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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."

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year A)

23rd February 2020

Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

Be Opened to New Ways of Living Lent in 2020!

Lent is a **Journey to new life!** On Ash Wednesday we set out on a 40 day journey with the invitation to receive and wear the 'cross of ashes'. These ashes, which are prepared from the burning of the blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday, symbolise sorrow for sin and repentance. They reflect the Ancients' practice of wearing sackcloth and ashes in times of deep repentance and remorse.

Lent is a **time to slow down and pause**; a time to **change our ways and turn back to our Forgiving God**; a time to **listen and discern**; a time to **be led by the Spirit**; a time to journey with Jesus and a time to **make a commitment** to the practices of **praying, fasting and giving**.

The title for this year's Lenten Journey is **Be Opened ... A journey to new life**. Each week, through the readings and reflections in the Archdiocesan Lenten Book and the App, we will be invited to **be open** to the fullness of life in God and to discover new ways of **being opened** to believing and seeing. We will be encouraged to open our ears, our eyes, our minds, our hearts and our hands so that we encounter the mystery of God within ourselves, in those we love, in those we struggle to love and within all of Creation. **Being opened** requires trust and courage, truth and compassion, risk taking and looking for new perspectives. **Being opened** starts for each of us, by our choosing to engage, our choosing to be led, our choosing to commit to living differently, and our choosing to prepare for this sacred season.

The **Faith Enrichment Group** is offering a variety of prayerful Lenten experiences in addition to the usual Lenten Liturgies and Sacraments. These are planned to cater to our different styles and circumstances with the hope that each of us will commit to at least one additional experience. There are opportunities for gathering in groups or with a friend and suggestions for family or personal prayer. St Peter's Lenten Program is outlined in the Mini Poster inserted in the newsletter this weekend. Please check for dates and times and carefully consider how you can be involved.

As something new this Lent, you will receive a **Lenten Calendar** after Mass which provides one practical suggestion for every day during Lent. We encourage you to put this on display in your home and talk about it with a friend or together as a family. You might rearrange some of the daily suggestions or add your own ideas or tick off or shade the ones you have tried.

Remember, Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance, a day of fasting, and a day of remembrance. The 'cross of ashes' is traced on our forehead to remind us that we are disciples of Jesus called to turn back to our Loving God. May the words, *'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'*, echo in our hearts for our whole Lenten Journey.

The Faith Enrichment Group
(Margaret Connors, Diane McKeone, Alan Vigor, Anne Fry, Deb Meggs)

Readings for next weekend: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:		Date Claimers for March
MON 24th Feb	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting	4 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm 6 Rosary, Adoration and Healing Mass, from 8.30am World Day of Prayer 10am Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
TUE 25th Feb	8.00am Mass 7:30pm Baptism Information Meeting	7 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 8 International Women's Day 11 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm
WED 26th Feb	Ash Wednesday 6.30am Mass 9:00am School Mass, All Welcome! 6.45pm Reflection 7:30pm Mass	13 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 14 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 14 High School Youth Group 7pm 17 Vinnies Meeting 4:30pm 17 Liturgy Meeting 18 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm
THU 27th Feb	No Mass 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting	19 Faith Enrichment, 7:30pm 20 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 21 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 22 Family School Mass 9am 22 Junior Youth Event 10am
FRI 28th Feb	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	25 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm 26 Care & Concern Meeting 7:30pm 27 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 28 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 28 High School Youth Group 7pm
SAT 29th Feb	9:00am Ministry Coordinators Retreat 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7:00pm High School Youth Group	30 Reconciliation 7:30pm 31 Vinnies Meeting 4:30pm
SUN 1st Mar	First Sunday Of Lent 9.00am Mass 12.00pm Altar Server Support Team Meeting 6.00pm Mass	Ministry Group leaders , please note that all requests for events, meetings and fundraisers need to be submitted to the Parish Office at least one month prior so we can avoid clashes with other events. Thank you.

Sacrament of Penance: This Sunday the children (and parents) will attend a day of preparing for and receiving the Sacrament of Penance in the First Rite of Reconciliation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys. *Bev & Gwen (Sacramental Team Coordinators)*

Recruitment: Our Parish abides by the Archdiocesan requirements for the recruitment of Ministers.

