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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 Advent (Year C)

### 16th December 2018

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

## Lay Ministers Thank-you Gathering

On 30th November evening, our parish successfully held a thank-you gathering in the parish centre. We thanked all our lay ministers for the efforts and contribution they had made in St Peter's, Rochedale. There were around 70 parishioners who attended the gathering. We prepared for them some Chinese take-away food, soft drinks and cool air-conditioned space. It was very simple but very nice as expressed to me by many attendees later. During the gathering, Josephine Cullen, our Coordinator of Lay Ministries, introduced the current situation of lay ministries and what we have recently achieved. At the end, I, on behalf of the Parish, presented two certificates to two very special people, John Donohue, who has been serving our Parish as sacramental program coordinator for 10 years, and Judith Littlefield, who has been cleaning our Parish Office on Monday mornings for 27 years. Both John and Judith are now retiring from their two particular roles this year. Many thanks to all our lay ministers again, especially John and Judith.

As Josephine mentioned in the evening, I prefer the term lay minister to volunteer when it comes to those who serve in our parish. To me, volunteers are those who choose to do some work that they are not obliged to do and they don't receive any payment. When they do the work, they are doing someone else a favour. It would be completely fine if they chose not to do it. However, in our Church, a minister means a server. All of us have been called by Jesus to be a server. Even Jesus Himself said that He hadn't come to be served but to serve. Therefore, serving one another is our responsibility, even obligation, and it is the way that we help one another and become better in the eyes of God. Serving is not something that we can choose not to do. When the circumstance allows, everyone should be a minister in the Parish. By serving one another, we know one another better, show our love for one another, making our common spiritual home better and stronger, and most importantly, we grow closer to God. In fact, when we become lay ministers, we are doing ourselves, not someone else, a favour.

Different lay ministers serve in different ways. Every single ministry in the parish is important. So, it doesn't matter whether you are a reader or a cleaner, you are important. As you know, we always encourage and invite our parishioners to become lay ministers in one way or another. Whatever you can do, you just do it. It doesn't matter what ministry it is, or how much you are able to complete. Nobody would or should judge you. If you do your best, you will be good enough in God's eyes.

So my brothers and sisters, please challenge yourself and work out what you can do in the parish as a lay minister. We have a little brochure called "Ministry Information and Expression of Interest Form" for your information. Also, you can go to Josephine Cullen and consult with her about the ways of being a wonderful lay minister in our parish.

Fr Baiyi

**Readings for next weekend: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)**

Micah 5:1-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 17th Dec</b>	8.00am Mass 8.30am St Vinnies hamper sorting
<b>TUE 18th Dec</b>	8.00am Mass 8.30am St Vinnies Hamper packing 7.30pm Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
<b>WED 19th Dec</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 20th Dec</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 21st Dec</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 22nd Dec</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 23rd Dec</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Decorating the church for Christmas



**LETTER BOX DROP** Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Invitation' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from outside the Church if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area.

Please mark the street or streets you will deliver. We would also like to cover the new Rochedale Estates again to welcome any new residents to our church. Maps provided for these areas.

**2019 Year planner:** to help us plan for 2019, could Ministry Group leaders please advise the Parish Office of any dates your ministry group is planning events or fund-raising etc.

### Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying .....

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

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[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

### Mass Co-ordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers & Altar Servers are needed for all Christmas Masses.

If you know which Mass you will be attending please consider if you can volunteer to help out in any way. Write your name on the sheets on the back table.

**Christmas Decorating:** We would love your help with decorating the Church for Christmas! All are welcome to come decorate your church home for Christmas. We will be decorating on Sunday 23rd December after 6pm Mass finishes so starting around 7pm. Everyone is welcome to help.

**Christmas Decorations:** if anyone would like to put a special Christmas ornament on the church tree you are welcome to do so. Place your decoration in the wooden box at the back of the church. Put your family name on your decoration and you can take it home again after Christmas.

### St Vinnies' News: for Sale from the Piety Stall:

Columban Calendars for 2019 \$8. Christmas Cards—pack of 8 for \$4.

**Hampers:** Last weekend for donations of non perishable food and gifts for our Christmas hampers for the needy. Place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font.



We need volunteers for sorting donations this **Monday 17th December 8.30am** and for packing hampers on **Tuesday 18th December 8.30am**. Many helpers needed! All Welcome.

**Fridge needed:** we urgently need a fridge for a newly arrived battling family. If you can help please call Brian on 0419 992 294.

**Thank You:** A very big thank you to all those who supported Care & Concern's Christmas lunch on Saturday in support of St Vinnies by attendance or raffle ticket purchase. A great afternoon was had by all. Thank you very much to all those who donated food and money, to our amazing helpers on the day and Fr Baiyi, Jo & Julie for your support. To our wonderful volunteers and committee, thank you all for your much valued support throughout the year. A very happy Christmas to you all and may God bless you and your families abundantly. *Lynn*

### Rosters for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of

**Communion** If our records show that you do not hold a current Blue Card or Exemption Card or haven't had a Police Check you will find a note on your envelope to follow up with forms for these. Please see Jo or Julie for any queries.

