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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 Easter

15th April 2018

(Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48)

Our Ministry Expo and the service culture

In recent decades, there has been a considerable decrease in the numbers of regular church goers in our Church, especially in Western societies. Not only are Sunday Mass attendees decreasing in numbers, they are also increasing in average age. Parishes are the front-line of the Church so this worrying situation in parishes results in many other difficulties in the Church. As Catholics, we feel sorry for our loved Church when seeing these changes happening. Then, we should ask ourselves: as church lovers, what should we do when facing such difficulties?

About two years ago, a friend of mine recommended to me a book titled *Rebuilt* which is authored by a Parish Priest and his pastoral associate. The book recounts the story of how a declining parish, through the efforts of these two people, has become an active and high Mass-attending one. The authors wrote the book to share their experiences. Through this, they hope that many other parishes might be inspired and encouraged, and that major changes in the Church might follow, starting at parish level.

The book is rich in content. Here I just would like to introduce one point which is really stressed by the authors. Through their observations and experiences, they realized that a very unhealthy culture was the main contributor to the troubling situation of the Church and they called it the consumption culture. To some extent, the Church has been influenced by commercial society. Catholics might feel they are still in a shopping centre when in fact, they are in the Church. In shopping centres, they are a customer. When shopping, they always expect the good service they believe they deserve. In the Church, some Catholics may still have such expectations or attitudes. Perhaps they are just so used to being customers that it becomes very natural to come to the Church with such an attitude. As a result, many in the Church do not have an awareness of giving service rather than waiting to be served. Even worse, if they don't think they are served properly, they will complain about the church, even leave the church.

Actually, in the church no difference exists between merchants and customers. All are the hosts of the Church. If you are a parishioner, you are neither a guest nor a customer but a server or minister. **The Church is our common spiritual home and each of us has the responsibility to build it. If we build it well, everyone enjoys the benefits spiritually and even physically. If we don't build it well, we face losing it gradually. And that would be everybody's loss. Therefore, every parishioner comes to serve, not to be served.** The most urgent task for many parishes is to eliminate the consumption culture and to build the service culture. And the culture of service is exactly what Jesus required of His apostles and of us when he washed the feet of His apostles at the last supper. In the service of one another, we deepen and enrich our faith.

Our Parish is holding a Ministry Expo next weekend. We do this to let all our parishioners know that there are so many ministry groups in our parish which are serving us. Also, we take this opportunity to encourage all of our parishioners to join some of these ministries. **We hope each parishioner can do something in the parish.** As we know, we can express our love for God and for people through service. And we can only remove the consumption culture by building a service culture in our parish. Then our Church can possibly have a real change.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 16th April	8.00am Mass
TUE 17th April	8.00am Mass with children
WED 18th April	6.30am Mass
THU 19th April	7.30pm RCIA Enquiry night 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 20th April	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 21st April	4.00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass of Reginald and Joyce Nelson 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday <i>After Mass: Ministry Expo & cuppa</i>
SUN 22nd April	Fourth Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass <i>After both Masses: Ministry Expo & cuppa</i>

Ministry Expo: Next weekend, 21st & 22nd April, after all Masses, we will showcase all our Parish Ministry groups and the wonderful work they do. This is a time to rejoice in the faith of our church and the many ministries that support our community. Stay for an **alfresco cuppa and chat**. If anyone would like to bring a plate of food to share that would be wonderful.

Sacramental Team: Would you be interested in joining the Sacramental Team? We have a few vacancies. Support will be given with program, Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation. It is a wonderful faith journey to share with our children. Come and enquire. Please see Fr Baiyi or Jo Cullen.

ANZAC Day Mass 8am Wednesday 25th April. (Note there will be no 6.30am Mass that day.) Please bring some morning tea to share afterwards.

Fr Baiyi's Holidays: Fr Baiyi had planned to take some holidays from 23rd April to 14th May. He planned this before his father's sudden death. The last month or so have been quite exhausting for Fr Baiyi with the trip to China, funeral, Clergy Convocation on his return then he became ill with a cold just before Easter which is always a busy time. Fr Baiyi needs to have a break to rest and recover. We wish him a happy, safe and restful holiday.

No Weekday Masses: Apart from Anzac Day there will be no weekday Masses from 23rd April to 14th May.

Proclaim 2018 Conference 12th – 14th July. Deadline for early bird registrations is 22nd April. Proclaim 2018 is a wonderful opportunity to participate in an ongoing conversation focusing on leadership, culture change, engaging young people, belonging, parish renewal and evangelisation. It will be especially useful for PPC councillors and Co-ordinators of Ministry groups. For every 4 people we register we can get a 5th in for free so this will reduce the costs. The parish is willing to subsidise \$100 of the cost for PPC councillors and Ministry Co-ordinators. If you would like to attend please contact Fr Baiyi or Jo Cullen.

More information at www.proclaimconference.com.au

Celebration of Motherhood Afternoon Tea: Come along and join in this special celebration on Saturday 5th May from 2-3.30pm for an afternoon of Christian fellowship, delicious treats, fun, music, trivia, and prizes. Cost \$10(includes \$5 in raffle tickets). Hosted by Care & Concern. All are Welcome! To purchase your tickets or note your names down, see the C&C ladies at the rear of the church after mass. RSVP by 29 April. Contact Mel for further information 0419726957.

