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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."

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16th July 2017

(Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-9)

Others fell on rich soil

Today's Gospel is the parable of the sower, in which Jesus stresses that when the quality of the seed keeps the same, the quality of the soil becomes the key factor in whether or not there will be a good harvest. Jesus tells us that the seed represents the word of the kingdom and the soil, human hearts. So, if we would like the seed of the word to yield a good harvest in our lives, we should turn our hearts into rich soils.

I was born into a farming village. Every year at the end of autumn, the villagers work in the field nearly every day, tilling all the soils deeply and thoroughly. After that, they will collect combustible materials from the surrounding hills, with which they will make hill-like earthen mounds, with one layer of the flammable materials and another layer of earth. And then they burn them completely. There is one such mound in every piece of field. These burned mounds are used as fertilisers and make soils much more productive. In winter it usually snows heavily in my hometown but that's good news to the villagers since many pests will die in the cold, then the soil will be more suitable for growing crops. And that's not finished yet, before sowing the seed in spring, the farmers will plough and fertilise the field again, taking the field to its highest level. Only by all this process, can the villager have strong confidence in having a great harvest in autumn.

Actually, the above proceedings can give us some insights into preparing our hearts for God's word. Firstly, our hearts need to be tilled. We all have opinions and ideas about God, human beings and the world. We should dig them out regularly and see if any changes and updates are needed. Some deep thinking on them is necessary. Our state of mind can't be like a pool of stagnant water. Secondly, our hearts should be fertilised often, making them able to accept new things and update outdated stereotypes. The ways can be: to attend different study groups, even to do some formal studies at university; to carefully listen to the Word of God and homilies at Mass weekly; to systematically read some catechetical and spiritual books. They can help us in accepting and comprehending the word of God. Thirdly, there are always some pests in our hearts, such as pride, anger, greed and so on, which badly corrode our hearts, blocking God's word from taking root within us. We need something like snow to freeze them to death. The methods can be reconciliation, retreats, spiritual counselling etc. Then we will have pure hearts for God's word. Fourthly, every time when we start reading or listening to God's word, we should do some final preparations. We can sit down first for a while, leaving all of our worries behind and welcoming the word of God with a calm, peaceful and prayerful heart.

Dear friends, is your heart a piece of rich soil? Have you tilled, fertilised and sterilised your heart regularly? Do you always prepare your heart before you enter into God's word? If not, please make plans for it and implement them faithfully. Only by this, can we possibly turn our hearts into rich soils and then the seed of the word will produce crops in our lives, some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-30

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 17th July	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 18th July	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 19th July	6.30am Mass
THU 20th July	No Mass
FRI 21st July	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene 12.00pm Winter Warmers Lunch 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 23rd July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy starts again this Sunday. Leaders please collect your new rosters and materials.

Altar Servers: New roster available now for Term 3. New altar servers still welcome to join the roster. Please talk to Fr Baiyi or contact Julie in the Parish Office.

Parishioner would like a lift to 9am Mass on Sundays. Rochedale Estates area. Phone 3341 4408

Wanted: Child's A-frame whiteboard to be used for advertising Tuesday morning Mass. Please phone Steph Lenihan 0413268860

No Evening Cuppa & Chat in winter but we can all still enjoy them after the 9am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Church Cleaning: New rosters available for collection.

Parish Pastoral Council Changeover: the term of our current PPC is coming to an end. Next weekend we will begin the process of discerning and nominating people as potential members of the new PPC for 2017 -19. Rob Cosgrove from Evangelisation Brisbane will speak to us at Masses next weekend about the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. Some of our current PPC members will share their experiences.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Training: It is a requirement of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy that **all parish volunteers** attend training in the area of Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. To ensure that our Parish is compliant with this Policy, your attendance at **1** of 3 training sessions is required. Troy Tornabene, the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, will facilitate these sessions. Sessions times will be
Wednesday 9th August 6pm – 9pm
Friday 11th August 10.30am- 1:30 pm
Sunday 13th August 10am- 1:00 pm
Morning tea will be provided at each session.

Winter Warmers Lunch: This is the last weekend to get your tickets to the Winter Warmers Lunch which Care & Concern are hosting next Saturday 22nd July 12noon until 2.30pm. All Welcome. Cost \$10 See flyer on church door for details.

Social Justice News: The Caloundra Social Justice Group has sent a bulletin about the "African Famine Crisis" and what we can do to help. There are copies at the back of the church.

We have delivered 3100 stars to Human Ventures in Queen St for the project "One million stars to end violence". The stars will be exhibited at the Gold Coast during the Commonwealth Games. Thank you to all parishioners who contributed.

We have sent a parcel for The City of Joy with birthday cards and gifts to Miranda, a young volunteer, who will be working with the girls for 6 months. Thanks to parishioners who contributed financially towards the project.

Thank you to the members of the Social Justice Group who have organized the NAIDOC celebrations. We have raised \$560 for the needs of the Murri

Ministry. Thank you everyone.

