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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."

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

18th June 2017

(Year A Readings: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 1 Cor10:16-17 John 6:51-58)

Whoever eats me will draw life from me

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Before His death, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Eucharist. By doing this, Jesus made us assured that even after His physical departure, He would still accompany us, be with us and continue to love us. So, this is a sacrament of love.

Some may feel uncertain about this sacrament. They might ask: Is it really necessary that Jesus is hidden under the form of bread and wine and then, through eating and drinking by us, enter into our hearts? And we are fully aware that there are many Catholics who don't have the opportunities to receive Holy Communion regularly due to the shortage of clergy and/or political reasons. We believe that Jesus would not abandon them. He will definitely enter into their hearts in some other way and go through thick and thin together with them. In other words, if there is no such sacrament, the expression and passing of Jesus' love for people wouldn't be affected at all and the level of the communion between Jesus and those who rely on Him wouldn't be reduced in the least. So, is this sacrament really necessary?

We have to say that it is unnecessary to Jesus. However, it is very important to us. "We are not purely spiritual beings, but creatures of flesh and blood with a physical and spiritual dimension to our lives. The spiritual dimension is normally reached through our senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell. ... The need for such visible and tangible signs as the seven sacraments rests on our human need for assurance. We know God loves us, just as we know that many people love us.... But if they give us no external sign of love—no word, no touch, no gift, no smile—it becomes difficult to remain convinced of their love".¹ Therefore, the tangible and visible signs are very crucial to our lives.

"The sacraments are the signs of God's love expressed and celebrated through the Christian community, and are absolute assurance of that love".² We know that Jesus hasn't left us orphans even after His Ascension into heaven. He has not only sent the Holy Spirit to be among us, leading and guiding us, He Himself also remains and continues to accompany us. At Mass, we eat the bread and drink the wine, through our eyes of faith, we know that they're the Body and Blood of our Lord. We can touch it, feel it and taste it. This feeling is very genuine. And this feeling makes us convinced about the presence and love of Jesus. This is how the sacramental signs help us be assured about faith and love, making invisible visible.

Dear friends, Jesus knows that we need the external signs to assure His love for us as well as to express our belief and trust in Him. So, He has instituted sacraments, especially Eucharist. What we can learn from this is that in our day-to-day lives, when we love God, our neighbours and our local church community, we should do that through visible and tangible signs, too. The signs can be warm words, sweet smiles, sincere concerns, enthusiastic help and selfless volunteer works. That will be the life that we draw from Jesus after eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

Fr Baiyi

1. *Evangelisation Brisbane. At Home with God's People (Brisbane: Adult Faith Education 1990, revised edition 2016), 104.*

2. *Ibid.*

Readings for next weekend: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:10-13 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 19th June	8.00am Mass
TUE 20th June	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 21st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga 6.30am Mass
THU 22nd June	Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
FRI 23rd June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Whole School Mass for St Peter's Day
SAT 24th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 25th June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will not be held this Sunday 18th June due to the Sacramental Program. It will resume again in July. Leaders please contact Jodie to let her know any dates you will be unavailable in Term 3.

Altar Servers: Any children or adults wishing to become altar servers please fill in your contact details on the blue slips at the back of the church and place them in the box provided.

Play Group: Sadly, due to lack of numbers, Play Group has ceased. We thank Cassie for her efforts this year.

Catholic Mission Appeal will be held throughout the Logan Deanery on the weekend of 1st & 2nd July.

Sacramental Program: At all Masses this weekend we are having a Rite of Commitment for the children who will be Confirmed on 4th August by Bishop Ken Howell whose Episcopal Ordination was held this week.

At the 9am Mass we will also be celebrating with the children who have just completed the Sacramental program with their first Holy Communion 2 weeks ago. At this Mass one child will receive her First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all of these children.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is commencing in the Parish in July. We have an Enquiry Night on Tuesday 4th July, 7.30pm. If you know someone who is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith, please invite them to this meeting, or speak to Fr. Baiyi.

Corpus Christi Procession— This Sunday 18th June. This year's Corpus Christi Procession will be starting at 2pm at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, with procession through the city streets, led by Archbishop Coleridge.

At Mass this Friday 23rd June we will be celebrating St Peter's Feast day with the school instead of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome.

St Peter's Feast day will be celebrated by the parish on the weekend of 1st and 2nd July instead of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We will have a special Cuppa and chat after the 9am Mass on 2nd July. Please join us. (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.)

Missing book: Could the person who borrowed *Facilitating for Growth* by Barbara Fleischer, from the Parish Office some months ago please return it to the office. Thank you

Church Cleaning: We have had a very generous offer from a parishioner who owns a cleaning business to voluntarily take over cleaning duties once per month. To facilitate this we will restructure our current 8 groups into 6. If you feel strongly about staying on roster with a particular person or group of people please let Julie know asap. We will try to start the new roster at the end of this rotation.

