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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 C)

### 13th January 2019

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14: 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

### A few words on my preaching at Mass

As a priest, one of the important responsibilities is to preach at Mass. Actually, preaching is a privilege for us preachers. The preacher himself is the first person to be preached to as, once I was told at seminary, the preacher's ears, among all the ears of the congregation, are the nearest ones to his mouth. So if the homily can help or touch anyone, the preacher should be the first one of them. However, it is not easy to be a good preacher. You have to reflect on the readings of the Mass many times. You have to have enough experiences on living the Gospel values out. You have to work out a good structure and language to convey your message. And you have to deliver it in an attractive way. I must admit that I am still too far away from being a good preacher, especially when I preach in English, but I promise, with God's grace and help, I will continue to try to be better.

After I came to St Peter's, I challenged myself to preach without notes because I usually preach that way in Chinese. Before that, I always preached with notes when celebrating Mass in English. Some parishioners came to me and expressed their liking for the way I preached the homily without notes. However, I had been feeling more and more under pressure. After I wrote my homily, I needed to spend nearly the whole Friday afternoon and Saturday to familiarize myself with it due to language difficulties. Even then, before the two Sunday Masses, I still needed to practise again and again. So I couldn't do much else on Sundays, either. After all of that, and after trying many times, I still couldn't have full confidence. I have to acknowledge that, at least for now, my English is not good enough to preach without notes. That is why I decided to go back to the original way. I know it is a shame to many of you. Actually, it is a shame to myself, too. But at least, you know I have tried. Please give me more time to improve my English first. One day, I promise I will preach without notes again. Hopefully, that day won't be too far away.

Last Sunday, a parishioner talked to me after Mass. He suggested that it would be good to put my homily on the screen while preaching as some people may not understand my spoken English. Personally, I think that might distract people, too. The focus of the congregation may be diverted to the screen, not the pulpit. Then, as that parishioner suggested, to use my homily as the Reflection in the newsletter might be another way. People can read it before or after Mass. To me, the Reflection is the platform for me to communicate with my parishioners about the business of the parish in a spiritual way. Talking about the business is another way to deepen our faith as nothing is irrelevant to faith. Through this, the whole parish can be on the same page and the unity of the parish will be even stronger.

My dear friends, if you wish to read my homily after Mass, please contact the parish office. I believe our parish staff will be more than happy to email you or print you a copy of my homily during the week. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Fr Baiyi

**Readings for next weekend: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
Isaiah 62:1-5      1 Corinthians 12:4-11      John 2:1-11



<b>IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:</b>	
<b>MON 14th Jan</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>TUE 15th Jan</b>	8.00am Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
<b>WED 16th Jan</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 17th Jan</b>	<b>St Anthony</b> (No Mass)
<b>FRI 18th Jan</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 19th Jan</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 20th Jan</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**2019 Year planner:** Ministry Group leaders, please advise the Parish Office of any dates your ministry group is planning events or fund-raising etc.  
**Mass for Australia Day:** Saturday 26th January 9.00am Mass followed by an "Aussie" morning tea. Please bring damper or other plate of food to share.  
**Pilgrimage** to Rome, Dubrovnik and Medjugorje in May 2019 being organised by Anna Hickson, who is a parishioner of St Matthew's at Loganholme. 30 people are needed to make the trip financially viable at \$5500 per person twin share. \$999 extra for single occupancy. Contact Anna for more information on 0410 953 964.

**Plenary Council 2020**  
**Listen to what the Spirit is saying .....**  
 What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To have your say visit [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

**St Vinnies' News: Fridge and television needed.**

Please call Brian on 0419 992 294 if you can help.

**Help needed:** We are seeking a second volunteer to clean the Parish Office. It would require an hour or 2 of your time on a fortnightly basis. We also need people to join our Church Cleaning Ministry Group rostered on an 8 week rotation. If anyone would be interested in joining either of these important 'behind the scenes' Ministries please see Fr Baiyi, Julie or Jo.

**Planning for World Day of Prayer:** Calling for Parishioners who maybe interested in the planning for World Day of Prayer on 1st March 2019. World Day of Prayer is a day and time set aside for the entire world of different denominations to come together in prayer. We at St Peters are hosting this year and the country we will be praying for is Slovenia. I know it is early but we need to start a planning group for this day. Please see Jo Cullen if you are interested. If anyone is from Slovenia or has any mementos from Slovenia that you would allow us to borrow for the day please also contact the Parish Office.

**God's Word 2019** Last few copies left! \$10 each. All the readings for every day of the year & reflections.

**Card Group:** Come and join the Card Group for a friendly and casual game of cards every Monday morning in the Parish Centre at 10am.

**Break Open the Word 2019:** Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone, especially those people in the Reading Ministry.

**Donations** of spectacles, Bibles, lead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and exercise books for an optometrist to take to Vanuatu. Place your donations in the marked box at the back of the church.

