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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."

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year A) **29th December 2019**

Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-2 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

A great year of 2019

We have had a very busy week. However, our hard work has been very fruitful. With four Masses, we have successfully celebrated the Nativity of our Lord. Many of us enjoyed our liturgical celebrations, the beautiful decorations, and the fantastic Christmas carol singing. We even prepared a special Christmas edition newsletter for the first time this year, which was loved by many people. Many thanks to the editing team, coordinated by Stephanie Lenihan. Now, all the big celebrations of Christmas are over. Nevertheless, we can continue to celebrate God's love for us expressed through the Incarnation of his only begotten Son. We thank him for his ongoing grace and strength granted to us in many different ways. We glorify him by our everyday life during Christmas season and beyond.

This weekend, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family faced many difficulties and challenges from its very beginning. For example, after Mary was pregnant with Jesus through the Holy Spirit, Joseph had a difficult time since he didn't know what was actually happening. When Mary was due to bear her son, they couldn't even find a proper place for the birth of Jesus. When the angel informed Joseph that King Herod was trying to murder Jesus, the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt. When they went to Jerusalem for Passover, Jesus was missing for three days. As Jesus was growing up, he and his mum had to face the passing of Joseph. Eventually, Jesus had to face the cross and Mary had to bear the death of her beloved Son. Even though all of these events happened, we have never heard about any of them complaining about one another or getting angry with each other. The three of them shared each other's burdens, supported each other and faced these difficult situations together. Through all of these events and times, we can tell that the love and harmony enjoyed by and shared within the Holy Family was very deep and strong.

As we celebrate Christmas and the feast of the Holy Family, we are moving to the end of the year. The first day of the New Year of 2020 is only few days away. Now is also a good time to reflect on the whole year of 2019. As we all can tell, we have had a wonderful year. Our parish is growing. The operation of the parish goes well and smoothly. Our different ministry groups have been doing a great job respectively. Particularly, in April this year, Olivia Brown became our youth ministry coordinator. With her hard work, the youth numbers in our parish have been gradually and constantly growing.

My dear friends, let us pause for a while and reflect on how it is that we have had such a great success. I think, firstly, our office staff, ministers and parishioner are hard-working people. This is evident in our recent preparations for Christmas. Secondly, we know we are a family and we try to learn from the Holy Family. We have tried to stay in love and harmony, so that, with God's help, we may overcome all the difficulties and challenges just as the Holy Family did. Let us thank God and keep up our good work. **Happy New Year to all of you.**

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 30th Dec	8.00am Mass
TUE 31st Dec	8.00am Mass
WED 1st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9.00am New Year's Day Mass
THU 2nd Jan	Saint Basil & Saint Gregory No Mass
FRI 3rd Jan	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 4th Jan	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 5th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

The Parish Office will be closed for a few days over Christmas and New Year. We apologise for any inconvenience. The Office will be closed from Christmas Day and will re-open for business on Monday 6th January.

Weekday Masses will be as usual over this period. However, Rosary Group will not meet on Friday 27th December.

Mass on New Year's Day Wednesday 1st January will be at 9.00am to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please come along to honour Our Lady.

First Friday Rosary, Adoration and Healing Mass will be held as usual from 8.30am on Friday 3rd January.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020 are ready for collection from the table near the main doors. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank You from Catholic Mission: Thank you to all who contributed to the Catholic Mission Appeal we held here at St Peter's at the end of October. The final figure is in: our parishioners gave a total of \$3057.00. An excellent effort. Thank you for your generosity. A special thank you to the young people who spoke on behalf of Catholic Mission at the Masses that week-end.

Youth Update:

High School: Thank you for everything this year! We have loved every moment of our Saturday nights! We are taking a break for the school holidays and will return on the 1st of February.

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.

Thank You: Special thank you to all St Peter's Lay Minsters who have served our congregation over this year. Our Church is here to continue God's mission in the world. We, as servers, are here to help people live out their faith and support our community. All our wonderful Ministry Groups have worked together at St Peter's to support spiritually, socially and sacramentally in our community.

It has been a pleasure to work with all the groups this year. If anyone is interested in joining one of the ministry groups at St Peter's, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss a suitable ministry for your needs. May, I take this opportunity to wish you all in 2020, a year filled with peace, love, health and happiness. May the good work of all our groups continue to grow in our hearts.

Below are some snapshots of 2019.

Josephine Cullen, Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries





Thank you to all who participated in any way in our Christmas Masses. This is a photo of our Christmas 6.30pm Mass. Wishing all our parish family a Happy New Year and Blessings for 2020.

Annuals available on the table near the doors:

God's Word 2020 (\$11) All the readings for every day of the year as well as reflections.

Break Open the Word 2020 (\$18) is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group.

See the Noticeboard for Invitations from around the Archdiocese

Be Part of the Media Apostolate: If you can comfortably commute to the Cathedral parish at least once every 3 months and would like to become a volunteer webcaster, please phone 3324 3227 or email communications@bne.catholic.net.au. This service is an invaluable assistance to those who are infirm or shut-in.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Alastair Smith, Chris Land (*Stephen's brother*), Paul Delley, Gaye Harnell, Brant Jones, Maria Chu, Elizabeth Ribic

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Betty Simpson, Betsy May Burton, Flo Beechworth, Warren Jackson, Joan Marrinan, Jennifer Ann Lee, Ronald Connors, Kathleen Murray, Daniel Lourigan, John MacKintosh, Anne Praske, Fr Tom Concannon, Ludlow Pettiford, Angelina Cho, Anthony Winter, Thomas Power, Colin Simpson, Eileen Naughton, Gai Hocking, Francis Waters, Ken Evans, Jesse Nicholson, Kane Thorpe, John 'Jack' Elliott, Violet Williams, Trish Pareezer

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, Kevin Fry, Michael O'Grady, Joseph Peki, 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.

4th & 5th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am		Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Mark Connolly	Marilyn Mills		Aurelie Twidale
AV Operators	David Crowley	Julie Hondroudakis		John Donohue
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Clive D'Silva	C. Bev De Paola 1. Shane Sweeney 2. Alan Vigor		C. Margaret Connors 1. Vickie Routledge 2. Malcolm Carroll
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Joseph Varkey Shelagh Ballment Carl De Mello	Jo Cullen Lydia Chew Joan D'Netto Julie Hondroudakis	Marilyn Mills Anne Scanlon Jim Nathan	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante Matt Jarvis
Altar Servers	Talia, Marissa	Leo, Eugene, Euha		Eza, Matilda
Musicians	Rita	Carmel		Liz
Church Cleaning: Group 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone				
Children's Liturgy: None This week: Sacristan: Glenys Peters Counting: Bob's Team				
Cuppa: After 9am Mass on Sunday 5th Jan: Rashelle Johnson, Kimberley Kanages, Amanda				

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
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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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