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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."

First Sunday Of Lent (Year A)

1st March 2020

Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

On Parish Community Day

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) discussed the basic idea of parish community day last October. At its following meeting, the PPC had a further discussion on it and decided that we would have the community day monthly and start the first one in March 2020. Earlier this year we started advertising it in our newsletter, inviting the whole congregation to contribute their ideas and thoughts about the plan. This weekend, I would like to offer a further and more detailed explanation.

To begin with, why do we need a community day? Such a day is a way for building our parish as a community. It's different to our cuppa after Mass which is very casual and lasts for a short time. **An interest group comes together to share and enjoy the particular interest that the members have in-common. Their shared interest keeps the group together, enriches the group and keeps the group going.** The membership of such a group is usually more stable. With time elapsing, group members can develop the sense of belonging like a family, since they have at least two things in common now: the same faith and the same interest.

Secondly, what activities we might undertake on community day. As we know, different people have different interests, for example, some like listening to music and others enjoy reading. Parishioners who share the same interests are encouraged to form a group. On our community day, our parish offers a place to the groups for gathering together. Then in the way the group chooses and prefers, they share with each other, interact together, and enjoy each other's company within the group. The interests don't have to be limited to religious or non-religious: reading, craft, learning a language, or perhaps Bible sharing.

Thirdly, how each interest group might be formed. The process of forming an interest group could be as follows:

1. Each group would have at least 3 members;
2. The coordinator would be elected among the members;
3. The coordinator and the group members would decide on how the group might operate and outline the details about the group activities;
4. Once the name of the coordinator is decided and the details or plans have been submitted to the parish office to be registered, then an interest group has successfully been formed;
5. Group members would share all the setting up and tidying up tasks. Communication between the group and the parish management about all group activities would be through the group coordinator or a delegate.

My dear friends, at this point we haven't received much response from the community about the community day. Some members of our community may still have doubts about the benefits of the community day, so we have decided to postpone a start on the process. I think the whole community needs to be on the same page first, before we can begin. As soon as we have received enough responses from the community we can make a start. We will need proposals for three established groups to make a start. Therefore, I continue to encourage you to talk with each other, and offer us some feedback, either via phone, email or the St Peter's post box at the back of the church. Many thanks.

Fr Baiyi

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?



| IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK: | | Date Claimers for March |
|--|---|--|
| MON 2nd Mar | 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting | 11 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm 13 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 14 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 14 High School Youth Group 7pm 17 Vinnies Meeting 4pm 17 Liturgy Meeting 18 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm 19 Faith Enrichment, 7:30pm 20 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 21 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 22 Family School Mass 9am 22 Junior Youth Event 10am 25 Lenten Discussion Group 7:30pm 26 Care & Concern Meeting 7:30pm 27 Lenten Reflection 7pm, Stations of the Cross 7:30pm 28 Lenten Discussion Group 9am 28 High School Youth Group 7pm 30 Reconciliation 7:30pm 31 Vinnies Meeting 4pm |
| TUE 3rd Mar | 8.00am Mass 4.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting | Ministry Group leaders , please note that all requests for events, meetings and fundraisers need to be submitted to the Parish Office at least one month prior so we can avoid clashes with other events. Thank you. |
| WED 4th Mar | 6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group | Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday of Lent Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9 |
| THU 5th Mar | No Mass | |
| FRI 6th Mar | 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation Available 9.30am Healing Mass 10.00am World Day of Prayer (at St Mark's) 7.00pm Lenten Reflection 7.30pm Stations of the Cross | |
| SAT 7th Mar | 9.00am Lenten Discussion Group 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday | |
| SUN 8th Mar | Second Sunday of Lent International Women's Day 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass | |

Recruitment: Our Parish abides by the Archdiocesan requirements for the recruitment of Ministers.

Care & Concern is in need of volunteers to assist with 'Visitation'. Please contact Lynn for further information 0403051103

Rosters for those who minister at weekend Masses were emailed this week. Please check your inbox.

First Friday 6th March Rosary 8.30am, Adoration 9am and Healing Mass 9.30am

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at St Mark's Anglican Church, Daisy Hill. This year's focus is Zimbabwe. Car-pooling from St Peter's Parish Office at 9.15am. Contact Jo Cullen if you can attend.

Crossroads RCIA commences in 2nd term. Crossroads is for young people, aged from Grade 5 upwards, who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church, or perhaps would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. We have a group commencing at the end of April. For more information please contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878

Would you enjoy a 'Books and Reading' Group? If you are a keen reader and would like to share your interest with other keen readers please be in touch with Raylee: by email rayleebob@bigpond.com or text message to 0435583325

Baskets needed for St Vinnies Easter Raffle: Please drop them into the Parish Office. Thank you.

