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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 A)

15th October 2017

(Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14)

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us a very instructive parable. A king had invited many people to the wedding of his son, but, when the wedding was ready, all those who had been invited refused to attend it with different excuses. Even worse, they killed the messengers. The king was so angry that he not only punished them but also destroyed their cities.

In this parable, these people represent the Israelites, who were God's chosen people and had been invited by God to attend the banquet of the kingdom of heaven. In order to make them eligible, God gave them the Law and sent many prophets to teach and guide them. The people were to learn about love, mercy and compassion, by which, a good path could be prepared, for the saviour to be born and then the salvation of the whole of mankind would be possible. Of course, if they followed the teaching of the prophets and observed God's law, they would have more chances to enter the kingdom of God than others. But, unfortunately, they didn't get the spirit of the Law and only observed it externally. Meanwhile, they didn't have love and mercy in their hearts, not only neglecting the wellbeing of the widows and orphans, but also oppressing them. Apart from this, they didn't worship God from the bottom of their hearts. When they prayed, they didn't try to please God but just wanted to catch the attention of and get praise from people around them. Obviously, they were getting further and further from the banquet of heaven. That is why Jesus said that they were those who had received the invitation but excused themselves from attending the banquet.

At last, the king sent the messengers out, asking them to invite everyone they could find to the wedding. So, anyone who they would happen to meet would be invited, no matter who they were. By which, Jesus teaches us that salvation is universal. No difference between nations, languages or skins, anyone who is able to love and be loved, who has mercy and compassion in their hearts, could be saved. And all of us have been created in the likeness of God, who is the source of love, mercy and compassion, therefore, each of us has already had the seeds of all these good virtues in our hearts. We just need to dig them out, water them and make them grow, by which, we are moving forward on the journey to the wedding.

However, we can learn from today's gospel that there is one condition for us to attend the wedding, which is, we have to wear a wedding garment. Without the garment, we will be driven out of the wedding hall. Here, the wedding garment points to the good Christian life that we should have as Christians. In summary, the good Christian life is the process of the practice of Jesus' teaching, loving God and neighbours. This is the only one condition for the admission to the wedding.

Dear friends, what we need to remember today is that we have been invited to the wedding via baptism, like the Israelites. But if we don't practice our faith in everyday life, if our hearts are not full of love, mercy and compassion, then we will become those who have been invited to, but will refuse to attend, the wedding, or those who are already in the wedding hall but will be driven out for not wearing the wedding garment.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 16th Oct	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 17th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch 8.00am Mass with children
WED 18th Oct	St Luke 6.30am Mass
THU 19th Oct	No Mass 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 20th Oct	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 21st Oct	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 22nd Oct	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday.

Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. We require at least one parent to accompany the group with the leader so we have 2 adults present **Cuppa and Chat** Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the 6pm Mass this Saturday 14th and after the 9am Mass next Sunday 22nd October.

Parish Dinner: a great success! 81 people attended. Big thank you to Julie H, Malcolm C, Helen G, Ann Maree C, Diane M & Les H for supporting me in a lovely night of fun, friendship, food & dancing. Look on the parish facebook page for some photos. Congratulations to the many raffle winners. Thanks to our supporters!. We raised \$1209. *Jo Cullen*

Parish Census: It has been 7 years since we last conducted a Parish Census so many of our records are out of date. Next weekend 21st & 22nd October we will be conducting a parish census with catch up over the following weekends for anyone who is away.

2017 Social Justice Sunday: We are celebrating Social Justice Sunday. The Catholic Bishops have published a statement: "Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive, sustainable economy." The Statement recognizes the great benefits of economic growth Australia has achieved over recent decades. However, not all Australians have shared in this national prosperity. Nearly 3 000 000 Australians live in poverty. Included in this number are 730 000 children. Those excluded are the lowest paid workers, the unemployed, the homeless, and the First people of this Land. The statement echoes the words of Pope Francis for all of us to become an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, vulnerable and excluded and to create an economy that is inclusive and founded on true solidarity with the most needy. The Statement challenges us to ponder, how we as a parish or as individuals, will respond to become an instrument of positive change, of justice, compassion and mercy. Don't leave this to others, this is everyone's business and we all have a part to play. Get active, become informed, voice your concerns, write letters, emails, call your MP, raise awareness and bring about change. Never underestimate the power of one. Our parish belongs to two electorates, Bonner and Rankin. The Federal Member for Bonner is Ross Vasta at 69 Clara Str. Wynnum, Ph: 3893 3488. Jim Chalmers is the Federal Member for Rankin. He is at Logan Central Plaza, Shop 65, Wembley Rd. Ph: 3299 5910. Our State member is Mick de Brenni at Shop 4-6, 71-73 Springwood Rd. Ph: 3414 2110. Please make yourself known to the MP's and talk to them about your concerns. Take a statement to read at home or visit the website www.acsjc.org.au to read it on line.

Music Ministry Meeting: Monday 16 October at 7:30pm. Please come along to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South and join us as we choose hymns for the next few weeks. Don't forget to bring along your copy of *Break Open the Word* to refer to the specific scripture. Any questions please phone Liz Fort on 3341 0852.

