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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 Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)

2nd January 2022

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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Such a change will mean that our liturgical celebrations and other parish-based activities may be more easily organised and held. Then there will be many possibilities that our parish life can be greatly lifted in 2022. Relying on God's help and guidance, let us boldly hope for a great year ahead. Below are my thoughts on the growth of our parish in 2022.

Firstly, our parish will put more resources into Evangelisation Task Group in 2022, supporting their plans and projects. By their work and efforts, hopefully, we will have more candidates and catechumens for the RCIA journey this year. I would like to call on all of you to: 1, offer the group your ideas and thoughts on evangelisation; 2, support them by actions when you can and/or when needed; 3, recommend to us people you are aware of who have majored in or who have experiences of marketing.

Evangelisation should be the most important mission for a Catholic parish at all times. Together with me, let us all join as one, trying to evangelise to all those who haven't followed Jesus yet, and to bring back those who haven't been with us as a church community for a while.

Secondly, since 2019 we have seen a great growth in our youth ministry. Last year, we had two youth-led Masses. This year, I hope we can see an even bigger growth in youth ministry. Every weekend, we can see a lot of young people, high school students and others young adults, who haven't joined our youth activities yet. I would like to appeal to all of them to attend our youth group activities. Your participation will help to deepen your faith and make life-long friends. For the parents of young people, please support and encourage your children to make friends in the church by joining youth group. This is one of the best ways to pass on your faith to your children so that they can keep their faith when they grow older.

Thirdly, we will organise more activities for our elderly. Last year, our Care and Concern Group held a craft activity for the elderly. Later on, the same ministry group organised a bus trip to Indigescares centre. Both activities were very successful. If we can form a particular ministry group for this purpose, that would be even better, as our Care and Concern Group is already very busy with their usual workload. Any ideas and thoughts are welcome.

Fourthly, we will encourage our current parishioners to make the change from being sacramental to becoming servants to all. Being sacramental means that we limit our faith practice to receiving sacraments and attending weekly Mass. We are all gifted in many ways. Sharing our gifts generously through participation in parish ministries builds our church through service to others. Serving others with our hands, skills, time, and expertise is an expression of Christ's message to be active in sharing the gifts we have been given.

(Please turn to page 2 to continue reading Fr Baiyi's reflection)



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January	In our parish this week	Fr Baiyi's Reflection continued from page 1:
Mon 3 rd	Public Holiday - Parish Office closed today 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Bible Sharing 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting	<p>In our parish, blessedly, there are many parishioners who have joined in different ministries. Also, there are some others who haven't done so yet. In 2022, we hope that we can see more parishioners serving through ministries.</p> <p>Dear friends, as the New Year unfolds, there will be many opportunities that lie ahead us. Let us embrace them and try to make our parish an even warmer and more friendly spiritual family for all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Fr Baiyi</i></p> <p>Booking in to attend weekend Masses: We have created a new Trybooking link to help boost the speed of the booking process. Please go to https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/parish or use the QR code here to book tickets for all who wish to attend. Please bring your phone with you to Mass so you can also register with the Check In Qld app. Please be advised that you are strongly recommended to wear a mask to Mass.</p> 
Tue 4 th	8.00am Mass	
Wed 5 th	6.30am Mass	
Thu 6 th	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed today</i>	
Fri 7 th	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am – 9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass	
Sat 8 th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
Sun 9 th	The Baptism of the Lord 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th this week. We will be open normal hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2022 available for collection in the church.

Job Vacancy: Our Youth Ministry Co-ordinator Olivia has accepted a new position in Canberra. We thank Olivia for her efforts building the Youth Groups in our parish and wish her well for the future. We now have a vacancy for a Youth Co-ordinator. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office for a job description.

Bible Sharing: We will recommence Bible sharing on Monday 3rd Jan at 7pm in the Parish Centre. We have completed Luke 9 v50. *Alan and Bob*

Rosters for those who Minister at weekend Masses for January to March have been emailed so please check your inbox. Thank you all!

First Friday Please join us this Friday 7th January for this week for Rosary 8.30am, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9am and Healing Mass 9.30am. Reconciliation available during Adoration.

Crossroads RCIA: Do you know any young person 12-18 yrs who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion & Penance. Please contact Jo Cullen in the Parish Office.

