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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 Lent (Year C) 24th March 2019

Readings: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

Let our faith change us from the inside out

In one of my recent homilies, I reflected on the meaning of faith. Faith means we have full trust and confidence in someone or some particular thing. As Christians, our faith should represent our full trust and confidence in God. In this Reflection, I would like to continue this theme of faith. How should faith influence us and what change could faith bring for us?

Some Catholics could have some incorrect impressions about faith practice. Firstly, they might think that they believe in God and follow His teaching only so they can enter the kingdom of heaven after death. Secondly, some might think they have to flatter God to make Him happy. To them, salvation is dependent upon God's mood. Thirdly, some could think that if they have done what is required by God and His Church, then they will have the right to get something in return from God. It could seem like they are shopping in a shopping centre – they have paid the money, so they should get the goods. Fourthly, some could focus on practicing their faith by simply following certain practices, whilst ignoring the internal change of mind, heart, values and perspectives that faith should bring.

Some clarifications might be helpful. Firstly, we believe in God and follow His teaching so that we might be better people. We try to be better people so that one day we can be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48). If this happens, the kingdom of heaven will be awaiting us in the future. So the promise of the kingdom of heaven is not the sole reason for practicing faith, although it is naturally the last resting place for a good and loving person. So trying to take ourselves from sinful to more virtuous, then better again, and finally the best we can be, is the necessary process for our salvation. We can't short-cut this process in any circumstance. Secondly, God doesn't need us to flatter Him. All God intends us to do is to make ourselves better every single day. Our redemption doesn't depend on God's mood or whim, as our God is not a temperamental deity. Thirdly, we are not trading partners with God. We can't exchange anything for God's grace or His kingdom. God has already offered us everything we need. We just need to use what He has offered us, including Himself, to make ourselves better. Fourthly, we have to change from within first. By themselves, liturgies, sacraments, music and all other church activity cannot save us. However, hopefully, our involvement in them will bring about changes to our minds, hearts, values and views. This personal conversion from within will spark a slow but certain, positive change in our behaviour.

Finally, I would like to share my understanding of "being good". In Christian perspective, "being good" means "being loving". If we have enough love in our hearts and this love is expressed and lived out in our daily lives, then we are good enough. Therefore, being the best person I can be means being the most loving person. In this sense, if our faith can't influence and change us from within, then external expressions of our faith may be surface actions only. Alternatively, if our faith resides deep within us, it will gradually bring a change to our whole being, from the inside out.

Dear friends, let each of us strive to be a good person, namely, a loving one. Unlike the gunman of the Christchurch attack in New Zealand, let us always believe in the power of love, and not anything else, and never violence.

Fr Baiyi

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

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 25th Mar	The Annunciation of the Lord 8.00am Mass
TUE 26th Mar	8.00am Mass with children 7.00pm RCIA
WED 27th Mar	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Group meeting (<i>Parish Office</i>)
THU 28th Mar	No Mass 10.00am Lenten Group meeting (<i>Church</i>)
FRI 29th Mar	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 4 students 7.00pm Lenten Reflection (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 30th Mar	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 31st Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Social Justice News: Thanks to all who gave last weekend for the needs of the Hamlin Fistula Foundation in Ethiopia and the girls in the City of Joy in Zambia. If anyone would like to give, we are still accepting donations.

St Peter's School Prep Open Day Monday 25th March 9am to 10.30am or 4pm to 5pm.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: The preparation phase for 2019 commences on Wed 8th May at 4pm or 7pm with the Parent Information / Formation Evening. All families enrolled received reminders of the date changes again recently.

Letter Box Drop Lent & Easter Mass Cards
Please take a bundle and deliver them in letter boxes. Please mark which streets you will cover.

Easter Capers Wednesday 10th April 8.30am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, Bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information.

Lenten Challenge: Take time to read these words slowly and contemplatively. What are they calling you to do or be?

"God, in great longing, constantly invites us to dismantle all that is exclusive. We cannot be whole until we come to embrace all that God has made and to share all that God has given. In matters and issues of exclusion we may be sure that God is always on the outside with those very people whom we do not accept." Edwina Gately, *A Mystical Heart: 52 Weeks in the Presence of God* (p. 94-85)

Take a risk this week!

