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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."

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year A)

16th February 2020

Readings: Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

A reflection on Doctor Li Wenliang

Li Wenliang, an ophthalmologist working at Wuhan Central Hospital, Hubei province, China, passed away on 7th February 2020, aged 33. Millions of Chinese people mourned his death on the Internet. Even further, WHO, CNN, BBC, Fox News and many other international individuals and organizations expressed their condolences.

Why has the death of an ordinary doctor caused so many people to become so upset? Dr Li has been considered as one of the earliest whistleblowers of the novel coronavirus in China. On 30th December 2019, Dr Li saw a patient's report which showed a positive result with a high confidence level for SARS coronavirus test. Later, Dr Li said in a WeChat (a Chinese social media) group, "7 confirmed cases of SARS were reported from Huanan Seafood Market." Dr Li also posted the report and a patient's CT scan result. Sometime later, he added, "the later news is: it has been confirmed that they are coronavirus infections, but the exact virus is yet to be subtyped." Also, Dr Li explained what a coronavirus is with a message. The members of the WeChat group are his former medical classmates and Dr Li was trying to warn them. After that, with good intentions, some of the group members shared the information with others outside the group. Then the news was out on the Internet, being circulated around in the society.

On 3rd January 2020, Dr Li was summoned and admonished by local police. Dr Li was told that he had been spreading rumours, having caused the public panic. He was asked to stop doing that and to sign on an exhortation letter. Before that, eight other doctors had posted the same news on the Internet and they were also asked to do the same as Dr Li did. After Dr Li had attended to an elderly person with glaucoma, who was highly suspected to be infectious with the novel coronavirus, Dr Li started coughing and was admitted to hospital. On 30th January, Dr Li was confirmed with the novel coronavirus. A few days later, he died. It is believed that if Dr Li and the eight other doctors had been listened to and if proper actions had been taken accordingly early in January, the situation of the virus would not have become so serious.

In China, if you spread information on the Internet which the government defines as sensitive, you can be in a really big trouble. Dr Li must have been fully aware of this risk. However, he chose to warn people, to tell people what was happening. In a society that lacks truth and transparency in many things, a person who can tell truth is invaluable. Jesus said, "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No', anything more than this comes from evil" (Matthew 5:37). Also, Dr Li became infectious when he was working. He did his job well as a doctor, especially when he realized that the virus could lurk in any person at any place. Dr Li didn't compromise at all and kept his integrity. I think it is most suitable to describe him with St Paul's words, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and the time of my departure has come." (2 Timothy 4:7) My dear friends, let us learn from Dr Li Wenliang and pray for him.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:		<u>Date Claimers</u>
MON 17th Feb	8.00am Mass	February 24 Music Ministry meeting, 7.30pm 25 Baptism Information meeting, 7.30pm 26 Ash Wednesday, Masses 6.30am, 9am, 7.30pm Reflection before the Evening Mass, 6.45pm 28 Lenten Reflection, 7pm Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm 29 Ministry Coordinators day at Marian Valley 29 High School Youth Group, 7pm
TUE 18th Feb	8.00am Mass 4.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Faith Enrichment meeting	March 1 Community Day, 10am Altar server support meeting, 12pm 4 Lenten Discussion Group, 7:30pm 6 Lenten Reflection, 7pm Stations of the Cross, 7:30pm 7 Lenten Discussion Group, 9am
WED 19th Feb	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting	Ministry Group leaders , please note that all requests for events, meetings and fundraisers need to be submitted to the Parish Office at least one month prior so we can avoid clashes with other events. Thank you.
THU 20th Feb	No Mass	
FRI 21st Feb	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 5 classes	
SAT 22nd Feb	The Chair of Saint Peter 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
SUN 23rd Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 10.30am Sacrament of Penance preparation 6.00pm Mass	

Sacrament of Penance: At the 6pm Saturday and 9am Sunday Masses this weekend we will have a Rite of Enrolment for the children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance (First Rite). The children (and a parent) will attend a day of preparing for and receiving the Sacrament next Sunday 23rd February. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.

Bev & Gwen (Sacramental Team Coordinators)

Recruitment: Our Parish abides by the Archdiocesan requirements for the recruitment of Ministers.

Are you a Mass Co-ordinator, AV Operator, Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Communion or would like to be? The next Mass Co-ordinators/AV/

Communion/Readers Rosters will cover the dates of 29th February to the end of May. The roster will be finalized this week so this is the last weekend to advise any dates you know that you will be unavailable or any changes for this roster. New Ministers welcome. Training provided.

