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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."

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

26th May 2019

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

The Padded Kneelers in Our Church

Not long after I came to St Peter's, some parishioners approached to me and expressed that it would be a good idea if we could put pads on our kneelers in the church. In our parish, there are some parishioners who have knee problems and can't kneel on the hard kneelers. For them, having pads on the kneelers is something necessary. Last year on several occasions, I heard some children talking about having pads on the kneelers as well. Since the change of today's society and the improvement of living conditions, nowadays, there are few situations in which children have to endure such discomforts and distractions as kneeling on hard kneelers. So I thought if we put some pads on the kneelers, our parish would be more inviting and encouraging to our children. Once, I even heard some young adults talking about how much of a challenge it was to kneel on hard kneelers. Then I invited our Parish Financial Council to discuss about the matter. After a lot of discussion and consideration, a positive decision was made and during my absence in China, it was done.

After I came back to our parish from China, the first thing I did was to go to the church and try the new padded kneelers. When I was kneeling on it, I felt so good. The colour is just right. The pads are quite soft. I think they are perfect. By padding our kneelers, I hope our parishioners won't be distracted by uncomfortable kneelers anymore.

Last year, after we air-conditioned our church, I wrote a reflection in the newsletter on the installation of the system. In that reflection, I stressed that "we don't need to worry that we don't have enough trials or tribulations as there are always plenty of them in our lives. So, endure when you have to and enjoy when you can." This is worth repeating, since it can also apply to the padding of the kneelers. We improve the environment of our church in order to help our parishioners to concentrate on worshipping God in liturgy, not to encourage them to be pampered.

Some may worry about our financial situation because of our recent developments in the parish. I would like to say that, financially, our parish is not the best one among our neighbouring parishes and not the worst one either. So far, we are in a stable situation. I continue to encourage you to financially support your own spiritual family. I promise we will try to properly and reasonably use every cent of your contribution and invest our funds in the spiritual growth of our parishioners as well as physical improvements to the parish when needed and necessary.

My dear friends, let us thank God for these recent developments in our parish and use them carefully. Particularly, when you are at Mass, please try not to step on the kneelers in order to keep them clean at all times. With the effort of each of you, I believe, our parish will continue to become better and better.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Ascension of the Lord (Year C)

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 27th May	8.00am 7.30pm Music Ministry Meeting
TUE 28th May	8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Baptism Information Meeting
WED 29th May	6.30am Mass
THU 30th May	No Mass 7.30pm RCIA Inquiry Night
FRI 31st May	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, National Sorry Day 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 11.30am Liturgy of the Word with children
SAT 1st June	Saint Justin 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.00pm Rochedale Youth Launch
SUN 2nd June	The Ascension of the Lord, World Environment Day 9.00am Mass, Mystagogia 10.15am Sacramental Family Session 1 6.00pm Mass



Saint Peter's School Car Wash: \$10 for small cars, \$15 for SUV, with a bake sale and cold drinks while you wait. Come and support the students of St Peters!

Family School Mass: Pentecost Sunday 9am, June 9. Please join together as a community

New Rosters Available: June to August rosters now are available at the Church entrance

Rochedale Youth Launch Event: Saturday June 1, after 6pm Mass. Pizza, snacks, drinks and goo company. Parents, parishioners, youth & all welcome!



The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy of the Brisbane Archdiocese states:
...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14
 "Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded."
 Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.
 Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is **Malcolm Carroll**. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on **0410 193 569** or **sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au**

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.

Mystagogia: Sunday May 26 at 6pm Mass and June 2, at 9am Mass. Our newly baptised adults are at the end of their supported journey of faith and are in the period of *Mystagogia*, a time for them to reflect on what it really means to be Catholic and the importance of the Eucharist in their lives. You, the community, now have a big role in making them feel part of our worshipping community, to befriend them and make them welcome. Please continue to pray for them

Music Ministry Meeting: Monday May 27, 7.30pm at 22 Lancelot St. Bring your copy of Break Open the Word. Contact Elizabeth Fort on 3341 0852 for details.

RCIA Catholic Inquiry Night: May 30, 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. If you know anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, please invite them to come and talk to us, or contact Mary on 0413 224 339.

Transport: Looking for people who would be willing to bring an elderly gentleman from Arcare Springwood to the Sunday 9am Mass once a month. If you can help, please contact Mary Naughton on 0413 224 339.