**Ministry Groups Around our Parish:**

**Social Justice Group:**

The Social Justice Group, founded in 1996, has as its mission to foster awareness of the social justice message of the Gospels and to promote the Christian goal of a society where all human beings have equal opportunities to reach their full potential. **Justice is an integral part of our Christian faith.** Some of the key justice principles at the heart of the catholic social teachings are the dignity of the human person, the dignity of work and the rights of the workers, the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, solidarity with one another and care of God's creation. These principles provide the foundation for our work to address local, national and global justice issues. The group meets once or twice a month depending on need. We work closely with the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, the Brisbane Archdiocesan

Justice and Peace Commission, the Murri Ministry, CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum) and many others. Between meetings we attend seminars and lectures, research, discuss and reflect on issues of importance, and compile handouts for the community, drawing attention to certain justice problems that need to be addressed. The group writes the liturgy for selected Sundays trying to focus through prayer and worship on topics that demand attention and action. We also write letters, emails and visit our parliamentary representatives. At times we fundraise for the girls in the City of Joy, The Hamlin Fistula Foundation, The Murri Ministry in Brisbane and the needs of the asylum seeker families at St Paul's in Woodridge.

During 2018 we raised multiple issues such as the growing poverty and homelessness in our wealthy country. 116 000 Australians have no place to call home. The growing gap between the rich and the poor, the low minimum wage, the low New Start Allowance, the growth of contract and part time work are issues of great concern. They reflect an economy that is not based on principles of justice and equity. We raised the needs of the asylum seekers in our own Deanery and the needs of the Earth suffocating from plastic pollution.

2018 was a very good year and we would like to thank the parish community for their support and the members of the Social Justice Group for their hard work and dedication to make the world a better place. **New members are always very welcome.** We wish everyone a fabulous year 2019.

Here is something to ponder." Don't spend your precious time asking, "Why isn't the world a better place? "It will only be wasted. The question to ask is" How can I make it better? "To that there is an answer." (Leo Buscaglia) *The Social Justice Group*

**Bereavement Group:**

St Peter's Bereavement Group members make respectful contact with parishioners as they remember and pray for their close family (Continued on page 3)

**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 new bequest brochures.

**Bereavement Group** (continued from page 2):

and friends who have passed away. Commemorative and memorial cards are sent to families to offer prayerful assurance to those who are grieving, that St Peter's Parish is praying with them and that they are not alone. Each year on 2nd November the Bereavement Group prepares the evening Holy Souls Mass with an open invitation to gather as a Parish to honour and remember parishioners' loved ones. Currently there are six active members in St Peter's Bereavement Group, supported by Father Baiyi, Ministry Coordinator Josephine and Parish Secretary Julie. New members would be warmly welcomed. If you would like to participate, please contact Josephine or Julie.

**Christian Religious Instruction in State Schools:** 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 3219 7435

**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.

**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

**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am  
(1st Fridays 8.30am) All Welcome!

**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

**St Vincent de Paul Group:**

New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

**Those who have died:** Kevin Dingwall, Brian Rixon, Kyle Webster, Armando Sta. Ana, Jeffrey Lawlor, Harry Coleman, Sam Dibella

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Samuel Privitera, Theresa Adamson, Kerry Cavanagh, David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan, Valda Long, Stan O'Gorman, Rita Poynting, Brendan Fagan, Thelma Armstrong, Thomas Hamill, Alfred Warwas, Clara Heckelman, Marie Spinks, Donald Irwin, Mary Clive, Charlotte Campbell, Bill Hawkins, Pamella Brown, Jessie Bess, Bert Flanagan, Hilary Maloney, Sr Agnes Lyng, Elso Ghidella, Tim O'Neill, Mary Bakker

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Irene Hughes, Kevin Fry, Helen Arkadieff, Don Bechly, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Martine Pitts, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, John Green, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, 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.*

19th & 20th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Joyce Lyster	Efren Tuazon	Helen Graczyk
<b>AV Operators</b>	David Crowley	Julie Hondroudakis	John Donohue
<b>Readers</b>	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Neil Ballment	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Megan Philpott 2. Theresa Cruz	C. Anne Fry 1. Charisse Mone 2. Fiorenzo Matarazzo
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Deacon Mike Jones Shelagh Ballment Joseph C Varkey	Shane Seymour Anne Scanlon Kevin Healan Stephanie Lenihan Jim Nathan Joan D'Netto Marilyn Mills	Cesarina Gigante Helen Graczyk Matt Jarvis
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Layla, Rene	Finn S, Leo	Eza, Chevonne
<b>Musicians</b>	Carmel	Anne	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 1 Micheal Denton, Sue & Donald Fernando, Murray Wickman

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

**Cuppa:** Sat 19th Jan after 6pm Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin, Mike Jarvis

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