Books for sale in the church or Parish Office

Break Open the Word 2022 - \$20 – for those who are Ministers of the Word. Last copies!

The Catholic Leader Christmas / Jan issue. \$4.

Entertainment Memberships: Limited time offer: **FREE upgrade from Single City to Multi City Membership!** Offer ends 11:59pm 9th Jan 2022 AEDT Go to www.entbook.com.au/2224e97

Youth Update: New members always welcome!
We are taking a break from activities and will be back in the New Year.
God Bless, *Olivia*
youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au  @rochedaleyouth

Readings for next weekend:

The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14: 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

From the Faith Enrichment Group

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Author Unknown



Vinnies News: For sale at the piety shop:

Columban Calendars for 2022 Now \$8 each

Thank you: This year St Peters SVDP

Members and Parishioners provided the following assistance in our Parish area:

General assistance – food, clothing, furniture, electricity, rent to 280 adults and 447 children for a total of \$23716.49

In addition to this we provided 47 Christmas Hampers and during Jan/Feb 2022 we will be distributing a further \$25700 in education assistance for 68 children

Total for 2021 - \$49416.43 + Hampers approx. \$5000

It is just so hard to believe that so many people are doing it so tough in our Parish. You can see why we appreciate and need donations of clothing, toiletries etc for our Vinnies shops.

Our Parish including our School are very supportive financially and we especially appreciate any and all donations. We as members feel the warmth, goodwill and concern from all members of our parish family. We would love to have some more people join our St Vinnies conference here at St Peter's. If you would like to know a little more about what we do, please give John Blake a call on 0411196775.

Thank You & Best Wishes to You and your Family for the New Year.

Faith Matters: New Year 2022

The Feast of the Epiphany, *"The sight of the Star filled them with delight, and going into the house saw the child with his mother Mary and falling to their knees they did him homage."* Matthew 2:10-11

What star in 2022 will fill you with delight and guide you to the Lord?

The star of **Hope** where everything is possible, hope that you will be a better person, a braver person to take on the challenges which lie ahead. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".* Jeremiah 29:11

The star of **Faith** where you truly have faith that God is with you always and will empower you to do his will in your life. *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."* Matthew 17:20

The star of **Love** where you feel the loving hand of God in your life that you can extend that love to everyone you meet. *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."* John (13:34)

Please pray the New Year's prayer on page 2 of this newsletter.

<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/new-years-prayers>

Happy New Year from the Faith Enrichment Group.

St Peter's Planned Giving:

We would be very grateful, if you are able, to support the Parish financially. There are several options.

Via Direct Bank Transfer: To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 100000067. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit: Please contact the Office to set these up.

'Parish Giving' App: The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'.



Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Thank you for your support.

Roster: 8 th & 9 th January	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Carl de Mello	Stephanie Lenihan	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	David Crowley	Sam Chamberlain	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Neil Ballment 2. Joyce Iyster	C. Alan Vigor 1. Feba Baji 2. Maria Chamberlain	C. Raylee Burns 1. Bob Burns 2. Marissa Boyles
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Trish Meulman Rob Meulman	Jim Nathan Bob Devere Del Reynolds	Cesarina Gigante Anne Fry Megan Carroll
Musicians	Elizabeth Fort	Rita Bishop	Elizabeth Fort
Cleaning Group 3:	Julie & Basil Britto		
Cuppa & Chat:	After 6pm Mass Saturday 8 th January: Care & Concern		
This week, 2 nd – 9 th Jan:	Sacristan: Suma Joseph		Counting: Bob's Group

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Frank Summers, Jennifer and Michael Connaughton, Joss Tims, Charlie Lenihan

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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, William Mahony, Patrick Clarke, Greta Van Bekkum, Colleen Watt, Michael Sullivan, Isabel McCarthy, John Carvel, Richard Smith, Patrick Kelly, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan, Norman Bishop, Esther Jarvis

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Teresa Leong, Kevin Fry, Kimberley Kanages, Liz Hill, Josephine Lavington, Les and Steph O'Gorman, Karen Johnston, Des Baptist, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, Pat McDonnell, Rod Jones, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen

Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.

Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Other Parish Contacts:

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

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

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

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