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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."

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August 2017

(Readings: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33)

Why Did You Doubt?

Undoubtedly, Peter was a person who had strong faith and dared to take actions. Many times, we find it difficult to rely on Jesus completely. Although we have accepted and believed Jesus fully in our heads, when facing a concrete dangerous situation, we don't have the great faith and courage that Peter had, jumping out of the boat, running towards Jesus. We couldn't do this nor did the other apostles. However, there was still some space for Peter to improve. To us, Peter's faith was already strong but Jesus said that he was a man of little faith. To us, Peter was already very courageous but he still took fright.

Now let us have a look at what was wrong with Peter. He got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water. Just at this moment, he felt the force of the wind and took fright. Actually within such a short while, his focus had been transferred from Jesus to the wind. In the beginning, all his focus was on Jesus. Otherwise he would not ask Jesus to let him go to Him across the water. When he made this request, he hadn't thought of the dangers that the water and the wind could bring to him at all. All he wanted was to go to Jesus and to be with Him. When he suddenly felt the force of the wind, he came to realize the dangers of life. Then he was frightened. At this time, his focus was no longer on Jesus. He had forgotten what he had wanted one moment ago, being with Jesus. Now his focus was on his own safety and what he wanted was his own security. And then, he feared, he doubted and he began to sink.

What we can learn from this is that we should place our focus on Jesus at all times on our faith journey. Being with Jesus and living out His teaching is the goal of our whole life. If we move our focus away from Jesus and place it on anything else, it would be easy for us to be afraid when confronting dangers. Then we will doubt, we will make wrong choices, and our faith and life will begin to sink.

Either Church communities or us as individuals, the mistake that we easily make is to place our reputation and wealth beyond anything else, even beyond the practice of Jesus' teaching. When we worry about the damage of our reputation and the loss of our wealth excessively, our focus would not be on Jesus anymore and Jesus' teaching would not be our highest principles of life. At that time, we would certainly become fearful of something and doubt what we believe. That would be the time when our faithful life starts to sink.

Fortunately, when Peter had realized of his danger, he subconsciously thought of Jesus, crying, "Lord! Save me." His focus was back on Jesus again. Immediately he became absolutely safe. Therefore, for either our Church communities or us as individuals, when we are in dangerous situations or when we are afraid of anything, we hope that we can at least subconsciously think of Jesus and cry to Him for help, placing our focus on Him again. Perhaps, He would say to us, "Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?" And we know, no matter how strong the force of the wind would be, how dangerous the situation could become, if we turn to Jesus and rely on Him, He would change danger into safety and we would be saved.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 20th Sunday in Ordinary time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 14th Aug	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe No Mass
TUE 15th Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA 7.30pm Mass
WED 16th Aug	No Mass (Public Holiday: Parish Office closed)
THU 17th Aug	7.00pm Memorial Liturgy for Shaofen Li 7.30pm Enrich your Faith Through the Word: A Prayer and Study group.
FRI 18th Aug	9.00am Rosary No Mass
SAT 19th Aug	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 20th Aug	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Migrant & Refugee Sunday 9.00am Mass followed by a special morning tea 6.00pm Mass

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 already been helping us!

Share the Dignity: We are collecting donations of sanitary products to help homeless and at-risk women through the Share the Dignity charity. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of August for sanitary item donations. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation instead please contact Julie.

Social Justice News: next weekend 19th & 20th August we will be celebrating Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Please come dressed in the traditional clothes of your country of origin. After the 9am Mass we will have a special morning tea. Please bring some traditional food to share.

Communion Ministers & Readers Last weekend to advise dates unavailable for the next roster September to November. New ministers welcome and encouraged!!

Fr Baiyi's mother passed away on Tuesday night and he has returned to China for the funeral. We thank Fr John Gillen for celebrating Masses with us this weekend.

Memorial Liturgy: Deacon Mike will be celebrating a Memorial Liturgy of the Word for Fr Baiyi's mother, Shaofen Li, on Thursday 17th August at 7pm. Please come along to pray for Fr Baiyi and his family.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Liturgy of the Word at 8am with children. We will have a **Mass at 7.30pm** which will be celebrated by Fr Bavin Clarke (Public Holiday for Brisbane for the Ekka is the next day) **Other than this Mass there will be no other weekday Masses until Fr Baiyi returns.**

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Training: It is a requirement of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy that all parish volunteers attend training in the area of Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. To ensure that our Parish is compliant with this Policy, your attendance at a training session is required. Troy Tornabene, the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, will facilitate these sessions. Final session **Sunday 13th August 10am - 1:00 pm**. Morning tea will be provided at 11am. If you have previously attended training you only need to attend from 11am for a refresher.

