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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."*

### Third Sunday Of Lent (Year A)

**15th March 2020**

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

### Reciprocal Visit to Kuraby Mosque Muslim Community

Our ministry of reaching out to wider communities in our local area continues and goes well. After we received the representatives of Muslim and Anglican communities with two different enjoyable morning teas last year, we paid a reciprocal visit to our Muslim friends at Kuraby Mosque on 22nd February, 2020. As so many events have been happening in our parish, I haven't had a chance to write on this event in our newsletter until now. This weekend, I would like to share with you this wonderful experience.

Eight members from our Parish attended the morning tea held by the Muslim community. We were welcomed by a group of Muslim friends, including their Imam. Later, a gentleman demonstrated how they cleaned their mouth, face, hands and feet to prepare themselves well for prayer. Then, we were led into a big hall, where they assemble to pray. The Imam and the other two gentlemen explained to us how and what they usually pray. Lastly, we enjoyed a morning tea together in a small but cosy room. The whole visit lasted about two hours. All of us appreciated this opportunity to share our thoughts with our Muslim friends and to learn from them.

Personally, there were three things that made me reflect on our own community building. Firstly, as I mentioned above, before they enter the prayer hall, Muslims will wash their mouth, face, hands and feet. By so doing, they try to clean themselves so that they can pray to God with a pure heart. This has made me wonder how much preparation we make before we go to Mass. In our case, we should read the Mass readings in advance at home, reflect on our life in the past week and receive the sacrament of reconciliation when needed.

Secondly, there were two classes for learning their religion being held that day, one for boys and the other one for girls. The same class is held nearly every day. The Muslims try very hard to pass on their faith to the next generations. In our parish, we have youth programs but we don't always have great numbers attending. I would like to call on our parishioners to try even harder to invite and encourage young people, especially your own children or grandchildren, to come to church, to attend Mass, receive other sacraments and participate all kinds of youth activities.

Thirdly, Muslims emphasize prayer very much. They have to pray to God five times a day. Of course, prayer is very important. Prayer is the communication between God and us. Through prayer, we listen to God's voice and express our love for God. When we pray, we are walking towards God and growing closer to him. In our case, it's not regulated about the numbers of prayers we have to make each day. However, we are encouraged to pray to God as many times as possible every day. By so doing, we try to make our whole life prayerful.

My dear friends, I believe we can make friends with anyone and learn from anyone. Please continue to pray for this ministry of reaching out to others. With God's grace and wisdom, we hope we will have more gatherings with other religious friends like we did with the Muslim ones.

*Fr Baiyi*

### Readings for next weekend: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

<b>IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:</b>	
<b>MON</b> 16th Mar	8.00am Mass
<b>TUE</b> 17th Mar	<b>Saint Patrick</b> 8.00am Mass 5:30pm Liturgy Meeting
<b>WED</b> 18th Mar	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
<b>THU</b> 19th Mar	No Mass 7:30pm Faith Enrichment meeting
<b>FRI</b> 20th Mar	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
<b>SAT</b> 21st Mar	9.00am Lenten Discussion Group 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN</b> 22nd Mar	<b>Fourth Sunday Of Lent</b> 9.00am Family School Mass 10.00am Junior Youth Event & Cake Stall 6.00pm Mass

**Archbishop John Bathersby RIP:** The retired Archbishop of Brisbane, John Bathersby, died on Monday March 9, following a recent stroke. Archbishop John led the Archdiocese from 1991 until 2011, retiring upon reaching 75 years of age. With his passing we recall with gratitude the episcopal ministry of our sixth bishop, which was characterised by a deep desire to know and love Jesus and to share this with all. The liturgies that will usher Archbishop John into eternal life are being held at the Cathedral with a Funeral Vigil Liturgy at 5.00pm on Sunday March 15, Morning Prayer for the Dead in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral at 8 am on Monday morning, and a Solemn Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal at 11.00am on Monday (*n.b no public parking*). A number of tributes will be offered at the Sunday night Vigil. Webcasts of the Vigil and the Mass can be watched live at [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw)

#### Lent & Easter Date Claimers

**March 30** 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Lent 7:30pm  
**April 4** Weaving of Palm Crosses, 10.15am  
 5 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord  
 9 Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30pm  
 10 Good Friday-Walking the Way of the Cross 10am  
 - Celebration of the Passion, 3pm  
 11 Easter Vigil Mass, 7pm  
 12 Easter Sunday Mass, 9am

**Attention Parishioners!** We will be having a **cake stall** after the Family School Mass on March 22nd to fundraise for our Youth Ministry. If you are able to **donate any cakes** to sell please drop them off before Mass with an ingredients list attached. Thank you for your support, hope to see you there!  
*Olivia*

**Crossroads RCIA** is for young people, aged from Grade 5 upwards, who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or perhaps would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. We have a group commencing at the end of April. For more information please contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878

**Would you enjoy a 'Books and Reading' Group?** If you are a keen reader and would like to share your interest with other keen readers please be in touch with Raylee: by email [rayleebob@bigpond.com](mailto:rayleebob@bigpond.com) or text message to 0435 583 325

**Share the Dignity:** Donations of sanitary products needed to help homeless women and girls this March.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Due to space constraints in the newsletter we will have to reduce the size of our list of names for those who are ill. The names will be on for 4 weeks as per the names of the deceased. If the person still requests prayers, please add their name again.

**Visitation** if anyone is housebound (or you know of anyone who is ) or someone who is living alone and would like a visit from Care & Concern volunteers, please contact Lynn 0403051103 or the parish office on 33414421

#### **Youth Update:**

**High School Youth Group** (& reunion of St Peter's graduates): 7-8:30pm on 14th & 28th March  
**Junior (years 3-6):** March 22nd 10am-12:30pm  
 There will be a **cake stall** after Family School Mass on Sunday March 22nd.  
 For more information on any of our Youth events contact **Olivia**, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator [youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au).

