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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."*

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

### 25th June 2017

(Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13    Romans 5:12-15    Matthew 10:26-33)

### You are worth more than hundreds of sparrows

The world population is already over 7 billion, among which, the existence of individuals seems insignificant and it could be ignored completely. With or without any individual one of us, the world would be the same, with the sun still rising in the east and setting in the west, with tide still ebbing and rising at the same time. Sometimes, we feel that nobody really cares about our existence but our families and friends. Under some particular circumstances, even our families and friends could abandon us, too.

However, there is one who is much richer, more important and famous than anyone in the world, and He cares about us at all times, each one of us. Whether we are rich and important or poor and nobody, we are cared about by Him. Not only us, He even sees sparrows that are not worth much in our eyes, as treasures. He cares not only about our lives, but also every hair on our heads that has been counted by Him. He is our God. And He is the only one who will never leave us orphaned and alone.

By knowing this, many things can become much easier. Firstly, we won't self-disvalue easily. When we are frustrated by life failures, we could be looked down upon by others and/or cornered to some cold and lonely place. Then we could feel hopeless, useless and valueless. But if we think of how much our God cares about us, we will know that even if everyone thinks we are losers, looks down on us, and says that we are incapable of anything, God wouldn't and He will still love us. We are still valuable in His eyes. We know that not even one sparrow will fall to the ground without our God knowing and we are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

Secondly, we don't need to worry about our security. It is impossible for us to avoid all dangerous situations. In such situations, we always feel powerless and helpless. However, every time when we think of our God who cares about us unconditionally, we will feel relieved because we know God will never leave us alone. God wouldn't even allow a sparrow to lose its life for no reason, let alone human beings created in His own image. When we realise this, we will calm down and face courageously whatever we have to, singing and praising God.

Lastly, we will never walk away from God. What people usually seek are wealth, fame and power. But no morning sun lasts a whole day. At a time, we can be rich, famous and powerful but we can't guarantee that for our whole life. Wealth, fame and power are always to flow from one to another. So, we can't rely on them and the so-called friends won by them. The truly reliable one is God since He is the one who has even counted our hair. After we have realized all of these, will we leave God? No, never ever.

Dear friends, our lasting values reside in God. Our real security stays in God. Our eternal happiness is in God. It is only God who will not allow a sparrow to fall to the ground for no reason, and in His eyes, we are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. Therefore, let us move forward towards God, rely on Him, and enjoy peace and tranquility in His bosom. *Fr Baiyi*

**Readings for next weekend: Sts Peter & Paul**

Acts 12:1-11

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 26th June</b>	8.00am Mass <i>Parish Office closed today</i>
<b>TUE 27th June</b>	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED 28th June</b>	<b>St Irenaeus</b> 6.30am Mass <i>Parish Office closed today</i>
<b>THU 29th June</b>	<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul</b> 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
<b>FRI 30th June</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 1st July</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 2nd July</b>	<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul (Parish Feast Day)</b> 9.00am Mass followed by special Cuppa & Chat 6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will take a break for the school holidays and resume again Term 3. Leaders please contact Jodie to let her know any dates you will be unavailable for the new roster.

**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.

**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

**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. Please take home about 10 blue leaflets and distribute them to neighbour's letter boxes before the Inquiry night. Speak to Fr. Baiyi or Mary for more information.

**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 to celebrate our special day.

**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.

**Social Justice News:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating the Mass for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday at St Stephen's Cathedral, on 2nd July, at 12 pm. Everyone is welcome. We will be celebrating our Mass for ATSI Sunday on the weekend of 8/9th July. There will be a retiring collection after every Mass for the needs of the Murri Ministry. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*Erika on behalf of the SJG*

**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:** New rosters available.

**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!

**Spotlight on Ministry: Children's Liturgy.**

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday during school terms during the 9am Mass. It is a great way for children to experience the day's scripture through colouring in, books, singing, dancing. There are resources to follow which help make the job easy. The Children's Liturgy team are seriously looking for more helpers. The more leaders we have the more the load is shared. Support will be given or perhaps you would like to come along and have a look first. If you are interested please see Jodie Baigent or the parish office.



**Our parish will host the annual Propagation of the Faith appeal next weekend July 1st & 2nd.**

Choices have consequences. It's a simple fact of life. Today's gospel, from Matthew, sees Jesus point this out to His disciples when he reminds them that those who show their support for God will be embraced by Him and those who disown Him will, in turn, be disowned. In much the same way as bad choices can lead to negative consequences so too good choices can enhance both our lives and the lives of those we impact with our decisions. The choices we make about our support for missionaries like Sr Mary Goretti can significantly benefit the people of Uganda. On behalf of those whose lives will be touched, because of the choices you make, thank you; your generosity during the forthcoming appeal will have long and lasting consequences for so many, including mothers and their newborn babies. *David McGovern, Director, Brisbane & Toowoomba Diocese*

**Brian and Anne Ray** would like to farewell the many friends we have made over our 42+ years as members of St Peter's Rochedale. As we move to begin a new part of our lives at Scarborough our wish for St Peter's is continued growth in your spiritual life and community support of each other. All of our best wishes.

**Overnight Retreat: Final weekend to express your 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.

**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.



**Vinnies News:** Donations would be welcome of new or good quality second hand blankets and towels. Also, donations of sewing materials are still welcome to help the St Vinnies' sewing group at Woodridge.

**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](http://www.entbook.com.au/2224e97) or buy today or during the week from the Parish Office.

**An invitation to young women who may be interested in discerning a religious vocation** to join Bishop Ken Howell for an evening meal and informal discussion at Wynberg. The meal will be at 790 Brunswick Street, New Farm, on Thursday, 20 July 2017 beginning at 6.30pm. Contact Fr Baiyi if you are interested in attending.

**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](http://catholiccollective.org.au/events/synod-survey)

***Invitations from around the Archdiocese:***

**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

**Cancellation of PCI Fundraising Lunch and Musical afternoon:** Unfortunately due to lack of paid reservations this major fundraiser for PCI has had to be cancelled. Please keep the work of PCI in your prayers.

**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](http://www.teamsoceania.com.au) and click on upcoming events. You can also go to [www.trybooking.com/256672](http://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](http://menalive.org.au)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Annie Mah, Melba Connole, Sharon David, Barbara Mierzwa, Carmel Amundsen, Beth Sioson

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Agnes Chin, David Harris, Agnes Brady, Joe Harry Holden, James Toy, Thomas Crowe, Nell Irvine, Henry Bevan, Ruth Hayward, Lyn Coquerand, Lorna Jean Feeney, Mary Orr, Alice Litster, Carmel Erin May, Daphne Laverty, Ada Maloney, Charles & Eileen Seymour-Smith, Charles Orr, Robyn Smith, Rod Earle, Stuart Sarich, Gert Kelly, Judy Copely, Christine Burgess, Eileen Carter, Richard Murra, Bernard Vanden Boom, Horace Peters, Maud Winter, Richard Ryan, Paul Ray, Lillian Francis

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, 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 1st & 2nd July 2017**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Neil Ballment Joyce Lyster	Deacon Mike Jones Shelagh Ballment Mary Naughton	Volunteers please	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Lydia Chew Mal Jensen Monica O'Leary	Marilyn Mills Anne Scanlon Joan D'Netto	Volunteers please	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Anne Fry	C 1 2	John Blake Anne Fry Helen Graczyk	Kate Guy Kevin Fry	Volunteers please	Tim

**Church Cleaning:** 8 Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters      **Counting:** Carl'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  
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