Erika on behalf of the SJG

Music Ministry Meeting: The next Music Meeting will be held on Monday July 17 at 7:30 pm. Please bring your copy of Break Open the Word to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. Please contact Liz Fort with any queries on 3341 0852. Thank you.

Free: Kawai Organ. Good condition with pedals, electro chord, bass, upper & lower drawer bar with rhythms. Contact Julie in the Parish Office or Carmel Northey-Cherrett if you are interested.

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.

Youth Synod Survey In 2018, there will be a Synod in Rome on the topic "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment". Recently there was a national survey conducted of young people aged 16-29 to give them an opportunity to contribute to this conversation.

We recognise there are many who work/interact with young people who no longer fit into the 16-29 age range, yet also care deeply about the role of young people in the Church today. Therefore, we have created a survey for those with a vested

interest to contribute to this conversation. This could include youth leaders, parents, priests, religious, teachers, grandparents, parishioners and more. Those who filled out the previous survey (e.g. youth leaders) may also wish to contribute here as some questions are quite different. If you wish to fill out this survey, head to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018synodwiderchurch>
The questions in this survey come directly from the Preparatory Document for the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. There will be an option at the very end of the survey to leave a general comment, if you feel these questions haven't provided you with a place to express your thoughts and opinions.

We also encourage you to share this survey with anyone you know who may also care about the role of young people in the Church today. The survey will close 11:59pm, Sunday 30 July.



Vinnies News: Donations would be welcome of new or good quality second hand blankets and towels. Also, donations of sewing materials are still welcome to help the St Vinnies' sewing group at Woodridge.

Entertainment Books 2017/18 are available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. \$65. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

An invitation to young women who may be interested in discerning a religious vocation to join Bishop Ken Howell for an evening meal and informal discussion at Wynberg. The meal will be at 790 Brunswick Street, New Farm, on Thursday, 20 July 2017 beginning at 6.30pm. Contact Fr Baiyi if you are interested in attending.

Evening Retreat at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Macarthy Rd, Marsden on Friday 21st July 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Praise & worship, preaching of the Word, Healing Mass. Conducted by Fr Rony and Fr Joby from the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW. Contact the parish on 3803 0862 or email marsden@bne.catholic.net.au

The Oratory Winter Ball: Fundraising for the education of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation's four seminarians – Saturday 22 July 2017, 6:30pm, Level 2 Portside Wharf, Hamilton. All are invited to join us for an evening of live music and dancing by the river. Tickets and further details available at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=258077&>

Theology in the City Lecture: Tuesday 25th July 6.30pm (hospitality) for a 7pm start. In the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, beside the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, City. Lecturer: Dr Antonia Pizzey - ACU Brisbane. Topic: "Catholic Approaches to Dialogue: From Vatican II to Receptive Ecumenism".

Clairvaux MacKillop College Open morning: Friday, 28th July 9am – 11am. Presentation in the Auditorium followed by the College tour with our Student Leaders. There is an opportunity to meet with our Principal and members of the Leadership Team. Bookings recommended. To book a space, please contact our Enrolment Officer – ph. 3347 9223 or email: gomf@cvxmck.edu.au

Women of the Way Annual Retreat— 25-27 Aug 2017 at Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin, Brisbane
Theme: Live Alive -No Longer a Slave to Fear; I am a Child of God (Gal 4:7, Ezek 34:27)

Presenters: David & Natalie Tensen Resident Priest: Fr Chima Ofor
Contact: ph 0402 316 288 or email wowqld@gmail.com RSVP: Aug 14

Date Claimer: St Ignatius Parish Toowong's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality—Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm - Stuartholme School Chapel organised by St Ignatius Parish Toowong

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Ann Mendoza, Connie Desbois, Michael Ah Koy, Ken Murphy, Dionisio Tuazon, Jeremy Wardlaw, Annie Mah, Melba Connole, Sharon David

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Kathleen Stitt, Ross Bray, Herbert Hussey, Damian Bartlett, Susan Hargreaves, Bridget Cummins, John Gallagher, Eric Moran, Ethel Moran, Kevin O'Brien, Marie Leadbetter, David O'Gorman, Maggie Bahn, Mary Kate Wiltshire, Bill Weeks Snr, Jack Winter, Albert de Wit, William Wotherspoon, Jacqueline Tagg, Florence O'Gorman, Derval O'Sullivan, Glennis Troy, May Winter, Jack Bates, Fr John Mary Chin, Agatha Thien, Gregory Chin, Paul Mah

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Val Holzberger, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Anne Hawkins, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, 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, Roger Byrne, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, 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 22nd & 23rd July 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Barry Tier	C 1 2	Jo Cullen Neil Ballment Mary Naughton	Deacon Mike Jones Ann Maree Collier Shelagh Ballment	Clive Angelina	
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Monica O'Leary Megan Seymour	Joan D'Netto Shane Seymour ?	Jada	
Sun 6.00pm	Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Vickie Routledge Helen Graczyk Aurelie Regnard	Matthew Jarvis Kate Guy	Eza	

Church Cleaning: 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

Children's Liturgy: Joel **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: Sunday 23rd July after the 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon

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 3341 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:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

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