**St Oscar Romero:** On 24th March the church celebrates the Feast Day of St. Oscar Romero. He was the Archbishop of El Salvador at a time, when his country, San Salvador, was wounded by great poverty, violence and corruption. He became the voice of the voiceless fighting for justice. Oscar Romero received many death threats and finally paid the ultimate price. On 24th March, 1980, he was shot while celebrating Mass. Oscar Romero WALKED THE WAY OF THE CROSS, never giving in to fear or intimidation. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2018. During Mass the Pope wore the blood stained rope belt that Oscar Romero had worn. ( For more information see the noticeboard) *The SJG*

#### **Living Lent - Fasting from our favourite thing to do!** **Why fast from our favourite thing to do?**

We all have 'a few of our favourite things' that we like to do, like buy a coffee, have a wine or a beer, sleep in, go shopping, go to the movies, eat out and so on. While these are all good and refresh us, their very comfortableness can also narrow our vision causing us to **see less!** If we fast from or let go of our favourite thing for a while, our focus more easily moves away from ourselves, making space for God and others, allowing us to see more!

#### **What might I 'take up' if I 'give up' my favourite thing to do?**

**I could ...** schedule a contemplative prayer walk, taking time to listen, to notice, to slow down, to gaze upon the marvels of creation ... clouds, trees, its colours!

**I could ...** reach out to someone who is sad or lonely and connect with them either face to face, writing a note, sending a text, inviting them for a cuppa or giving them a call.

**I could ...** keep track of money I would normally spend on my favourite things and set this aside for the Project Compassion Box or Envelopes.

**I could ...** pray each day: "God of Life, help me hold on to what needs to be embraced, let go of what needs to be let go – and have the wisdom to know the difference. Help me turn towards your grace and trust in your steadfast love."

**Faith Enrichment Group**





Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his 4 girls and a leader in his community.

**Third Sunday of Lent** 15th March 2020

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his 4 girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together.

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**CORONAVIRUS LATEST** The Archdiocese of Brisbane provides the latest updates and advice from the Queensland Government on the Coronavirus at [archbne.org/zhz](http://archbne.org/zhz)

**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.

**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](mailto: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)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Archbishop John Bathersby, Winston Van Rooyen (*Joyce Lyster's brother*), Noel McDonnell, Ron Routledge, Vivian Kennedy, Patricia Porter, Maurice de Rozario

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerlake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitz-Gibbon, Robbie Movick, May Nielsen

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Beryl Ryan, Lori Hodder, Elmor Kotzur, Kevin Fry, Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini

*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.*

21st&22nd Mar	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Carl de Mello	Lydia Chew	Helen Graczyk
<b>AV Operators</b>	John Donohue	Arthur Leow	Mike Collier
<b>Readers</b>	C. Neil Ballment 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Monika Svarc (Jnr)	C. Jo Cullen 1. Olivia Brown 2. School	C. Margaret Connors 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Raylee Burns
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Carl de Mello Mel McKay Monika Svarc (Snr)	Deacon Mike Jones Bronwyn Buckley Alan Scanlon Jim Nathan	Gwen Martin Lydia Chew Stephanie Lenihan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Rene, Isabell	William, Euha, Eugene	Eza, Matilda
<b>Musicians</b>	Tim	Camel & Anne	Liz

**Church Cleaning: Group 6** Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Dona Thomas, Julie H, Telesia Naupoto

**Children's Liturgy:** None, School/Family Mass **This week: Sacristan:** Mel McKay **Counting:** Carl's Team

**Cuppa:** Sat 22nd March after 6pm Mass: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER INSERT - UPDATE ON CORONAVIRUS**

There has been a lot of discussion about Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in the media and it is understandable that that many people feel concerned.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is monitoring the development of Coronavirus closely, and has plans in place to support the safety, health and wellbeing of our parish communities, as well as the many people we engage with through church agencies.

The Archbishop has also issued a set of protocols relevant to Masses and other liturgies which are to remain in effect until further notice, namely

- refraining from distributing communion from the chalice
- the removal of Holy Water from fonts in churches (but it is available privately. Please ask Parish Office)
- at the Sign of Peace, saying 'peace be with you' and smiling or waving, rather than shaking hands
- All ministers of Holy Communion, **including the priest**, are required to wash their hands before and after distributing Communion

Please note as at Thursday March 5 Archbishop Mark did not preclude receiving communion on the tongue, the right of which remains with the communicant, however you are encouraged to receive communion on the hand. He may still revisit this in light of new events.

We will continue to follow the advice of public health authorities, particularly in relation to gatherings of people.

All members of our community are encouraged to protect themselves and others from infection by practicing good hand and respiratory hygiene.

### **How can I prevent the spread of COVID-19 away from the parish?**

Coronavirus is transmitted from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Transmission may occur from contaminated surfaces, so it is important to frequently wash your hands. Please be understanding if fellow parishioners do not wish to shake hands during the sign of peace.

To protect yourself and others from infection practice good hand and respiratory hygiene including:

- cleaning your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs
- covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing
- avoiding contact with others, such as touching
- staying home if you are unwell

If you have been overseas in the last 14 days and feel unwell please call 13HEALTH, your GP or local hospital to arrange an assessment.

### **More information from the health authorities**

You can access the latest information and advice from the Queensland Government (please google Queensland Government Novel-Coronavirus) and Australian Government.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane will also provide regular updates to parishes and via our website. ([archbne.org/zhz](http://archbne.org/zhz) )



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