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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."*

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### 28th January 2018

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20\*\*1 Corinthians 7:32-35\*\*Mark 1:21-28

## One-day pilgrimage to Sydney

Last Friday, the leaders and teachers of St Peter's School and I, 33 of us altogether, went to Sydney for a one-day pilgrimage. We set out at around 5:30am and came back at about 9:30pm. It was a long day. All of us were very tired but the day was very meaningful and fruitful. Here I would like to share some of my reflections on the journey.

Our first stop was the Sydney Jewish Museum. Firstly, a lady spoke to us, introducing us to the experiences and hardships that the Jewish people endured during the Second World War. The stories were really heart-breaking. Though I had heard many such stories before, I felt shocked, in such a very special place, hearing so many details of the suffering that the Jewish community experienced. Later, another lady shared with us some of her own life stories. Her father was a Jew and died at the concentration camp. She herself witnessed her father being taken away by Nazi soldiers when she was a little girl. She never saw her father again. After that, her family underwent many difficulties, troubles and problems and finally settled in Sydney. Lastly, we had a tour in the museum, seeing a lot of pictures and objects obtained from that era of tragedy. It seemed that we had been back to those days, very touching and moving. Among us, one asked a question: why were the Jews being persecuted so severely? The answer we got was: one of the main reasons was that the Jews had killed Jesus. This made me think: how important seeing things through the right and positive perspective is. It is very easy for people to view things negatively. I couldn't help to ask: why could people have just remembered that Jesus was killed by Jews, but forgotten that Jesus himself was a Jew and it was the God's chosen people who, under God's plans and grace, prepared the environment and made it possible for the saviour to be born? Why don't we thank the Jewish people for our saviour coming from them?

The second stop was Mary Mackillop Place. We had a tour in the museum, learning a lot of her life story. How she, with the encouragement and help from Fr Woods, opened her first school and then dedicated her whole life to education. She endured many hardships, among which her excommunication from the Church was the greatest one, I think. For the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, she went to Rome twice to see the then pope. At the end, we celebrated the liturgy of the Word in the chapel. Of course, we focused on the famous saying by St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, "Never see a need without doing something about it". In my homily, I challenged our teachers: what need have they seen in their work? The one seen through my perspective was: there are many Catholic schools in Australia but many young Catholics, graduated from our schools, don't practice their faith as other Catholics do. Is there something that can or should be done in our Catholic school? What have they seen? What can they do? What have they been doing?

Dear friends, here I would like to remind you, my parishioners: Please view everything from a positive perspective and always challenge yourselves, never see a need without doing something about it. In so doing, I believe our Parish and our School will be more attractive and successful.

*Fr Baiyi*



## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 29th Jan</b>	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting 7.30pm Liturgy Group meeting
<b>TUE 30th Jan</b>	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED 31st Jan</b>	<b>St John Bosco</b> 6.30am Mass 7.00pm In-service for Reading Ministry
<b>THU 1st Feb</b>	9.30am In-service for Reading Ministry
<b>FRI 2nd Feb</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass 11.15am Mass for the new school year
<b>SAT 3rd Feb</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 4th Feb</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary time</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**Healing Mass:** the next Healing Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am this Friday 2nd February. The first Friday of the month begins with Rosary at 8.30am then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00am. Reconciliation is available during Adoration. School Mass for the beginning of the school year follows at 11.15am.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Procession:** This year Our Lady of Lourdes' Feast Day, 11th February, will fall on a Sunday. The Sunday night Mass at 6pm will still be the Mass for Sunday with the liturgy for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time but will be followed by a rosary procession to Our Lady's Grotto to mark the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**2018 Parish Calendar** Would all ministry leaders please submit your events / meeting dates for your group as soon as possible to enable the office to enter your dates in the parish diary.

**Data Projector Operators:** We would like to get a group of people trained who would be willing to work the data projectors at Masses to show the powerpoint hymns, words etc. Contact Fr Baiyi, John or Jo. Training will be provided.

**Annual Training for Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Deacon Mike will be conducting training sessions over the next couple of weeks. Training for **Readers** Wednesday 7pm on 31st January or 9.30am on Thursday 1st February. Training for **Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion** 7pm on Wednesday 7th February or 9.30am on Thursday 8th February.

It is an expectation of the Archdiocese that Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion attend an in-service training once per year so these training sessions are for all ministers not just people new to the role. New Ministers would be most welcome to attend.

