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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."

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19th January 2020

Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Thy kingdom come

Jesus has taught us only one prayer, the Lord's Prayer. This prayer is "truly the summary of the whole gospel, the 'most perfect of prayers.' It is at the centre of the Scriptures." (CCC 2774) That is why we pray it very often. In order to pray the Lord's Prayer in a way that our Lord intends us to, we should reflect on its meaning as often and deeply as possible. This weekend, I would like to invite you to ponder over one of the seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer: thy kingdom come.

The kingdom of God is centred around and based on Jesus and his teaching, with him as its king. As we all know, God's unconditional love has been revealed fully and completely through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The teaching of Jesus can be summarized with one word: love. The kingdom of God is a special kingdom, completely different from any kingdoms founded and reigned over by people. It is a kingdom full of love. Anyone who lives in this kingdom, loves and is loved. If we want to live in such a loving kingdom and would like this kingdom to be fully present among us sooner, we should pray hard for its coming.

Before the birth of Jesus, God had been preparing the kingdom in many different ways, such as the promulgation of the Ten Commandments and the teaching of the prophets. When the time had been fulfilled, the incarnate God's Son, Jesus Christ, was born. At the beginning of his public ministry, Christ inaugurated the kingdom of God on earth, to carry out the will of the Father. Then Jesus spent plenty of time on explaining the kingdom in parables and in other ways. By calling people, especially the Twelve, to follow and listen to him, he started building his mystical body, the Church. **This Church is the seed and beginning of that kingdom. Thus, to build up the Church is to bring the kingdom forward and make it fuller and stronger.**

"Everyone is called to enter the kingdom," (CCC 543) particularly the poor and the lowly. For anyone who accepts the kingdom with a humble heart, it is possible to become a citizen of it. Even sinners are invited to the table of the kingdom (Mark 2:17). Jesus didn't draw any lines between different genders, ages, cultures, skin colour, races, even religions for the eligibility of entering the kingdom. Anyone who sees Jesus being naked, sick, hungry and in prison and who helps those who suffer thus, deserves the kingdom (Matthew 25:31-46). When we pray to God that "thy kingdom come", we shouldn't exclude anyone from the kingdom in our hearts.

Some people may think that if I am a good person and pray to God by myself and in my own time often enough, I don't have to go to church, or I don't need any Church. I don't think this is a good attitude. My dear friends, when we talk about the coming of the kingdom of God, we are not just talking about our personal salvation, but also the change for the better in humankind as a whole. When we pray that "thy kingdom come", let us keep in mind that we, as individuals, should improve ourselves every single day as well as working to improve our community and society. Our personal endeavours and participation enable our community and our society to move forward and grow closer to God, thus making the kingdom fuller and stronger in our own time and place. *Fr Baiyi*

Readings for next weekend: Australia Day

Isaiah 32:15-18

Romans 12:9-13

Luke 12:22-32

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 20th Jan	8.00am Mass
TUE 21st Jan	St Agnes 8.00am Mass 4.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 22nd Jan	6.30am Mass
THU 23rd Jan	No Mass 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 24th Jan	St Francis de Sales 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 25th Jan	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 26th Jan	Australia Day 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Australia Day is next Sunday.

Liturgy: The Church in Australia is permitted to substitute the Liturgy of Australia Day for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The **readings differ** from those listed in *Break Open the Word*. Readers who are rostered, please check your Inbox as the correct readings have been emailed!

Collection: We will take up a special collection at all Masses, with all funds to be donated to **Vinnies' bushfire appeal**. Please come prepared to give generously

Cuppa & Chat: We will have a special 'Aussie' themed cuppa after each Mass next weekend to celebrate. Helpers will be needed to set up before Masses and pack up afterwards. Please bring along a plate of your favourite Aussie food to share.

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?

If you could send your ideas or suggestions to the parish office via email or phone 33414421, that would be greatly appreciated.

No Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday Masses from and including Monday 27th January to Monday 10th February. There will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday 4th February at 8am.

Our Lady of Lourdes Tues 11th February 7.30pm Mass followed by Rosary Procession to the Grotto

Sacrament of Penance: 1st Rite preparation for, and reception of the Sacrament of Penance is being offered in our Parish community to young people grade 5 and upwards, who have been confirmed and received their 1st Communion. The dates for preparation are in the Date Claimers. Should you wish to enrol your child, please contact the Parish office for more information. We look forward to sharing this preparation with your family. Blessings to you all,

Bev & Gwen (Sacramental Team Coordinators)

Date Claimers for early 2020

Below are some date claimers for January and February that we have already. Looks like a busy and productive year ahead!

