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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."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 14th October 2018

Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Mental Health Week 2018

As a deacon of the Church, I prepare homilies every week that will hopefully break open the Word of God and help people to live well and love fully. I have found that including stories from my own life experiences seems to resonate most with my listeners. Some parishioners tell me that when I talk about myself or my experiences, they feel as though *"you were talking about me."* I always enjoy hearing such feedback—except when it is spoken in a low voice, almost a whisper, and comes with a knowing look or an especially strong hug. That is the response I receive exclusively when I might mention mental illness and depression.

Despite all the advances in treatment, despite all the ways in which our culture has become more enlightened and compassionate, somehow mental illness remains in a category of its own, regarded as some sort of peculiar affliction that is best dealt with by toughing it out, straightening up, putting one's will into play and hiding any evidence of possible symptoms.

When parishioners whisper that it felt like *"you were talking about me,"* I feel a deep sadness that this admission seems to come with a sense of shame, as though the individual were confessing some terrible sin or shortcoming. As a result, I feel like I have more work to do. In Australia we all do, as the incidence of mental illness is growing in our busy society.

I am not a mental health counsellor, but I do provide spiritual counselling in my pastoral care work. Whenever someone comes to talk with me about mental health, I have some touchstones that I typically offer:

Be gentle with yourself. All of us are struggling and doing the best we can.

Be patient. Humans are incredibly complicated organisms, unpredictable even on our best days, and we will not always respond in the same way.

Be grateful. Many spiritual traditions urge cultivating a practice of gratitude, something as simple as finding three things each day, however small, to be thankful for. Gratitude can shift an entire world view toward greater trust, bit by bit.

Be vulnerable. We form our deepest connections with others, not around our accomplishments or successes, but around our experiences of suffering. We bond when we share stories of those experiences with one another.

Be kind. When we notice someone else, even for just a moment in a shared glance or holding open a door, we are lifted out of our own loneliness and a bit closer into the human community.

I will keep telling and retelling stories of my own struggles with coming to understand why some good people with depression and other forms of mental illness have to struggle in silence and how all too often they attempt to take their own lives. My hope is that one day any traces of stigma and shame associated with mental illness will vanish. I pray that medical science will finally come to a complete understanding of how the human brain operates and that cures will be found for mental illness. We will all be so much stronger then.

Deacon Mike Jones



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 15th Oct	No Mass
TUE 16th Oct	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.00pm RCIA 7.30pm Liturgy Group meeting
WED 17th Oct	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed for staff training</i>
THU 18th Oct	No Mass 7.30pm Safeguarding Team meeting
FRI 19th Oct	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Grade 5
SAT 20th Oct	5.00pm Reconciliation 3.00pm Wedding of Fiorenzo Matarazzo & Marie Casco 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 21st Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 4.45pm Youth RCIA 6.00pm Mass

Raffle Tickets: Get ready for Christmas by buying a raffle ticket to win a gift-card for \$200 worth of goods of your choice. Raffle will be drawn at the Fete on 21st October. Proceeds are for the parish. Tickets on sale after Mass today. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

St Peter's Spring Fete Next Sunday 21st October 10am to 3pm. Please note that the driveway and car-park between the church and presbytery will be closed next Sunday. Only people with limited mobility needing easy access will be admitted to this area.

Donations welcome for the 2nd hand book stall and bric-a-brac. Donations can be left at the church in the marked box. (Any large items please take directly to the school.)

Bake Off: Bake your favourite cake to be judged on fete day. Cakes will be judged on presentation and taste. \$5 entry fee. Nomination forms from the office

Melbourne Cup Lunch Tuesday 6th November 11am to 2.30pm. Book early! Tickets on sale now. \$35 per person. Dress up for a great day. Prizes for best hat, fashion on the field. Great sweeps, fun and friendship.

Readings for next weekend:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying To have your say visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

St Peter's Parish Community has already hosted a conversation which was facilitated by Rob Cosgrove. We received some great responses, which were assembled and forwarded as a submission to the committee on our behalf, by Rob. We will have another Parish Gathering on Sunday 11th November from 10.15am in the Parish Centre.

Come along and be sure to extend an invitation to friends and family to join us to have their say— "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

You may be asking "What else can I do to prepare for the Plenary Council?"

Pray: The Holy Spirit is leading us and the stillness of prayer opens our hearts to hear God's voice. You can find the Plenary Council prayer on their website.

Subscribe to the Plenary Council e-newsletter, like the Plenary Council Facebook page and follow the Plenary Council Twitter account.

Share the webpage and social media links with you friends, family and colleagues.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:

"My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities." (GE 2)

— Pope Francis -Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate *On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*

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.

Fr Baiyi's absence: Thanks to Fr John Gillen and Fr Bavin Clarke for celebrating Masses with us this weekend. There will be no weekday Masses during the time Fr Baiyi is away. Liturgy of the Word with the children will replace the Tuesday morning Mass with the children until Father returns. Seminarian Jack Ho will lead a Liturgy of the Word for parishioners and the school class on Fridays at 9.30am.