Children's Liturgy will not be held today. Parents, there are some children's Easter activity sheets near the main doors of the church if you would like to use these with your children. Children's Liturgy will resume for Term 2 next Sunday 22nd April.

Leaders please notify Jodie asap of any dates that you will be unavailable for roster in the new term.

Social Justice News:

1. Fundraiser for the Tamil Asylum seeker families on 27th April, at 6pm at the Mt. Gravatt Hotel, ring Jon 0412074196 or email jsorohan@bne.catholic.edu.au. Also, a kind donation of professional equipment has meant that the men are able to complete lawn mowing

Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Enquiry night Thursday 19th April at 7.30pm.

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- and gardening jobs. If you are able to give these men some work please contact Jon.
2. On the weekend of the 28/29 of April we will be discussing the issue: "**Fair Trade, Fair Work.**" The people from **Oxfam** will set up stalls with Fair Trade goods in the Parish Centre. You can browse after every Mass and maybe find a suitable Mother's Day gift.
 3. On Friday, the 11th of May, at 6.30pm, we will have a **Trivia Night** at the "Simon Peter Centre", at St Peter's School. The proceeds will go to the Hamlin Fistula Foundation and the "City of Joy" in Zambia. Please get together with your friends and set up tables of 6. We would like to see all of you there. Thank you in anticipation of a great response.

Erika on behalf of the SJG

Deacons: An understanding of why there are Deacons and their role in the Church. A brief glance at the history of the diaconate from New Testament times to its reintroduction as part of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. Presented by Deacon Mike Wednesday 9th May 7.00pm and Thursday 10th May at 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

Share the Dignity provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items during April and again in August. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of April. Please contribute to this worthy cause.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018 :

"The higher we go, the better we hear the voice of Christ." - *Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati 24 years old Young adult social activist*

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? Contact the Parish Office for more information.



St Vinnies News: Our SVDP Conference continues to help families with food, clothing and furniture. *A Quiet Reflection:* We must be willing to help others even if they have brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional.

Entertainment Books for 2018-19 are full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities valid to 1st June 2019. Cost \$70 but the value is thousands of dollars in savings. Choose a traditional book or a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office. Your purchase helps our fundraising. Thank you for your support.

Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

The Catholic Guy: Be changed...be renewed...be inspired. 5 inspiring sessions. Our Lady of Lourdes, Mains Rd, Sunnybank 18th to 24th April. Day and evening sessions. Pick up a leaflet today from the back of the church. See also TheCatholicGuy.com/Sunnybank.

Light and Presence Prayer Vigil: Every Tuesday at 7pm (commencing 24th April) at St Bernardine's Church, 25 Vergulde Rd, Regents Park. See the noticeboard.

THEOLOGY IN THE CITY LECTURE Tuesday April 24, 2018 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. *"The Church of Life—Pope Francis' response to the culture of death"*, presented by Dr Nigel Zimmermann. Cost: \$5/person. Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm, with refreshments from 6.30pm.

Be a volunteer OUT THERE: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Come to the Palms Info Session: Saturday 12 May 3:30pm in the Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George Street, Brisbane. Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

A Decade of Decades Trivia Night—Saturday May 12th. Presented by the Brisbane East Deanery at Our Lady of Graces, Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina Time: 7pm for a 7.15pm Start Price: \$15/person BYO Alcohol & Food; Soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night. Come dressed as your favourite decade. There will be a prize for the best dressed table!

Pentecost Retreat—"Moved by the Spirit - led by the Spirit" Led by Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap and Steffanie Le Sunday 20 May 2018 from 11.00am - 10.00pm. Held at St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End Cost \$50 (Food and refreshment included) Registration by 8th May to iana.cheng@optusnet.com.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Barbara Mildren, Phil Cullen

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Raymond Stierer, Lynn Robinson, Peta Power, Ray Naughton, Nita Atkins, Elizabeth Traquair, Denis Flanagan, Colin Bishop, Joan Potent, Mary Ann Morris, Roma Murray

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Esme Jensen, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, 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.

Roster 21st & 22nd April 2018

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Neil Ballment Shelagh Ballment	Deacon Mike Jones Natalie Hadde Steve Danudibrotto			Liz
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Kathy Seymour Del Reynolds Monica O'Leary	Jo Cullen Anne Scanlon Stephanie L Diane McKeone	Donald F Lydia Chew Shane S	Jada Leo	Madden family
Sun 6.00pm	Anne Fry	C 1 2	Vickie Routledge Anne Fry Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Kevin Fry Matt Jarvis Mel McKay		Angelina	Rita

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak, Efren & Grace Tuazon

Children's Liturgy: ? This week: Linen: Glenys Peters Counting: Carl's team

Cuppa: after all Masses next weekend 21st & 22nd April. Help needed! Please bring a plate of food to share

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
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)
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or
mcarroll580@gmail.com

Social Justice Group Facebook:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

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.



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