January:

25 & 26 Australia Day Masses-cuppa after each Mass
28 Baptism Information meeting, 7.30pm
29 St Peter's School returns

February:

1 High School Youth Group, 7pm
11 Our Lady of Lourdes Mass & Procession, 7.30pm
14 Opening school Mass, 9.30am
15 High School Youth Group, 7pm
15 & 16 Rite of Enrolment for Sacrament of Penance
16 Plenary Forum with Rob Cosgrove, 10.30am
22 PPC morning tea with Kuraby Muslim community
23 Sacrament of Penance program full day, 10:30am
25 Baptism Information meeting, 7.30pm
26 Ash Wednesday
29 Ministry Coordinators day at Marian Valley
29 High School Youth Group, 7pm

All Ministry Group leaders, please begin setting your Ministry's proposed dates for the year for events, meetings and fundraisers. Please send your proposals via email to the Parish Office as soon as possible so we can check for clashes with other events. All requests need to be submitted at least one month prior to the event as our diary fills quickly. Thank you.

Faith Matters! Plenary Council

Theme 5: Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community



The people of God in Australia are being invited to listen to God's call to be a Church that is a **Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community**.

A strong desire has been expressed that we, the Church, be a visible and powerful sign of God's Kingdom for **ALL** people.

In Acts, we read about how the **early Church** responded to their **calling to be a joyful, hope-filled and servant community**. "They devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Each day they met together in the Temple; they broke bread in their homes; they shared their food with great joy and sincerity of heart; they praised God.**"

Take time to read these ancient words slowly and contemplatively. How might these words inspire us to be **bearers of JOY** and **beacons of HOPE** as we reach out to **serve others** in our contemporary context, especially the refugees and asylum seekers and others who are vulnerable or at risk?

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

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

Faith Enrichment Group

Youth Update:

Grade 6 Class of 2019 Reunion: St Peter's Parish Centre on Friday 17th January from 5pm to 8pm. Games, food, fun, catch up...

High School Youth Group: We will return on Saturday 1st February after 6pm Mass. Please join us! For more information on any of these events **contact Olivia**, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au. Or Instagram: @rochedaleyouth

Plenary Announcement: This weekend we resume our program of informing our parish about the outcomes of the Plenary Council Phase 1, and of also preparing each of us to be prayerful, enthusiastic and discerning participants in Phase 2 of the Plenary Council. Over the next 4 weeks, there will be a newsletter insert exploring the **Themes 5 & 6 of the National Themes for Discernment** in the same style as last year. Please read these in a thoughtful and prayerful way in preparation for our parish's contribution to Phase 2, the **Listening and Discernment Phase. Date Claimer: St Peter's Parish Plenary Forum - 16 Feb 10:15am.** More details will be following soon about this important event for our parish, and our church in Australia.

Christian Religious Instruction: *Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own backyard?! Why not consider going back to school this year?*

Christian Religious Instruction teams in your area need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. As a CRI teacher or helper, 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: soniakenny@gmail.com 0422 068 552. Kerri-Ann Caswell: evkezc@bigpond.com 0409 893 685

National Response from the Catholic Bishops to The Bushfire Crisis: Archbishop Mark Coleridge has announced that the scale of the bushfire crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally. As part of this response, parishes across the country will take up a **special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend**, with all funds to be donated to **Vinnies' bushfire appeal.** Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Copies of the Archbishop's full statement are available near the main doors of the church today, as are copies of a **Prayer** for those affected by bushfire and drought. For more info go to www.catholic.org.au/bushfires. This site also has a link to donate to the Vinnies bushfire appeal online, which you can do at any time.

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: Lyle Watson, Shane O'Brien, Alastair Smith, Graham Moore

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Clara Heckelman, Marie Spinks, Donald Irwin, Mary Clive, Charlotte Campbell, Bill Hawkins, Pamella Brown, Jessie Bess, John Moy, Bert Flanagan, Hilary Maloney, Sr Agnes Lyng, Elso Ghidella, Tim O'Neil, Mary Bakker, Christopher Harding, Muriel Tonneli, Wayne Webb, John Moy, Sharron McKenna, Brian Christensen, Daisy Bucklar, Robert Irwin, Ron Tasker, Derek Sharp, Paula Mulderry, Vince Dibella, Julie Apted, Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Garry Capper, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, Kevin Fry, 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.

25th & 26th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Joyce Lyster	Grace Tuazon	Anne Fry
AV Operators	David Crowley	John Donohue	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Olivia Brown 2. Monika Svarc jnr	C. Kimberley Kanages 1. Maria Chamberlain 2. Marilyn Mills	C. Charisse Mone 1. Vickie Routledge 2. Fiorenzo Matarazzo
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Trish Meulman Rob Meulman Joseph Varkey	Lydia Chew Bev de Paola Julie Hondroudakis Gwen Martin	Deacon Mike Jones Dona Thomas Kevin Fry
Altar Servers	TBA	Leo, William, Mikel	Talia, Marissa, Matilda
Musicians	Liz	Carmel & John Summers	Tim

Church Cleaning: Group 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Dona Thomas, Julie H, Telesia Naupoto

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

Cuppa: Sunday 26th Jan, after 6pm Mass: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White

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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