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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."

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th June 2018

Readings: Ezekiel 17: 22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

It is like a mustard seed

One saying in China is very well-known and it is: "Don't do anything evil, even things that are deemed a little evil; do whatever is good, even things that are deemed just a little good." It tells us that it is every small good deed in day-to-day life that transforms a person from someone ordinary into a saint. Conversely, the most evil person always begins by doing things that were a little evil and in time, unchecked, ends up being a vile creature. It is apparent that it is essential to avoid doing even minor deeds that are negative and destructive.

There are two analogies that develop understanding of this Chinese saying. "Doing good is just like grass in the garden. You can't see it grow but it grows every single day. And doing evil things is just like whetstone. You can't see it being worn down but it wears down every time it is used." Indeed, the grass in a garden looks the same every day, but actually, it is growing all the time. Doing good is something like this. If we do one good thing, we usually don't feel any difference. But if we persevere in doing good, after a period of time, we will discover we have made a difference. Similarly, when we sharpen a knife with a whetstone for the first time, we can't see much of the whetstone worn down, but, over time, the whetstone will disappear completely. This is similar to what happens when we do evil things. If we do one evil deed, we might not notice much of a negative effect, however, if we continue this evil activity, in the end, it could have a devastating impact on us and on others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is "like a mustard seed". He means that in the beginning the kingdom of heaven might appear very inconspicuous, and easily overlooked. But if we keep looking after it, over time, this little mustard seed can grow into a huge tree, big enough for birds to "shelter in its shade." And so what do we water this little mustard seed with to make it grow? Of course, the answer is our good deeds. As a matter of fact, the mustard-seed-like kingdom of heaven is the seed of love planted in our hearts by God when we were created in His image. Or we say it is our basic human nature of love originated from God, who is love. The acts of love are like sunshine and rain and can make the seeds of love take root, grow, blossom and bear fruit. Conversely, if we do evil, even minor acts of evil, we are harming the seed and eventually it could die due to lack of sunshine and rain.

Many people think that they can't see much change after doing something good or immediate negative results from doing something evil. Actually, this analogy by Jesus and the ones by ancient Chinese sages have something in common. Building the kingdom of heaven is like the growth of grass- you hardly notice the change, but it is changing. Similarly, doing evil is like whetstone, often causing little harm initially but harm is still happening. Therefore, my dear friends, let us always say no to doing evil and continue to do good no matter how small the good deeds are. In so doing, we are gradually building the kingdom of heaven from a tiny mustard seed to a huge tree, large enough for birds to "shelter in its shade".

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 18th June	8.00am Mass
TUE 19th June	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting 7.00pm RCIA
WED 20th June	6.30am Mass 1.30pm Parent Information Meeting (Confirmation) 7.30pm Parent Information Meeting (Confirmation)
THU 21st June	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga No Mass
FRI 22nd June	Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas Moore 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Year 1 Liturgy of the Word
SAT 23rd June	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 24th June	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist 9.00am Mass 10.00am St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day 6.00pm Mass

Colgate Community Garden Challenge

Recycle oral care waste for the chance to win a recycled community garden set for our school! St Peter's Catholic Primary School has joined the Colgate Community Garden Challenge! We are collecting oral care waste and online votes for a chance to win a recycled community garden set to grow our own veggie patch! You can help by bringing along your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, the cardboard boxes they came in, dental floss containers. We collect any brand. These will be recycled by TerraCycle. There is a box at the back of the church for your recycling.



St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day next Sunday 24th June 10am to 2pm
See note on page 3 for more details.
Please join us to raise funds to help St Vinnies help others.

Confirmation: Enrolment forms are still being accepted for Confirmation for 2018 for children in Grade 3 and above. Contact the Parish Office if you would like your child to be Confirmed this year (Friday 7th September). Parent Information meeting will be held this Wednesday 20th June at 1.30pm and repeated at 7.30pm.

Children's Liturgy will be held as usual this Sunday 17th and next Sunday 24th June during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Mass as usual. Children's Liturgy will then take a break for the school holidays and return on July 22nd.

Leaders, please notify Jodie if you know of any dates you are unavailable in Term 3 so the new roster can be prepared. If you would like to help out at Children's Liturgy, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

St Peter's Feast day will be celebrated by our parish on the weekend of 30th June & 1st July instead of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please join us for a special Cuppa and Chat after each Mass that weekend. (Note for readers: the readings for that weekend are not in *Break Open the Word*. You can collect your readings for practicing from the Sacristy this weekend or next.)

Peter's Pence: The Archbishop has decided to change the annual date for the parish collections for Peter's Pence to the first Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June. This year it will therefore be Sunday 1 July which we here at St Peter's will celebrate as our parish feast day.