Combined Parish-School Family Mass 9am Sunday 29th October followed by morning tea, sausage sizzle, icy-poles etc on the grassed area. Come along and join in the fun and build our community.

Date Claimer: Holy Souls Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm.

Safeguarding Sunday was held last weekend: As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to "Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families". Each of us plays a part in listening to what children and vulnerable adults have to say, making sure that every child and vulnerable adult is safe and protected from abuse and harm. Copies of the prayer "See Me, hear me" ran out last weekend but more copies are available near the main doors of the church if you would like to take one home.

CRI in State Schools need more volunteers:

CRI allows volunteers to read from the Bible, explain the gospel and speak freely of their faith. Volunteers do not need to be teachers or teacher trained. Training and resources are all provided and the class teacher remains in the class in charge of student behaviour. All that is required is the time and desire to share the gospel. People can also team up in pairs if you want to work together. We are happy to speak with anyone who is interested in finding out more about this ministry and you are welcome to join an informal morning tea to meet current CRI volunteers. Contact Fr Baiyi, Rita Bishop or Julie in the Parish Office if you think you may be able to help.

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.

See the Noticeboard for more information on these Deanery events:

St Paul's Woodridge Multicultural Mass &

celebration: Sunday 22nd October commencing at 9am. Multicultural Food Stalls / Whip Cracking Show / Multicultural Dance / Face Painting / BBQ / Hand Made Rosary Stall / Raffle / Over 20 country flag Parade. 3 St Paul's Drive, Woodridge.

St Maximilian Kolbe Parish Spring Fair: Saturday 28th October 8am to 3pm 28-36 Macarthy Rd, Marsden

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats – Healing lives wounded by abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a confidential healing ministry for the many people who have been touched by an abortion experience. Too often women and men are silenced by their abortions, and the retreats offer a safe place to express grief and to reclaim their voices in an understanding and compassionate environment.

The retreats run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Brisbane Retreat: November 17th – 19th 2017. Cost: \$350

Contact: Jane 0422 172 554 Email: janebacc@gmail.com Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Dutton Park Catholic Parish Centenary - All members of the community are invited to celebrate the Centenary Anniversary of St Ita's Parish at Dutton Park (now part of Dutton Park—West End parish) on Sunday October 15. The 10am Celebration Mass at St Ita's Church, Pope Street, Dutton Park will be followed by a light lunch, refreshments and entertainment. Enquiries: 3844 2744

The Uprising is a Youth Event on Friday 20th October 5pm to 9pm at Wynnum. Live DJ, rides, food trucks, giveaways, fireworks, illusionist Andino, hip-hop artist Myshon Kyd, TDA Dance Crew. Free entry. This is a drug and alcohol free event with the goal of preventing youth suicide. See poster on the noticeboard for more details.

All Hallows Annual Past Pupils Mass: The All Hallows' Past Pupils' are invited to attend the Annual Mass and Biennial Meeting in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday 28 October at 10.30am followed by Morning Tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost towards morning tea is \$20.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au under Quicklinks. RSVP no later than Tuesday 23 October, 2017. For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson Foundation Manager and Past Pupil School Liaison on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au. Limited parking is available at the school.

All Hallows 70 year reunion: A 70 year Reunion at All Hallows for Juniors/Commercials from 1947 on Saturday 28th October. For details and bookings contact Catharine Courtney cmcourtney1@bigpond.com or Tel 07 3862-7890

The Lourdes Hill Past Pupils will be holding our Annual Remembrance Mass on Saturday 4th November at 10am in The Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Lourdes Hill College; we are once again having a procession of candles during the Mass to remember our past pupils who have died during each decade since 1916. If you are aware of past pupils who have passed away since our Remembrance Mass in 2016, would you please send their names to the email address paparker15@bigpond.com, notify the college or bring the names with you to the Mass.

Centacare Pastoral Ministries: Join our prison chaplain team, bearing solace mercy and hope. Pick up a leaflet near the main doors of the church. Read, think and pray to see if this ministry is for you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Franco Milaudi (Petra's father), David Finlayson, Fr Chris Schick, Les Dwyer, Audrey Hussey, Joan Coyer

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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, Michael Galea

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Anthony Van Rooy, Sr Patricia Lynch MMM (Fr John's aunt in Dublin), Evelyn Scanlon, Neil Ballment, 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, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Don Bechly, Brian Button, 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 21st & 22nd October 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Joyce Lyster Geoff Hondroudakis	Mal Jensen Carl de Mello Diane Land	Clive Angelina	
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Stephanie Lenihan Lydia Chew Monica O'Leary	Deacon Mike Jones Anne Scanlon Jo Cullen	Jada Luna	
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Vickie Routledge Daniel Twidale Aurelie Regnard	Ann Maree Collier Malcolm Carroll Helen Graczyk	Chevonne Rena	

Church Cleaning: 8 Basil's cleaners

Children's Liturgy: Anne **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 22nd Oct: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Jo Cullen

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 334 1 3862

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:
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