year A

12th March 2017

Pastor's Note: "This is my Son ... Listen to Him"

As the Son of God, Jesus lowered himself and took flesh. He did this to bring hope to humankind who had been lost and journeying toward a wrong direction for a long time, to rekindle the fire of love of human beings and to take them back to God's bosom in eternal happiness. In order to fulfil this mission, He called people into his own team. And He was successful in forming a team of twelve, among whom there were three key figures. They would need to be prepared more than the others for more responsibilities and they were Peter, Jacob and John, who were taken up to a mountain in today's Gospel.

On the mountain, these three apostles experienced amazing experiences that they had never ever dreamed of before. They saw the transfigured Jesus: His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light (verse 2). This was not the common appearance that any other ordinary people could have. And also, this appearance was totally different from the one Jesus had in other times. It indicated how extraordinary Jesus was from all the other ordinary people. He is the Son of God, not like us, ordinary creatures of God, and He came to teach and save humankind.

Apart from that, Moses and Elijah came to Jesus, talking with Him. Moses was a great hero for the Israelite. By following the Will of God, he was successful in leading the Israelite to across the Red Sea and to escape from the Egyptian pursuing forces; And representing the Israelite and the whole humankind, he accepted the Ten Commandments from God, which is the reason that the whole law of Israel is called the Law of Moses. Meanwhile, Elijah was a great prophet, the outstanding representative of all the prophets. He was taken up to Heaven by God directly with a chariot of fire and horses of fire, without having experienced earthly death (2 Kings 2:11). And even, Jesus has been erroneously assumed to be Elijah (Matthew 16:14). Moses and Elijah have represented the great traditions of the Israelite Law and Prophets and all the Law and Prophets directed to the Messiah. Therefore, that Moses and Elijah appeared at the same time, talking to Jesus, was a strong evidence that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of Eternal God.

If the above mentioned two points are indirect evidences for the special identity of Jesus, then the voice coming above the cloud—the voice of God the Father definitely made it very clear: "This is my Son, the beloved; Listen to Him" (Verse 5). This not only indicated Jesus' identity, but also made a request to his followers— "Listen to Him".

Through this particular event, Jesus has prepared his three special apostles in an extraordinary way and made them believe in whom He was without any doubts. And then they would listen to his teaching more carefully and follow him more closely. More importantly, they could and would lead and influence other disciples and us in being better followers of Christ. By listening to and reflecting on today's Gospel, may we deepen our faith in Jesus—the Son of God, putting more emphasis on his teaching and practicing his teaching in our everyday living harder.

Fr Baiyi

Readings Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 His face shone like the sun.

Readings for next weekend: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 13th March	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting at Liz's house
TUE 14th March	8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group 7.30pm Liturgy Group meeting
WED 15th March	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
THU 16th March	8.45am Play Group
FRI 17th March	St Patrick 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 18th March	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 19th March	Third Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will take a 2 week break this Sunday 12th and next Sunday 19th March due to the Sacrament of Reconciliation class needing to use the room for their workshops.

Sacramental Program: Please pray for the children who were Confirmed last year and now continue their Sacramental Journey by learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will experience the Sacrament in the form of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for the first time before Easter.

Project Compassion boxes & envelopes available today! Help Caritas help those in need this Lent.

Lenten Program: there are 2 Lenten Discussion Groups. Tuesday evening at 7.30pm here in the Parish Office meeting room and Wednesday evening at Mary Naughton's house. You are welcome to join in either group for any session.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. 2 volunteers needed each week to lead Stations. Please help out Fr Baiyi and volunteer. Sign up sheet available today.

Easter Capers Thursday 6th April 9am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information. Numbers are limited so get in early!

Training for Communion Ministers & Readers Wednesday 22nd March 7pm in the Parish Centre. Deacon Mike will be conducting a training session for these important Ministries. If you have never been to a training session this is a must before you can be rostered. If you are already a Minister of the Word or Eucharist then this will be a valuable refresher. All Welcome! Please indicate if you can attend on the table near the main doors.

