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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 Advent (Year A)

**1st December 2019**

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5      Romans 13:11-14      Matthew 24:37-44

### Brisbane Plenary Assembly

In early October I was privileged to attend the Brisbane Plenary Assembly, meet with fellow attendees and discern ways forward with two questions-

How is God calling us to be prayerful and Eucharistic?

How is God calling us to be someone who is open to conversation, renewal and reform?

A key feature of the early Church's sense of being a community was that the members were created, enlivened and equipped for ministry by the Spirit of God. It was at the Brisbane Assembly, a modern Church community gathering, that I experienced the Spirit anew in the many different people that I met.

At Pentecost we read how people from many regions hear the testimony of the Spirit-filled apostles each in their own language. The Church is now experiencing a new Pentecost; being empowered and equipped once more for its mission to be a light for the people in new ways. The Church may speak in many languages, through different messengers, but communicate through each the same essential message: 'the marvels of God.' I experienced a similar thought at the Assembly where many different ideas were brought forth and the carefully thought-out process we engaged in allowed the Spirit to guide us in discerning ways forward to glorify God in a unified voice.

The Spirit was seen and heard in the older parishioners, the youthful voices, in the stall-holders and the church leadership- Archbishop, Bishop, priests and deacons. The young man carving candles for Baptism and Paschal candles had a vision for how his product could enrich the church in liturgy and ritual. The Indigenous stall-holders had art works that would welcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders into parish churches. The people from Evangelisation Brisbane were working to show how the Spirit could enrich the lives of parishioners through their programs. In my discernment group, the Spirit was in every voice; even if I didn't agree with every thought they were expressing. The Spirit worked through us so that a common message was formed that we all agreed on.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, left the Church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Some of the key points are-

\*The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.

\*The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.

\*The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

The Spirit is God's promise to stay with us come what may. The Plenary invitation for the Spirit to come indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's assistance and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. As our parish moves forward to the new liturgical year, may we all have the chance to encounter the Spirit's wisdom through allowing our voices to be heard at the Plenary Council. When we gather as St Peter's Parish community, we allow the Spirit to work through our thoughts, words and actions to bring forth new ways of being community and contributing to the important Plenary discussions.

*Elizabeth Fort*

<b>IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:</b>	
<b>MON 2nd Dec</b>	8.00am Mass 5.00pm Liturgy meeting
<b>TUE 3rd Dec</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b> 8.00am Mass with children 10.30am Mass at Freedom 4.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 6.30pm Gr 6 Graduation 7.00pm RCIA
<b>WED 4th Dec</b>	6.30am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting
<b>THU 5th Dec</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 6th Dec</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.00am Mass at BCE Springwood 10.45am End of School Year Mass
<b>SAT 7th Dec</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b> 9.00am RCIA Retreat—Santa Teresa 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 8th Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9.00am Mass 2.00pm Altar Servers Fun Day 6.00pm Mass



**LETTER BOX DROP** Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Invitation' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from outside the Church if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area. We would also like to cover the new Rochedale Estates again to welcome any new residents to our church.

**St Peter's School End of Year Mass** will be held this Friday 6th December commencing at 10.45am. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please note there will be **no 9.30am Mass** that day. Our usual **First Friday Rosary, Adoration and Healing Mass** will be held next Friday 13th December.

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

**Home Communion Ministers needed:** Please contact the Parish Office if you would be able to bring Holy Communion to the housebound or residents of our local nursing homes on a Tuesday.

**Rosters** for those who Minister at weekend Masses have been completed and have been emailed. Please check your inbox! If you have changed your email address please notify the Parish Office.

#### **Youth Update:**

**High School:** NO youth group on Saturday 7th of December!

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.

**Young Adults:** Christmas Party on Friday 13th of December from 5:30pm.

Contact youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au for the address.

**Deanery Youth Mass:** Sunday 1st of December 5:30pm at St Patricks in Beenleigh. It's an amazing chance for the youth in our Deanery to gather together. We hope to see you there.

**Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday of Advent—Year A**  
Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

**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.

**St Vinnies' News:** For Sale from the Piety Stall:  
**Columban Calendars** for 2020 \$8.  
**Christmas Cards**—pack of 8 for \$4.  
Also, some single cards \$0.50 each.  
**Hampers:** Donations of non perishable food and gifts for our Christmas hampers for the needy are being collected now. Pick up a flyer with dates and gift suggestions. Place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font. Thank you.



#### *Bringing Jesus to Birth in Our Hearts*

St Peter's Christmas Reflection Evening  
A time of quiet prayerfulness.

Preparing to welcome the birth of Jesus.  
Experiencing peace with God.