Care & Concern is in need of volunteers to assist with 'Visitation'. Please contact Lynn for further information 0403051103

First Friday Rosary 8.30am, Adoration 9am and Healing Mass 9.30am Friday 6th March

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at St Mark's Anglican Church, Daisy Hill commencing at 10am. This year's focus is Zimbabwe. St Peter's have been asked to provide readers. Contact Jo Cullen if you can attend. Unfortunately this does clash with our First Friday program which will proceed as normal.

Youth Update:

High School Youth Group (& reunion of St Peter's graduates): 7-8:30pm in the parish centre on Feb 29th
Young adults: location and other info is sent out closer to the date. Last date for February is the 25th.
Junior (years 3-6): March 22nd 10am-12:30pm
For more information on any of these events contact **Olivia**, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

St Vinnies Charity Bin: Please do not place donated items outside the charity bin, as many have been destroyed by the weather. If the bin is full and you have donations, please take them to the St Vinnies Collection Centre at 1/3375 Pacific Highway, Springwood.

Baskets needed for St Vinnies Easter Raffle: If anyone has cane baskets that they would like to donate for the St Vinnies Easter raffle, please drop them into the Parish Office. Thank you.

Music Ministry Meeting: The next music meeting will be held on Monday 24th February at 7:30 pm. Please come along to 22 Lancelot St with your copy of *Break Open the Word*. For any queries please phone Eliz Fort on 3341 0852. Thank you.

Are YOU Coming to OUR Parish Plenary Forum? This Sunday February 16 from 10:15am – 12:30pm, Parish Centre. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there.

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great
South Land.*



O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

Parish Plenary Team & Faith Enrichment Group

Community Day: Our Parish is considering having a Community Day for all ages on the first Sunday of each month, possibly beginning in March. We would like to encourage you to let us know your thoughts on:

What interest group would you like to suggest? (not necessarily join)

What interest group would you be interested in?

If you, or someone you know, would like to coordinate any particular group?

Please send your ideas or suggestions to the parish office via email or phone 33414421.

Christian Religious Instruction: As a CRI teacher or helper in a local State School, you can read the Bible with students and share the gospel message clearly. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, blue card and a letter from your church minister. Teaching curriculum and training are provided. For more information, please contact Sonia Kenny: soniajkenny@gmail.com 0422 068 552.

Invitation from ARMIA (Active Refugee and Migrant Integration in Australia) and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank: Come, eat and play! ARMIA House and Our Lady of Lourdes invite all refugees and new migrants under 13 years of age... To join us for afternoon tea and board games every Tuesday afternoon during term time, beginning March 4, 2020 (3:30 - 4:30 pm) at ARMIA House, Mains Road, Sunnybank (Contact 3344 1149) Socialise and practise English skills and have fun!

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Come and join us! Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further information or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Wylie Smith, Sarah Land (*Stephen Land's Mother*), Keith Mayer

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Josephine Cooney, George Hardy, Ricci Stein, Luke Timbs, Mohan Varghese, Tom 'Joe' Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards, Mark Christensen, Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, Michael O'Grady, Joseph Peko, Vickie Routledge, Alan Camp, Ian Thompson, Kevin Kelly, Edna Bultitude, Vilma Ghouse, Callum Poynter, Sue Power, Rebecca Power, Rex Bowen, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Barrie Martin, Marcos Mendoza, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Fabio Viola, Michael Harkin, David Richardson, Kaitlin Bakker, Karen Johnston, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Lori Hodder, Ramona Cruz, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, Sylvia Privitera, Johnny Summers, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, Ursula Williamson

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.

22nd&23rd Feb	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Carl de Mello	Marilyn Mills	Anne Fry
AV Operators	David Crowley	John Donohue	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Clive D'Silva 1. Neil Ballment 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Megan Philpott 1. Kathy Seymour 2. Alan Vigor	C. Margaret Connors 1. Shane Sweeney 2. John Blake
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Deacon Mike Jones Joseph Varkey Danny Vaihu	Lydia Chew Jo Cullen Shane Seymour Marilyn Mills	Gwen Martin Jim Nathan Julie Hondroudakis
Altar Servers	Talia, Matilda	William, Euha, Eugene	Angelina, Marissa
Musicians	Anne Flood	Carmel	Liz

Church Cleaning: Group 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Jenifa & Suresh

Children's Liturgy: Paola Tagini **This week: Sacristan:** Mel McKay **Counting:** Carl's Team

Cuppa: Sun 23 February after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Malcolm Carroll

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
Social Justice Group Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

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