Name Badges: We will be placing a new order this week if anyone would still like to order a Parish Name badge. Please write your name on the sheet on the table near the main doors of the church or call Julie.

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.

Music Ministry Meeting will be held on Monday 13th March 7.30pm at 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. Bring your copy of *Break Open the Word*

Liturgy Group meeting on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Parish office.

Little Books for Lent available for purchase now: \$4 each. Black for Adults and Purple for children. *The Word Among Us* \$5 per copy.

International Women's Day, held globally on 8th March every year, celebrates the political, economic and social achievements of women in the past and present. At the same time we are called to commit ourselves to work towards a future in which all women around the world lead a humane, dignified existence which is their birthright. International Women's Day gives us time to reconnect with our friends in Africa, with the Girls in The City of Joy in Zambia and with Dr Hamlin in Ethiopia. May the power of God's spirit keep on inspiring us to lay claim to the great future God has in mind for all women.

The Social Justice Group

New contact details: Please have a look at the revised Newsletter layout. Especially note the contact details for Fr Baiyi. We now have a Parish Mobile number for After Hours Emergency calls: 0481 975 660. If you require a Priest for a medical emergency during Office hours call the Parish Office number 3341 4421 but after hours use the Parish Mobile number.



Are you new to our Parish

like Fr Baiyi? 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.

Communion Ministers and Readers please collect your new rosters covering March to May from the back table. Thank you for your continued participation in these Ministries. Some people will find Volunteer Data Forms with their rosters if the Parish Office does not already hold your completed form.

CRI in State Schools: Volunteers still needed at local State Schools. Contact Sonia Kenny soniajkenny@gmail.com 38413583 or Kerri-Ann Caswell evkezc@bigpond.com 3219 7435

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



Understanding Blue Card Requirements within Parishes.

Volunteers engaging with Children as part of their ministry are required by legislation to hold a valid Blue Card. There are lots of questions around Blue Card requirements, so we have tried to address a number of these here. If you have any additional questions about Blue Cards as a volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, Troy Tornabene-tornabenet@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3752.

Due to the complexity, all new volunteer engagement is to be managed through the Parish Office and not through individual ministries. All forms are to be collected from the Parish Office.

Blue Cards – Protection of Children/Minors is the Key prevention and monitoring system of people working with children in QLD.

Volunteering with children requires a valid Blue Card - this includes, but not limited to Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Program, Altar Server training, Sacristans, Youth Group Coordinators, Choir leaders etc. Those in ministry involved in policy and practice decision making in the Parish, such as Pastoral and Finance Council members will also require Blue Cards.

Volunteers are to **ONLY** use Archdiocesan provided Blue Card forms. (Parish Office)

Blue cards from another organisation, needs to be linked to the parish. (Parish Office)

Teachers (Registered)/Police under the legislation, are required to apply for an Exemption card to engage in a Ministry involving children

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll.
If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

Could this be your Ministry? The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team requires more committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The Training Course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3rd May to 22nd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications is Friday 21st April 2017. Please apply now in writing to: Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. Fax (07) 3257 1885. email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil for the Unborn: Our annual 40 day, 24 hour prayer vigil at Bowen Hills goes all through Lent and we need prayer volunteers like you! If you can spare a few hours over Lent to pray for the lives of unborn children, please email us at 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com or visit us at 40df.net on how to be involved!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Nancy Nunan, Samy Tokatly, Bella Aguas

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Florence Chia, Matti Yacoub, Terrence Powis, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith, Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerslake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright

Please pray for those who are sick, especially 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.

Roster 18th & 19th March 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Les O’Gorman Carl de Mello ?	C 1 2	Mal Jensen Joyce Lyster Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Jade	
Sun 9:00am	Del Reynolds Alan Scanlon June Wilson	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahan	Zac	
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Malcom Carroll or Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Chevonne	

Church Cleaning: 1 Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede. Help needed!!!!

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

Cuppa: Sat 18th March after the 6pm Mass: 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:

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