Safeguarding Children Vulnerable Adults Training: Next sessions June 20, 10am at Sunnybank Paloma Centre and June 25, 6pm at St Agnes, Holland Park. Registration required, contact the parish office for more details. Before attending, complete the video at: www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training

Earn and Learn: Support St Peter's Primary school by collecting Woolworth's Earn and Learn stickers! Please leave them in the bucket at the Church entrance

St Vincent de Paul Winter Wonderland Appeal: Sunday June 9, 10am to 2pm at the Church. Come along and enjoy a day of fun, food and friends! Will include cakes, music, hot drinks, BBQ, showbags and more. Prizes for the most fabulous scarf.

Sacramental Preparation Family Session: Sunday June 2, after 9am Mass. This continues the journey towards First Holy Communion

Dear Parishioners, We have received a Certificate and a letter from the Salesian Sisters thanking you for the \$400 for the needs of the Girls in the City of Joy. They are on the noticeboard. **Social Justice Group**

Corpus Christi Procession: Sunday June 23, 2pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen. If there are any girls (age 10-18) who would like to take part as a flower girl, please contact Kylie on 0413 218 673 before June 6.

National Volunteer Week: May 20 - 26. This week, Australia celebrated the 30th National Volunteer Week. Our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do, so thank you to all those who volunteer in the parish!

National Sorry Day: Friday May 31, 8am to 10am at Cranbrook Place, Orleigh Park. This Sunday marks National Sorry Day, when we remember and mark our country's troubled history with First Nations peoples. It is the start of National Reconciliation Week. There is a commemoration event at the site of Cranbrook House. Everyone is invited to enjoy a free breakfast at 7, speeches and music starting at 8.

Mass for the Deaf: Sunday June 2, 8.30am at St Michael's Catholic Church, Ashgrove. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this special Auslan supported Mass, with morning tea afterwards. Enquiries to Dorrington@bne.catholic.edu.au

Awaken Pentecost Retreat: Sunday June 9th, 10.30am at the Greek Orthodox Memorial Hall. Come and be transformed and renewed in the Holy Spirit and come together for Holy Mass, praise & worship, quiet prayers, talks and miraculous healing. Led by Stephanie Le and Fr Lam with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. RSVP required. Contact the parish office for more details.

Who Celebrates The Liturgy? June 26th, 7pm. A public lecture by Professor Tom O'Loughlin that explores the meaning of the Vatican II liturgical principle, the role of the priest in the liturgy and how we should celebrate Sunday Mass. For full details, go to <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/tom-oloughlin.html>

Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care: Thursday August 18, 9am, at the Chermside Kedron Community Church. A workshop for people who assist or advocate for others and who are interested in learning more about mental health and pastoral care. Keynote speaker is Dave Andrews. For more information, contact the parish office.

Entertainment Membership: With the 2018/2019 Entertainment Membership about to expire, now is the perfect time to buy the brand new 2019/2020 Entertainment Membership! You can enjoy thousands of valuable offers for everything you love to do, all while supporting fundraising for St Peter's Catholic Parish. Contact the parish office for more details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Lyle McLachlan, Don Bechly

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Joshua Duffy, William More Campbell, Bernard Gibbs, Terry Ahern, Brigid Lohmeier, John Mulherin, Walter Blattman, Richard Gallagher, Dorothy Wilson, Moreen McMahon, Richard Elmer, Thora Lee, Jim Ward, Elizabeth Rice, Richard Balshaw, May Gladys Thorley, Br Brian Hanlan, Eileen Coonors, Patrick Madden, Kevin Connors, James Phelan, Ray Moore, Elise Flanagan, John Kennedy, Lorna Campbell, Kathleen Lamberth, Liam Lavin, Greta McLaren, Mervyn Ballment, Margaret Lowe

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Callum Poynter, Sue Power, Rebecca Power, Rex Bowen, Terry Naughton, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Rory Bakker, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Marcos Mendoza, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Margaret Drummond, Michael Harkin, 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, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Fabio Viola, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Johnny Summers, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, Kevin Kelly, Edna Bultitude, Vilma Ghouse,

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 June	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Mark Connolly	Grace Tuazon	Anne Fry
AV Operators	David Crowley	John Donohue	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Clive de Silva 2. Shenelle Nelson	C. Arthur Leow 1. Jada Nathan 2. Del Reynolds	C. Anne Fry 1. Helen Graczyk 2. Margaret Connors
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Joseph Varkey Carl de Mello	Deacon Mike Jones Lydia Chew Jo Cullen Joan D'Netto	Mel McKay Kevin Fry Cesarina Gigante
Altar Servers	Luna, Talia	Agnes, Angela	Chevonne
Musicians	Liz	Rita	Tim

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

Children's Liturgy: Kristy Scanlon **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's Team

Cuppa: Sunday 2nd June after 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlan, Tongan Community

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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