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. And an extra special one on 2nd July for the parish Feast!

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

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

Overnight Retreat: Expressions of interest for Reflection retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, from Friday 15 Sept 4.30 pm to Saturday 16 Sept finishing 3.30 pm. Cost is \$150. This includes all meals, morning and afternoon tea, private rooms and facilitator for the weekend program. All rooms come with private ensuite. If a couple would like to come it is \$245 for the room. This is open to all parishioners or friends who may enjoy some quiet reflective time away. Please contact Jo Cullen if interested or need more information on 0419733878. Slips of green paper provided for Expressions of Interest. Pop them in the red box at the back of the church.

Blue Cards: We really appreciate the wonderful parish involvement in following the Blue Card Regulations. However, please remember to personally hand in your application to the parish office, as we need to sight the supporting documentation before it is sent. Also if you are renewing your Blue Card, please ensure that you give the parish a copy of your letter when you receive your new/renewed Blue Card, so we can keep a copy and update our records. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julie at the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

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.

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.



Vinnies News: SVDP Winter Appeal Launch was a great success last Sunday despite the rain forcing us off the lawn and on to the church verandah and into the Parish Centre. We have raised around \$3000! This is a great effort. Thanks to everyone involved. All funds raised will help those struggling in our local area this winter!

Synod Youth Survey: Pope Francis wants to know what young people from across the globe (aged 16-29) are thinking! All Australian young people are invited to complete a Youth Survey that has been distributed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) before Sunday 2nd July 2017. By completing this survey, you could go in the draw to win one of three Dr Dre Solo 2.0 On-Ear Headphones!

For more info, head to catholiccollective.org.au/events/synod-survey

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

“but who do you say I am?”: Invitation form St Paul’s, Woodridge to a day of reflection and prayer on Saturday 24th June from 8.30am to 4.30pm. For more information, call Gary Cox on, mob: 0413 625 521

Verse for Vinnies—Sunday June 25 with Gary Fogarty. 1.30pm Mary Mackillop Centre (St Williams Church Complex) 67 Dawson Parade Grovely Cost: \$15 (includes afternoon tea). Beneficiaries: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Pregnancy Crisis Inc Fundraising Lunch and Musical Afternoon Saturday July 1st 12noon : Don’t miss this unique event with very special guest speaker Bishop Eugene Hurley, and musical entertainment with the Gracie Mack Jazz Trio, the Pop’s Quartet and the St Bakhita Community Choir. Prices are \$60 per ticket; \$45 Concession & Special

Family Prices (please call 1300 777 777 for details) Marymac Community Centre, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley. Please RSVP: 23 June.

Marriage Beyond the Wedding – You’re not alone on this journey: Teams Oceania Conference July 1st & 2nd at Marist College, Ashgrove. Come along and hear some great speakers who will enrich your marriage:

- Fr Adrian Farrelly - “Contemporary marriage in the context of Amoris Laetitia”
- Dr Ryan Messmore - “Marriage - The Larger Story” & “Forgiveness”
- Shayne & Shanelle Bennett - “Courage to swim against the tide: mission, growth and joy”& many more!

For the full program, flyer & prices go to Teams Oceania website: www.teamsoceania.com.au and click on upcoming events. You can also go to www.trybooking.com/256672 to book. Everyone is welcome!

menALIVE Conference: MAX17-A National Catholic Event for Men. 14-16th July at St Leo’s Catholic College, Uni of Qld, St Lucia, Brisbane. Contact Peter Carrigan on 0404 496 405 see menalive.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Barbara Mierzwa, Carmel Amundsen, Beth Sioson, Paul O’Brien, Benson Yip

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Hector McLaughlin, H. Wiltshire, Ann McKenna, Peter Nemesi, Lena Luton, Eileen Carter, Robert Kelly, Veronica Caligari, Beryl Hofmeister, Barry Swanson, Sr Catherine Cutliffe, 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, Thomas Crowe, Nell Irvine, Henry Bevan, Ruth Hayward, Lyn Coquerand

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ipari Morison, Cora Gatbonton, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Ann Mendoza, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Michael Ah Koy, 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 24th & 25th June 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	John & Faith Coyer	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Anthony Della Brooke Della	Diane Land Faith Coyer John Coyer	Volunteers please	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Del Reynolds	Shane Seymour Stephanie Lenihan Cesarina Gigante	Volunteers please	Madden family
Sun 6.00pm	Aurelie Regnard	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Deacon Mike Jones Matthew Jarvis	Volunteers please	Rita

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter

Children’s Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Bob’s team

Cuppa: special Cuppa for St Peter’s Day Sunday 2nd July after the 9am Mass: Care & Concern

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:
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