- Respond to someone with care and compassion.
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know either before or after Mass.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you
- Ask someone you have hurt to forgive you and make amends
- Invite someone to pray with you during Lent or to come along to one of the Lenten opportunities in the Parish

RCIA As part of their final preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil, Amanda and Rashelle will present for the Scrutinies at a Sunday Mass for the next 3 weeks. The Scrutinies promote self-searching and repentance as they grow spiritually deeper in their resolve to love God above all else. Please continue to pray for them.

PROJECT COMPASSION **Third Sunday of Lent**



Peter is thrilled to now

have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Training: High Priority: We are hosting a training session Thursday 11th April 6.30pm to 8.00pm here in the Parish Centre. If you are engaging or have a role with children and vulnerable adults there are 2 levels of training required. First is to complete the online video on the Resource Hub at www.safeguardingaob.com.au then attend the Training session. Training needs to be refreshed every 2 years. If you attended the last training we had here back in August 2017 then you will need to renew after August 2019 but as we are actually holding it here on site you may choose to attend now. Other nearby venues for training in 2019: May 7th Bulimba; June 20th Sunnybank; June 25th Holland Park; Sept 19th Cleveland; November 21st Birkdale.

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.



Family Group Movement- A family for all

Have you heard this before?

"Our parish lacks life" or

"We don't know each other".

Maybe you have said to yourself: "How can we make the Church more relevant for our children?" Well now you can do something.....**JOIN A FAMILY GROUP**

You will get to know people like yourself, and people who are different from you. You will have a lot of fun and you will get support from others. Importantly, you will have the opportunity to support and care for others. Through the interaction within your Family Group you will find you are bringing a happy, loving spirit to your parish community. Children will feel they belong to a large extended family and will learn loving and caring from the examples of others.

This was how the Church first began. This is what it can be now. **"See how they love one another".**

Session with Fr Ray Sanchez
Sunday 7th April 10.15am in the Parish Centre

St Vinnies News: We are looking for donations of winter clothes for two high school girls. Clothing sizes 8-10 and 10-12 and shoes size 6 and size 7-8. Please call Brian to collect: 0419 992 294

Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC): *We are called to be disciples of Christ. Could this be your Ministry?* Now in its thirty-third year Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry in hospitals, supported accommodation and our day Centre. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness. The volunteer training course (provided cost free) runs each Wednesday 9:00am – 3.30pm, from 1 May to 20 November 2019. Upon graduating the Pastoral Carers give a voluntary commitment of 8 hours per week in either one of the above ministries. Applications close Thursday 18 April 2019.

Written applications can be sent to: Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Telephone: 07 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.net.au

Chrism Mass: Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 11th April 2019 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

Prison Chaplains: Chaplains visit the Correctional Centres as part of the Catholic team on a rostered weekly basis. Pick up a flyer from the back table if you think this Ministry could be for you.

Pilgrimage—Footsteps of St Paul: Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Euthanasia & Aged Care Debate: The State Government Committee charged with looking into Aged Care and Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation released an issues paper on February 14 calling for the public to provide them with a range of community views. Members of the public are free to send in their submissions until April 15th. Online responses to <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/HCDSDFVPC/inquiries/current-inquiries/AgedCareEOLPC>.
If you prefer, we have copies of the submission form on the back table for you to complete and post.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Ben McQueen, Bruce Fellowes, Martine Pitts, Avis Greenup

Book of Life & Mass Requests: May Neilsen, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona, Betty Settree, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Alice Chin, Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Terry Naughton, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Partridge, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Rory Bakker, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Baby Poynter, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Don Bechly, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, John Green, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Fabio Viola, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, 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.

30th & 31st Mar	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Mark Connelly	Efren Tuazon	Kate Guy
AV Operators	Steve Danudibroto	Michael Denton	John Donohue
Readers	C. Les O Gorman 1. David Crowley 2. Peta Grandin	C. Romana Langdon 1. Jada Nathan 2. Jo Cullen	C. Daniel Twidale 1. Aurelie Twidale 2. Shane Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Ann Maree Collier Danny Vaihu	Deacon Mike Jones Stephanie Lenihan Bernard Langdon Gwen Martin	Jim Nathan Alan Scanlon Lydia Chew
Altar Servers	Angelina, Talia	Finn, Leo	Chevonee
Musicians	Anne	Rita	Liz

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

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

Cuppa: None. Fifth Sunday of the Month

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: Mal 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
Social Justice Group Facebook:
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St Vincent de Paul Group:
 New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

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