If you are a teacher and can produce a certificate to show you have done training at school this year, please provide a copy of the certificate to the office.

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, and coffee. Soft Drinks and alcohol available for purchase. If you would like help for transport, see one of the Pastoral Councillors or Fr Baiyi. We will be fundraising towards security lighting around the church. Everyone is welcome. Keep an eye out for ticket sales. Donations for raffle prizes welcome. Please bring them to the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral Council: We will postpone the process for the new PPC until Fr Baiyi returns from China.

Enrich Your Faith Through the Word: A Prayer and Study group. This week's topic is on Interpreting the Bible. Learn about the rights and responsibilities of church, should interpretation rely more on knowledge of background or more on the text itself or the world of me, the reader? Thursday night 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. So come along, bring your Bible with you and meet the challenge to prepare your heart and mind for God's word.

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Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Queensland Catholic Schools & Colleges Music Festival: The annual QCMF will be held Thursday night 17th – Sunday 20th August at Villanova College & St James Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from all over Queensland perform in choirs, bands, and ensembles. Festival Passes, available at the door, are \$10/Adult and \$5/Concession. For more information, visit www.qcmf.com.au

Women of the Way Annual Retreat— 25-27 Aug 2017 at Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin, Brisbane
Theme: Live Alive -No Longer a Slave to Fear; I am a Child of God (Gal 4:7, Ezek 34:27)

Presenters: David & Natalie Tensen Resident Priest: Fr Chima Ofor. Contact: ph 0402 316 288 or email wowqld@gmail.com RSVP: Aug 14

PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM. Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese are chaplains to people in hospitals, the military and the police. They also serve in parishes. They are able to evangelise in various sectors of society by bringing a sacramental presence through their lives and ministry. If someone you would recommend feels called by God to this service of the Church, please encourage and help them in their discernment. For further information contact Fr Trevor Trotter at the Clergy Support Office on 3324 3324 or at trottert@bne.catholic.net.au. For those wishing to commence our Enquiry Program in March of 2018 the due date for applications is September 1st 2017.

Fr Hans Zollner SJ has been asked by the Archbishop to work with parish & youth leadership, volunteers and other key members of Parish communities and provide input, reflect and prayer on the topic of: "The emerging theology and spirituality of the priesthood and the world view of the Ecclesial significance of clerical abuse". Saturday 2 September 2017, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Clairvaux MacKillop College, 24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. Fr Zollner, a licensed psychologist and psychotherapist is professor in the Gregorian Religion of the University of Durham England and serves as President of the Centre for Child Protection at the Gregorian.

St Ignatius Parish Toowong's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality—Tuesday 5th September 7.30pm – 9.15pm at Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Terrace, Toowong. No Booking Required. Donation at the door. Supper provided. Parking Available - Please check Stuartholme School's website www.stuartholme.com for details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Shaofen Li (*Fr Baiyi's mother*), PJ Granville-Edge, Frank Rynne, Ann Stewart

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Elizabeth Ritchie, Malcolm Pereira, Margaret Fagan, Giovanni Gottardo, Joseph Tsang, Stanley Burgess, Daniel O'Brien, Moya Carter, Marie Peters, Margaret Smith, Maria Wlodarczyk, Ambrose Sullivan, Margaret Elliot, Alonzo Lynch, Gregory Chin, Catherine O'Brien, Luke Barber, Leslie Vincent Doyle, Laura May Gow, Lil Atkenson, Jim McKenna, John Kennedy, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Joan Routledge

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ursula Williamson, Aline de Baritault, Kieran McKenna, Val Holzberger, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Anne Hawkins, 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, 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 19th & 20th August 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Mal Jensen Geoff Hondroudakis	Ann Maree Collier Diane Land Carl de Mello	Jade Layla	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Romana Langdon	Deacon Mike Jones Alan Scanlon Shane Seymour	Finn	Liz
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy	C 1 2	John Blake Aurelie Regnard Vickie Routledge	Kate Guy Kevin Fry	Eza	Liz

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Wiasa Beak, Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on 27th August: Stephanie Lenihan, Julie Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills

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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