**Lenten Reflection Groups:** We will be running 3 different option times for the Lenten Groups. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm and Thursday mornings at 9.30am. Exact start dates yet to be finalised. Please indicate on the form which group time you would prefer to attend. You are free to attend as many or as few of the meetings as suits your schedule.

**Congratulations** to Anne and Wally Scanlon who received "Local Legends" Awards in recognition of their many years of volunteering in the local community: 20 years at the school and also with Rosies.



**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.

**Thanks:** Thank you to the Care and Concern ladies who catered for the cuppa after the Funeral Mass of my sister Evelyn Scanlon. *Wally Scanlon*

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**Proclaim 2018** The biennial conference is centred on enhancing parish renewal. For the first time it will be held in Brisbane from 12th—14th July. If you are interested in obtaining further information please go to [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) (Early registration open now, discounts available)

### Readings for next weekend:

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Job 7:1-4, 6-7                      1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

**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.

### YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

#### Date claimer: Logan Deanery Youth Mass

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. at St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Marsden at 6:30pm

**Break Open the Word 2018:** is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group. \$18  
**God's Word 2018** —is a Liturgical diary which has the Bible readings for every day, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day \$10! Only a few copies left.



**Vinnies News:** Only 2 Columban Calendars left for 2018. Get in quick if you want one! \$9  
**Donations:** If you have any furniture you can donate to St Vinnies please call the help-line on 1800846643 for it to be collected. Any donations of clothing etc can be left in the Vinnies collection bin here or can be taken to any Vinnies store. The closest one to us is on the Pacific Highway service road at Slack's Creek near Moss St, beside Mr Toys Toyworld.

**Reconnecting with your Catholic faith in a new and dynamic way:** Conducted by bro. Lalith Perera & The Community of the Risen Lord. Praise & Worship, Message and Benediction every evening from 7pm to 9pm

- **Living connected to Jesus-** Mon 5th Feb -Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park 4500
- **What is Praise and Worship** – Tues 6th Feb -St James Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151
- **Faith and Obedience** – Thurs 8th Feb - Christ the King Church, Churchill Street, Graceville 4075

Free Admission. All are invited

**Positions Vacant – Choral Scholar:** Applications are open for positions at St Stephens Cathedral. The Cathedral Music Department is seeking expressions of interest from singers in all voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) for on-call, casual relief positions in the Cathedral's Music Department, as well as a number of permanent contracted positions in the Cathedral Choir and Schola. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

**Alpha in a Catholic Context Training: Thursday** 1st Feb 7pm to 9pm "Facilitating Alpha small Groups Workshops" Emmaus Centre, Corner Herbert St & Central Ave, Paddington.

**Friday** 2nd Feb 7pm to 9pm "Alpha' Come and See" at Maroochydore.

**Saturday** 3rd Feb 9am to 4pm. "Alpha Full Day Training" St Patrick's Church, 24 Tobruk St, Beenleigh.

Contact Evangelisation Brisbane to register for these workshops or for more info. 3324 3440 or ebad-min@bne.catholic.net.au

**Footsteps of Jesus 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimages:** Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6590. See the brochure on the noticeboard

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Betty Callaghan, Trish Downie, Viliami Naupoto, Samuel Privitera, Jack O'Brien, Patricia Watson (*Tricia Carroll's mum*)

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin, Sr Margaret O'Brien, Hope Wiltshire, Jim O'Donnell, Wolfgang Kurth, Robert Mallon, Monica Wing, Harold Potent, Mary St George, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters, Len Carmody, Kevin Garland, Patrick Hanlan, Daniel Ryan, Donna Tiderman, Brian Menz

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Del Reynolds, Tony McDonald, Mary Woodhead, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Anthony Van Rooy, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, 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.*

**Roster 3rd & 4th February 2018**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mark Connolly	C 1 2	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Geoff Hondroudakis Michael Claridge	Stef Danudibroto Natalie Haddie Ann Maree Collier	Jade Layla Sam	Anne
Sun 9:00am	Efren Tuazon	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Kathy Seymour Jo Cullen	Deacon Mike Jones Shane Seymour Alan Scanlon	Jada Finn Leo	Rita
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy	C 1 2	Lynn White Cora Gatbonton Helen Graczyk	Ros Dawson Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	Chevonne Rena	Liz

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

**Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent      **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters      **Counting:** Bob's team

**Cuppa:** after the 6pm Mass on Sun 4th Feb: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Malcolm Carroll

## 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)  
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