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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."*

### Australia Day (Year A)

## 26th January 2020

Readings: Isaiah 32:15-18

Romans 12:9-13

Luke 12:22-32

### St Peter's reunion of 2019 graduates

Every year there are many graduates from our Parish school, St Peter's. Normally, after their graduation, the students won't have many opportunities to gather together. With time elapsing, it is possible that most of the students will lose the friendship that they developed over the past seven years. It is a great shame for them to lose such long friendships. Friendship is one of the greatest spiritual treasures for human beings. Of course, people can start a friendship at any stage of life and at wherever they are. However, in most of the cases, the friendships we make at the primary school can become the best and longest ones if we keep them well.

To help our former students to maintain and strengthen their friendships, our parish can and should be a good platform. Firstly, our school and parish have a good relationship and organize many activities together for the students. For example, the parish priest does class visits regularly. The students attend Mass in the church often. The school and parish have many joint activities, too. Our students are very familiar with everything about the parish. When they come back to the parish, they will have a sense of welcome, rather than a sense of strangeness. Secondly, most of our students live in the same area as the parish. It will be convenient for their parents to drive them from and to the gatherings. Thirdly, the parish will always be here. When the graduates grow older and can drive themselves, the gatherings can continue as long as they wish. Even if they are out of touch from each other for a while in the future, whenever they come back to the parish, it will be easy to find their old friends and renew their friendships.

Based on the above thoughts, we made some preparations at the graduation Mass last year. Our representatives spoke at the end of the Mass about our plans. We prepared flyers and forms. We asked the parents for their contact details for this purpose. We sincerely thank the parents for their support and cooperation.

On Friday 17th January 2020, we held our first, and very successful, reunion of 2019 graduates. There were 22 students who attended this gathering. They enjoyed delicious food, played games together and shared their expectations for high school with one another. Also, our wonderful youth ministry coordinator, Olivia, shared with them her own experiences of the journey from primary to high school. The reunion started at 5:30pm and ended at 8pm. It was an enjoyable occasion. Many of the graduates expressed their positive experiences and willingness to come back.

My dear friends, we did this for the wellbeing of our former students, not just for finding more people to fill the seats in the church. As I said to the students at the beginning of the reunion, we invited them back for food, games, fun and friendship. Certainly, when they are interested, we will talk with them about the Christian faith and how to learn from Jesus. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage more parents to lend their support and cooperation for future gatherings. By so doing, we believe that the graduates of St Peter's will have a wonderful platform, St Peter's parish, to maintain their friendship and form their own support system.

Fr Baiyi



## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON</b> 27th Jan	Public Holiday—Parish Office closed No Mass
<b>TUE</b> 28th Jan	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b> No Mass 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED</b> 29th Jan	No Mass
<b>THU</b> 30th Jan	No Mass 5.30pm Young Adults catch-up
<b>FRI</b> 31st Jan	<b>St John Bosco</b> 9.00am Rosary No Mass
<b>SAT</b> 1st Feb	9.30am Social Justice Group meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.00pm High School Youth Group & Reunion of St Peter's Graduates
<b>SUN</b> 2nd Feb	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> 9.00am Mass 10.30am Sacramental Team meeting 6.00pm Mass

**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. Unfortunately, there will be no Healing Mass in February. The next Healing Mass will be on Friday 6th March. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

We will welcome Fr John Gillen to celebrate weekend Masses with us for the next 2 weekends

**Social Justice Meeting:** The first **Social Justice Group** meeting will be on Saturday 1st February, at 9.30 am, at the Parish Centre.

Everyone is most welcome. *The SJG*

**Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day** Tuesday 11th February. Please join us for Mass at 7.30pm followed by a Rosary Procession to Our Lady's 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)*

### Youth Update:

**Young Adults** Catch-up Thursday 30th January at 5.30pm

**High School Youth Group & Reunion of St Peter's Graduates:** Saturday 1st February after 6pm Mass. Please join us!

For more information on either of these events contact **Olivia**, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.

Or Instagram: @rochedaleyouth

## Date Claimers for February

- 3 Parish Pastoral Council meeting, 7pm
- 4 St Vincent de Paul meeting, 4pm
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes Mass & Procession, 7.30pm
- 13 Young Adults catch-up
- 14 Opening School Mass, 9.30am
- 15 High School Youth Group & Reunion of St Peter's Graduates, 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  
Young adults catch-up
- 26 Ash Wednesday
- 29 Ministry Coordinators day at Marian Valley
- 29 High School Youth Group & Reunion of St Peter's Graduates, 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.

### Readings for next weekend:

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4    Hebrews 2:14-18    Luke 2:22-40

### Faith Matters! Plenary Council Theme 5: Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community



God is calling us to be a Church that is a **Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community**. Our mission is to be people of **JOY** and **HOPE** so that our Church is a place of welcome, acceptance and service.

Our parish lives out this call with many generous spirited parishioner groups providing **practical support for those who are vulnerable or at risk**.

One example of this is our **Care and Concern Group**. This group does a variety of practical tasks within both the parish and the local community. They provide emergency services in the areas of visiting the lonely and isolated, helping with transport to doctors and hospital appointments, preparing meals for those experiencing difficult times, catering for funerals when requested and helping with house cleaning and handy-man tasks.

Other groups in our Parish that also provide significant practical support include the **Hospitality Group**, the **Welcoming Group**, the **Social Justice Group** and the **St Vincent de Paul Group**! In addition, there are many other groups that contribute to our Church being a place of joy and hope in both **practical and spiritual ways**. Information about them is available on the **A Frame Brochure Stand** at the back of the Church.

Good things are happening in our Parish but new and energetic helpers are always needed. Perhaps we can all consider taking on a more active role in our Parish community in this year of 2020 so that we can all be **bearers of JOY** and **beacons of HOPE** reaching out to **serve others** in our local context.

*Loving God, infuse us with your Spirit of joy and hope as we serve one another in our community.*

**Faith Enrichment Group**

**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.

**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: soniajkenny@gmail.com 0422 068 552. Kerri-Ann Caswell: evkezcac@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](http://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:** Keith Mayer, Graham Moore, Lyle Watson, Shane O'Brien.

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Derek Sharp, Paula Mulderry, Vince Dibella, Julie Apted, Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello, Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin, Sr Margaret O'Brian, Hope Wiltshire, Jim O'Donnell, Wolfgang Kurth, Robert Mallon, Monica Wing, Harold Potent, Mary St George, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, Michael O'Grady, Joseph Peky, 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.*

1st & 2nd Feb	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Mark Connolly	Lydia Chew	Malcolm Carroll
<b>AV Operators</b>	John Donohue	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
<b>Readers</b>	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Charisse Mone	C. Kathy Seymour 1. Megan Philpott 2. Jackson Sabu	C. Raylee Burns 1. Aurelie Twidale 2. Daniel Twidale
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Deacon Mike Jones Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Donald Fernando Jo Cullen Marilyn Mills Jada Nathan	Shane Seymour Diane McKeone Jim Nathan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Marissa	Leo, Tess, Matilda	Eza, Eugene, Euha
<b>Musicians</b>	Anne Flood	Carmel	Rita

**Church Cleaning: Group 7** Nita Stratton-Funk, Kathy Winter, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

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

**Cuppa:** Sunday 2nd Feb after 9am Mass: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Brent Martin, Gwen Martin

**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](mailto: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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