Care & Concern is in need of volunteers to assist with 'Visitation'. Please contact Lynn for further information 0403051103

Rosters for those who minister at weekend Masses will be emailed this week. Please check your inbox.

First Friday 6th March Rosary 8.30am, Adoration 9am and Healing Mass 9.30am

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at St Mark's Anglican Church, Daisy Hill. This year's focus is Zimbabwe. Car-pooling from St Peter's Parish Office at 9.15am. Contact Jo Cullen if you can attend.

Crossroads RCIA commences in 2nd term. Crossroads is for young people, aged from Grade 5 upwards, who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or perhaps would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. We have a group commencing at the end of April. For more information please contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878

Youth Update:

High School Youth Group (& reunion of St Peter's graduates): 7-8:30pm in the parish centre on Feb 29th
Young adults: location and other info is sent out closer to the date. Last date for February is the 25th.
Junior (years 3-6): March 22nd 10am-12:30pm
For more information on any of these events contact Olivia, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Baskets needed for St Vinnies Easter Raffle: If anyone has cane baskets that they would like to donate for the St Vinnies Easter raffle, please drop them into the Parish Office. Thank you.

Music Ministry Meeting: The next music meeting will be held on Monday 24th February at 7:30 pm. Please come along to 22 Lancelot St with your copy of *Break Open the Word*. For any queries please phone Eliz Fort on 3341 0852. Thank you.

Living Lent

How might we prepare to live Lent ... with an open heart ... with a sense of purpose ... with a difference?

Some suggestions for preparing for Lent include:

- Set up a Lenten space in your home with a cross, a candle, a Bible, a Project Compassion box, and a splash of seasonal purple.
- Purchase the Lenten Book; or download the App, display the Lenten Calendar and plan ways to use them and include them in your daily routines.
- Plan to schedule times for silence and stillness, prayer and reflection, listening and receiving, or maybe a prayerful visit to the Church, with your family, with a friend or individually.
- Choose to participate in one or more Lenten Experiences offered in our Parish, and invite a friend to come along.

Oh Lord, give me the strength and the courage to live this Lenten season faithfully, so that, when Easter comes, I will be able to taste with joy the new life, which you have prepared for me. Amen.

(Adapted from Henri Nouwen, Archdiocesan Lenten Calendar, 2020.)



Project Compassion Sunday 23rd March 2020

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Go Further Together". Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



Share the Dignity: Donations of sanitary products needed to help homeless women and girls this March.

Invitation from ARMIA (Active Refugee and Migrant Integration in Australia) and Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank: Come, eat and play! ARMIA House and Our Lady of Lourdes invite all refugees and new migrants under 13 years of age... To join us for afternoon tea and board games every Tuesday afternoon during term time, beginning March 4, 2020 (3:30 - 4:30 pm) at ARMIA House, Mains Road, Sunnybank (Contact 3344 1149) Socialise and practise English skills and have fun!

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. We will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum. Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further info or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

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: Vivian Kennedy (*Celine Phillip's mum*), Patricia Porter (*Marg Sorohan's sister*), Maurice de Rozario, Wylie Smith, Sarah Land

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy, Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Noreen Hanlan, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S. McNaughton, Joseph Bishop, Cyril Scott, Evelyn Orr, Gus 'Junior' Mitchell, June Payne, Salvatore Russo

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Kevin Fry, Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, Michael O'Grady, Joseph Peki, Vickie Routledge, Alan Camp, Ian Thompson, Kevin Kelly, Edna Bultitude, Vilma Ghose, 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, 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.

29 Feb & 1 Mar	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Mark Connolly	Francis Yoo	Kate Guy
AV Operators	John Donohue	Jonathan Vigor	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Neil Ballment 2. Shenelle Nelson	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Del Reynolds 2. Kimberley Kanages	C. John Blake 1. Margaret 2. Charisse Mone
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Shelagh Ballment Monika Svarc (Snr)	Deacon Mike Jones Bev de Paola Joan D'Netto Donald Fernando	Malcolm Carroll Anne Maree Collier Anne Fry
Altar Servers	Angelina, Marissa	Leo, Matilda, Tess	Talia, Jerrin
Musicians	Carmel	Rita	Liz

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

Children's Liturgy: Annabel **This week: Sacristan:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's Team

Cuppa: Sun 1 March after 9am Mass: Family Group

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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