At all Masses on the weekend of 30th June/1st July the annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

Volunteer Data Forms, Blue Cards etc. Any ministers who have outstanding Blue Card forms or Police Check forms please be advised that these current ones will become invalid from 30th June. Please get these in this week so that they can be

processed before they expire. New forms will be issued after 1st July once the Archdiocese has them available. Thank you for your co-operation. If any ministers would like information about the data forms please see Jo or Julie.

Church Cleaners please collect your new rosters. We still have another vacancy in one of the groups so if you could help please contact Jo or Julie

Old Church Organ: The organ is in need of repairs and as none of our musicians can play it we are planning on getting rid of it. If anyone has any attachment to it (eg your family donated it) or would like it at your house please contact the Parish Office.

Vocations: The **Franciscan Friars** are holding a Vocation Information Open Day for men 18-35yrs on Saturday 23rd June from 9am-9pm at the Franciscan Friary, 21 Adele St Kedron. **RSVP Essential:**
Friar Joe McKay OFM (Mobile: 0412 076 913)
Friar Harry Chan OFM (Mobile: 0420 582 266)
Email: vocations@franciscans.org.au
Website: <http://www.franciscans.org.au/>

The Journey Catholic Radio Program: This week on the Journey Fr Steve Varney reflects on the parable of The Mustard Seed, Sr Hilda from the Abby talks to us about "The Giver of Life", and Fr Dave Callaghan in his God spot, The Call uses the words "My Sheep, Listen To My Voice". We bring this all together with music and fun to create a show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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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 Parish SVDP Winter Appeal fundraiser is next Sunday 24th June from 10am to 2pm on the lawn between the church and school. This fun day is vital to our fundraising efforts and we ask you to give it your full support. There will be a cake stall and we are asking parishioners to donate a cake, slice or biscuits already priced to sell on the day. There will be food, raffles, lucky dips and entertainment as well as a silent auction of lovely handmade patchwork quilts. Prize for the most colourful scarf! Help is needed setting up from 7.30am, serving on the stalls and packing up. Please phone Carmel if you can help in any way on 0417 213 702.



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Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

Grief & Loss Seminar: The Compassionate Friends Qld is hosting a seminar entitled "Grief as Collective Medicine." When: Saturday 30 June 2017 from 8.45am—3.00pm at the O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale Street, Wilston Full programme information & online booking: www.CompassionateFriendsQld.org.au
Supporting family after a child dies ; At any age & from any cause

Theology in the City Lecture Series: Tues 26th June. This 4th lecture in a series of six for 2018 is entitled – "Redeeming the Body—God's Vision for the human person", presented by Dr Adam Cooper – Lecturer in Theology JPPI Institute of Marriage and Family. Cost \$5/person. Lectures run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, with refreshments from 6.30pm. Approved by BCE as 1.5 hour PD Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School.

Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care: This workshop is for people who assist or advocate for others and are interested in learning more about mental Health and Pastoral Care. Wed 25th July 9am to 4.30pm at Chermiside Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Rd, Chermiside. Cost \$50 per person. See noticeboard

Mary MacKillop Mass at the Cathedral: Everyone across the Archdiocese is invited to attend the Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday August 8. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Coleridge at 10.00am. Morning tea will be provided on the Cathedral lawns afterwards. Due to the Mass being held on a weekday there will be no public parking available. The Mass will also be webcast live at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Malu Nona, Diane Fellowes, Joe Wegener, Terry Hogan

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Melba Connole, Anthony Luton, Myrtle Lillian Minter, Graham (Bud) Colhoun, Elwyn Routledge, Connie Desbois, Hector McLaughlin, H. Wiltshire, Ann McKenna, Peter Nemesi, Lena Luton, Eileen Carter, Robert Kelly, Veronica Caligari, Beryl Hofmeister, Barry Swanson, Sr Catherine Cutcliffe, Sally Inglis, Margaret Gray, James Powis, Gregory Earle, Joan Bray, Vincent Luton, Ken White, Frank Mack, Filippo Patane, Beryl Annie Camp, Raymond Bishop, John Fletcher, Stan Bennett, Mary Ann Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Jeanne Gallagher, Vince Henderson, Mary Tallon, David Harris, Agnes Brady, Joe Harry Holden, James Toy

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Shiara Adamson, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, 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, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, 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.

Roster 23rd & 24th June 2018

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mark Connelly	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Clive de Silva Peta Grandin	Deacon Mike Jones Shelagh Ballment Diane Land		Angelina Layla	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Marilyn Mills Volunteer please Jackson Sabu	Bernard Langdon Donald Fernando Lydia Chew Bev de Paola	Del Reynolds Diane McKeone Anne Scanlon	Finn Leo Jada	Geoff M
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Lynn White Margaret Connors Raylee Burns	Cora Gatbonton Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis		Chevonne Eza	Liz

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

Children's Liturgy: Stephanie Lenihan **This week: Linen:** Mel McKay **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day. Please join us on the lawn. *(Usual cuppa cancelled)*

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) All Welcome!

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
St Vincent de Paul Group:

New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

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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