**Help needed:** We are seeking a volunteer to clean the Parish Office. It would require an hour or 2 of your time during Parish Office hours preferably on a weekly basis. We also need people to join our **Church Cleaning Ministry Group**. Three of our long term church cleaning Ministry members have retired from their roles. We thank Trish Bakker and Frank and Narelle Garland for their many years of service cleaning the church. Church cleaning groups of 4 or 5 people clean our church on an 8 week rotation. If anyone would be interested in joining either of these important 'behind the scenes' Ministries please see Fr Baiyi, Julie or Jo.

**God's Word 2019** Liturgical Diaries for sale. Great price—\$10. All the readings for every day of the year as well as reflections. Wonderful for yourself or as a Christmas gift.

**Break Open the Word 2019:** Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group.

### Advent & Christmas Date Claimers

#### **St Vinnies' Hamper Packing**

8.30am both Mon 17th & Tues 18th December

*Please note change of dates from previously advertised*

#### **Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:**

7.30 pm Tuesday 18th December

**Practice for Children's Pageant** at 6.30pm Mass will be held at 10.00am on Monday 24th December

#### **Christmas Masses:**

**Christmas Eve** Monday 24th Dec

6.30 pm (Family)

& 9.00 pm (Vigil)

**Christmas Day** Tuesday 25th Dec

9.00 am only

**New Year's Day** Tuesday 1st January 9.00am only



**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 new bequest brochures.

**Pet Crosses:** Please contact the Parish Office if you ordered a Pet Cross and have not collected it yet.  
**Help needed:** A parishioner living in the Rochedale area would like a lift to either Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am Mass on a regular basis. If anyone is able to assist, please call Julie in the Parish Office.  
**Donations** of spectacles, Bibles, lead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and exercise books for an optometrist to take to Vanuatu. Place your donations in the marked box at the back of the church.

**Invitations from around the Archdiocese**

**Christmas Lights at the Cathedral:** This Christmas St Stephen's Cathedral will host a spectacular sound, light and projection show to celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. *The Lights of Christmas* will illuminate the side of the Cathedral with an enchanting 12-minute show, which will run continuously from 7:30pm until midnight every evening from 12th to 24th December. We are thrilled to invite all parishioners to join us on the lawn at St Stephen's for this magnificent event. We are seeking volunteers to welcome visitors and assist them as needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to <https://hrads.weebly.com/cathedral-christmas-lights.html> to register. Additionally, there will be an opening night interfaith choir led by Andrew Cichy on 12th December. If you would like to sing in this choir please email [cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au).

**The annual Christmas Lights festival at St Gerard Majella, Chermide West** is now on and will continue every night till 23rd December. Huge lights display, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Barbecue, Drinks, ice Creams and Op Shop all operating from 6pm till 10pm nightly. Free entertainment every night. The program for our free concerts can be found on our website: [www.olaparishchermide.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermide.org.au).

**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.

**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:** Mai Jensen 0411641312  
**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am  
 (1st Fridays 8.30am) All Welcome!

**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  
**St Vincent de Paul Group:**  
 New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Frances Barry, Sylvia Justo (Sylvia Privitera's mum), Nicole Phillips, Ron Burnell

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Rod Caligari, Udhav Mone, Emily Jane Mahony, Sarah Hamill, John Pulley, Maria Riccobon, John Glancy, Clare Breen, Kevin Mullins, Sr Philomena Lyons, Ken White, Alexander Forbes, Thomas Doherty, Helen Lawlor, Ronald Kennedy, William 'Bill' Carver

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Don Bechly, Armando Sta. Ana, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Martine Pitts, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, John Green, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, 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.*

22nd& 23rd Dec	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Carl	Kevin	Helen
<b>AV Operators</b>	Michael Collier	John Donohue	Kate Guy
<b>Readers</b>	C. Mary Naughton 1. Peta Grandin 2. Clive D'Silva	C. Kathy Seymour 1. Jonathan Vigor 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Vickie Routledge 1. Jo Cullen 2. Anne Fry
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Trish Meulman Rob Meulman Danny Vaihu	Alan Scanlan Kevin Healan Diane McKeone Marilyn Mills	Julie Hondroudakis Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Luna, Rene	Jada, Finn S, Leo	Finn W, Jerome, Chevonne
<b>Musicians</b>	Geoff	Carmel	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 5 Mark & Gabrielle Connolly, Narelle & Frank Garland, John Viola

**Children's Liturgy:** None      **This week:** Sacristan: Mel McKay      **Counting:** Bob's Team

**Cuppa:** Sun 23rd Dec after 9am Mass: Care and Concern



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