Youth Update:

High School Youth Group (& reunion of St Peter's graduates): 7-8:30pm in the parish centre on Feb 29th, March 14th & 28th

Young adults: location and other info is sent out closer to each meeting date

Junior (years 3-6): March 22nd 10am-12:30pm
For more information on any of our Youth events contact Olivia, our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Merciful God: a hymn for our Lenten journey

Each week in Lent, we will be singing a new hymn called Merciful God, by Tony Alonso/Mary Bringle. While it may be a challenge to learn a new hymn, the Music Liturgy Group has chosen Merciful God as one that reflects many of the features of this Lenten time. A time of renewal, healing and prayer. We hope you enjoy thinking about these as you sing along. Please join in the singing as we love to hear you!

Share the Dignity: Donations of sanitary products needed to help homeless women and girls this March. Place your donations in the labelled box during March.

Living Lent - Fasting with a Difference!

Fasting in Lent is ...

- going without certain things or ...
- giving up certain behaviours so that...
- we might have more time with God ...
- and grow in our relationships with others.

Pope Francis's suggestions for Fasting in Lent.¹

- Fast from Hurting Words** and say Kind Words.
- Fast from Sadness** and be filled with Gratitude.
- Fast from Anger** and be filled with Patience.
- Fast from Pessimism** and be filled with Hope.
- Fast from Worries** and Trust in God.
- Fast from Complaints** and contemplate Simplicity.
- Fast from Pressures** and be Prayerful.
- Fast from Bitterness** and fill your heart with Joy.
- Fast from Selfishness** and be Compassionate.
- Fast from Grudges** and be Reconciled.
- Fast from Words** and be Silent so you can Listen.

Consider what your Lenten fast may look like this year. Perhaps God is inviting you to something a little different!

1 .Pope Francis on Lent 2017,
<https://www.catholicgallery.org/article/pope-francis-lent-2017/>

Faith Enrichment Group



First Sunday of Lent 1st March 2020

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed. Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community. Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Calling all young men who may be discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Archbishop Mark is hosting his annual dinner for these young men on 5th March. Please speak to Fr Baiyi if interested.

How Sacraments Work - There's More to this than Meets the Eye: Fr Paul Turner from the United States, renowned teacher and speaker, liturgist and prolific author, will speak to us about how sacraments work. We can see, taste, feel the sacramental signs of water, bread and wine, oil and the human touch. But how do these sacramental signs open up for us the mysterious and powerful action of our loving God? Join us for this rich and inspiring exploration of how sacraments connect us to saving grace. Brisbane: Friday 6 March 5:30pm-7:30pm. Individual \$10. Group \$40. <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/paul-turner.html>

The Iona Passion Play We will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum. Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further info or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

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: Vivian Kennedy, Patricia Porter, Maurice de Rozario, Wylie Smith

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Cyril Scott, Evelyn Orr, Gus 'Junior' Mitchell, June Payne, Salvatore Russo, Andrew Neilsen, John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey, Eileen O'Doherty, Sr Agnes Rita, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux, Bette Davis, James Jensen, Marcella Hayward, Anthony 'Tony' Lilly, Francis Mayer

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Kevin Fry, Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa, Morris Mirabito, Garry Capper, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Winston van Rooyen, Oliver Akomolafe, Elmore Kotzur, 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, 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.

| 7th& 8th March | Saturday 6pm | Sunday 9am | Sunday 6pm |
|---|--|---|--|
| Mass Co-ordinators | Carl de Mello | Grace Tuazon | Kate Guy |
| AV Operators | Mike Collier | Mick Denton | John Donohue |
| Readers | C. Peta Grandin 1. Clive D'Silva 2. David Crowley | C. Arthur Leow 1. Julie Hondroudakis 2. Mary Naughton | C. Vickie Routledge 1. Shane Sweeney 2. Anne Fry |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Danny Vaihu Lyndal Bray-Claridge Ann Maree Collier | Lydia Chew Gwen Martin Marilyn Mills Stephanie Lenihan | Jim Nathan Anne Scanlon Del Reynolds |
| Altar Servers | Talia, Rene, Austin | Finn, Mikel, Jerrin | Eza, Asha |
| Musicians | Anne Flood | Geoff & Robyn | Liz |

Church Cleaning: Group 4 Basil's Cleaners

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

Cuppa: Sat 8th March after 6pm Mass: Helen Viola, Diane Land, Care & Concern

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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