Parish Office Closed: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday this week for staff to attend a training day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Colgate Community Garden Challenge

Recycle oral care waste for the chance to win a recycled community garden set for our school! You can help by bringing along your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, the cardboard boxes they came in, dental floss containers. We collect any brand. These will be recycled by TerraCycle. There is a box at the back of the church for your recycling.



Abortion Bill nears vote!

This week State Parliament will vote on legislation to legalise abortion. Many parishioners have made their thoughts known to their local MPs. There is still time to have your say. Please contact your local MP via email. For help with this, please go to a website set up by the Archdiocese: www.community.actonit.com.au/aob This is an important time for Queensland. Please have your say. Please also pray that the politicians will be guided by the Holy Spirit and respect the sanctity of life.

Face-to-face Safeguarding Training for anyone ministering to children or vulnerable adults:

There is a training session in **Carina Parish** at the Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina on **Wednesday 31st October 6.30pm to 8.30pm**. Also another on **Wednesday 21st November** at St Bernardine's at Regents Park from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please see Jo or Julie for more information. Registration essential.

Social Justice News: There is a fundraiser for the Asylum seeker families in Woodridge on Friday, 26th October commencing at 6pm at the Mt Gravatt Hotel, 135 Logan Rd. Mt Gravatt. Check out the flyer on the noticeboard.



St Vinnies' News: SOS- SOS-SOS: Two new families have arrived in our area and have almost empty houses and are still in urgent need of household items -toaster-jug-etc. We have received some donations but need more. Please advise if you have any items to donate. Call Brian 0419 992 294.

SVDP are seeking Volunteers to join us. To be a member you only need to have compassion, a non-judgemental attitude and most of all a kind heart. If you are interested and would like some information on what we do please call John Blake on 0411196775

Join in the Celebration of the Canonisation of Oscar Romero: The Latin American Catholic Chaplaincy, the Romero Centre and the Comite Monsenor Romero Brisbane—Australia invite all people of goodwill to come and celebrate the Canonisation of Archbishop Romero on Sunday October 14. The event will be held from 5.30pm in the Holy Spirit Church at 16 Villiers Street, New Farm. Archbishop Romero will become known forever as Saint Oscar Romero de America.

Mass for Carers' Week: Wed 17th October 11am at St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley. See flyer for more info

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession: Saturday 20th October. 10.30am Rosary then 11.30am Marian Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral followed by a procession to Villa Maria Chapel Fortitude Valley. Benediction to conclude. Pick up a flyer

Grief to Grace Retreat— Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

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: John Watson, Nassib Jabbour, Dot McLennan

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Sr Patricia Mary Butler, Doug Elliott, Ena Gallagher, Eileen Gray, Joyce Thompson, James Denton, Joan Rauchle, Paul Snow, Mollie Yourell, Sandra McCulkin, Peg Bradley, Richard Schlegel, Agatino Mailli, Josephine White, Richard Caligari, Rod Ferguson

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Joachim Brandt, Anne Fry, 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, Tony McDonald, John Drew, John Green, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Eimore 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.

20th & 21st Oct	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Mark Connolly	Efren Tuazon	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operators	John Donohue	Steve D	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Joyce Lyster 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Neil Ballment	C. Jo Cullen 1. Megan Philpott 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. John Blake 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Shane Sweeney
Communion Ministers	Carl de Mello Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Donald Fernando Anne Scanlon Bev de Paola Julie Hondroudakis	Kevin Healan Gwen Martin Mel McKay
Altar Servers	Angelina, Luna, Eza	Jada, Finn S, Leo	Chevonne, Finn W, Jerome
Musicians	Liz	Rita	Liz

Church Cleaning: 4 Basil's cleaners

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's Team

Cuppa: Sat 20th Oct after 6pm Mass: Romana Langdon, Helen Viola, Diane Land



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

The painting of the patron of the Archdiocese, St Mary MacKillop, copies of which are in our parish churches, will soon have a permanent home in one of the turrets at the front of the Cathedral. Beneath it will stand a marble image of the Sacred Heart from the Cathedral before the 1989 renovation, keeping in mind that the full name of the Congregation founded by St Mary MacKillop is the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

I have also decided that in this space we will entrust all victims and survivors of sexual abuse to the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who knew the pain of the victim and the strength of the survivor. The turret will contain a candle and inscription remembering those who have been abused and their loved ones, and entrusting them to the loving intercession of Mother Mary of the Cross. The candle will stand on stone from Jerusalem, linking the memorial to the whole story of salvation. In the turret we will also place another marble from old St Stephen's – an image of the crucifixion with Mary and John beneath the Cross. The one on the Cross represents all who have been abused and the two figures beneath the Cross represent their family and friends who have shared their suffering.

The new shrine will be dedicated during 10.00am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 21 October. This will be the day before the national apology to the victims and survivors of abuse in the parliament in Canberra. So the dedication of the new shrine will be a simple way for the Archdiocese of Brisbane to share deeply, sincerely and permanently in the apology to all who have been abused, but especially those who have been abused in the Church.

May this be a powerful and enduring response inspired by the Gospel which so inspired St Mary MacKillop to respond to the needs of her own time.

Archbishop of Brisbane
9 October 2018

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