In a candlelit, quiet and sacred space.  
Wednesday, 11 December, 7:20 for 7:30pm

*The Way* Advent resource is also available today for only \$3. Please see one of the Faith Enrichment team members to purchase a copy of *The Way* or for more information.

#### **Faith Matters! First Sunday of Advent**

**How might we celebrate Advent in our Church and in our homes?**



**Advent** is the beginning of a new Church Year and is a time for Christians to **prepare and wait for Christmas**. The Church colour for Advent is **purple**.

In this season of Advent, we prepare to remember and celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but also his daily coming into our hearts and world. We also wait for the coming of the Lord at the end of time.

One of the traditions for Advent is the lighting of a new Advent candle on each of the four Sundays of Advent. There are 3 purple candles, 1 pink candle for the Third Sunday of Advent and a white 'Christ Candle' that will be lit at Christmas. These candles are placed in an Advent Wreath.

The wreath is traditionally a circle of evergreen leaves and is a symbol of God's endless love and mercy, whilst the lighting of the candles is a reminder that Jesus is the Light that brings forth Hope, Love, Joy and Peace into our world.

As the first purple candle, burns this week, we might pray:

*May God fill us with wonder and great hope as we journey through the days and weeks of Advent.*

**Faith Enrichment Group**

#### **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.

**Some Advent & Christmas Date Claimers**  
**St Vinnies' Hamper Collection** until Sun 15th Dec.  
 Collation of Hampers Tues 17th & Thurs 19th Dec  
**Christmas Reflection:**  
 7.30 pm Wednesday 11th December  
**Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:**  
 7.30 pm Monday 16th December  
**Practice for Children's Pageant** at 6.30pm Mass will  
 be held at 10.00am on Monday 23rd Dec  
**Christmas Masses:**  
**Christmas Eve** Tuesday 24th Dec  
 6.30 pm (Family)  
 & 9.00 pm (Vigil)  
**Midnight Mass**  
**Christmas Day** Wednesday 25th Dec 9.00 am  
**New Year's Day** Wednesday 1st Jan 9.00am only



**Mass Co-ordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers  
 AV Operators & Altar Servers are needed for all  
 Christmas Masses.** If you know which Mass you  
 will be attending please consider if you can volunteer to  
 help out in any way. Write your name on the sheets on  
 the table near the main church doors.  
**Children's Pageant Practice** is at 10 am on Monday  
 23rd December for 6.30 pm Mass Christmas Eve. All  
 children who would like to be part of the pageant please  
 come along. The Practice usually lasts for an hour and a  
 half. We need children to play Mary, Joseph, angels,  
 kings, shepherds... We also need readers. Parents  
 welcome! Help welcome!  
 Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more information.  
**Musicians and singers** for the 6.30pm Mass please  
 also attend this practice at 10.00am on Monday 23rd

**See the Noticeboard for Invitations from around the Archdiocese**

**Christmas Events at the Cathedral of St Stephen**

**Christmas Market: Sunday Dec 1 9am to 3pm** with food stalls. Lots of unique handmade and fair trade products. It's a great way to get some Christmas shopping done. At the Francis Rush Centre adjacent to the Cathedral. Parking is available under the Cathedral via Charlotte St. Contact cossagart@gmail.com for more information.

**Lights of Christmas:** December 11 - 24, 6.30pm - 10.30pm on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral. The lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with a wonderful sound and light show.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Maria Chu

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Norman A Chang, Len Louis, Kathleen Walsh, Mario Gatbonton, Mona McKenna, Vince Fitzsimon, Evelyn Ellwood, Mabel MacDonald, Bernard Luton, Sophie Robinson, Bernard Montegrando, Marie Maguire, Ruth Ballment, Les Harris, Silvia Milaudi, Eddie McDonnell, Alfie Healan, Michael Bahn, Bobby Smith, Bernie Minton, Bill Smith, Otilie Brandt

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

7th & 8th Dec	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Joyce Lyster	Francis Yoo	Anne Fry
<b>AV Operators</b>	John Donohue	Jonathan Vigor	Kate Guy
<b>Readers</b>	C. Joseph Varkey 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Monika Svarc (Jnr)	C. Jada Nathan 1. Kathryn Seymour 2. Bev de Paola	C. Vicki Routledge 1. John Blake 2. Charisse Mone
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Carl de Mello Monika Svarc (Snr) Mel McKay	Deacon Mike Jones Jo Cullen Anne Scanlon Shane Seymour	Gwen Martin Lydia Chew Donald Fernando
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Marissa	Finn, Leo, William	Eza
<b>Musicians</b>	Carmel	Roger & Tongan Choir	Eliz

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

**Children's Liturgy: None** This week: **Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's Team

**Cuppa:** Saturday 7th Dec after 6pm Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin, Mike Jarvis

**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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