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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."



Pentecost Sunday (Year A)

31st May 2020

Readings: Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Pentecost

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery, the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus, culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father on Jesus' disciples.

That same Holy Spirit is quietly at work in this age: in the sincere concern of a friend for our health; in the generosity of those who give us so much help; in the inner strength we discover in times of crisis; in those moments when we admit that we have been wrong; in the making of a tough choice; in the resilience of people who face one bad thing after another and in times when we have dared to love even though it was hard to do so. The Holy Spirit is quietly at work: in our taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in our refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in our giving thanks always, even though times have been hard; in our rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in our finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed and in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter.

The Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn our lives around; He calls us to faith and to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Whenever we look to the Holy Spirit, He is within us as our helper, always assisting us to be what God made us to be. The Holy Spirit helps us to be truly great by becoming servants to one another. Likewise, the Spirit deepens our awareness of Jesus loving us as he lives in our lives; He gathers us around the cross of Jesus; He changes our lives, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say over the conflicts and difficulties we get into. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between being self-centred or being the God-centred people, the Spirit has called us all to be in Christ.

So, may we all take time over the coming days and weeks to prayerfully discern whether we are a little self-centred or truly God centred people.

Deacon Mike

Readings for next weekend: The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18

Masses at St Peter's this week: Sunday 9am and 6pm and Friday 9.30am
A maximum of 9 parishioners are allowed to attend each Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or via email stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like to attend any Mass.

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer for a maximum of 10 people at any one time on **Fridays from 9am to 9.30am. (This Friday 5th June,** this will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)**

We will be **recording all attendees' names, addresses and telephone numbers** for potential COVID-19 contact tracing as per government requirements. For more information, see page 2 of this newsletter.

Visit St Peter's Parish Website www.stpetersrochedale.org.au and click on 'Stay Connected' to find the latest updates and links. Some printed copies of the newsletter & Sunday liturgies will be left in front of the church.

Watch Mass online from the Cathedral of St Stephen 8am Monday to Friday and 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw. Channel 10 televises Mass at 6am on Sunday.

Parish Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.15am to 1.15pm. Emails & phone messages are checked Monday and Thursday. **In case of an emergency please contact Fr Baiyi on 0481 975 660.**

Sacramental Preparation for 2020 has been postponed due to COVID-19. All registered families have been notified by email. We hope to be able to offer First Holy Communion later in 2020 to the children who were confirmed last year, however Confirmation preparation has been postponed to 2021.

The Catholic Leader is Australia's most widely read Catholic newspaper, due to COVID-19, currently offered **free**. If you haven't already done so, [you can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here.](#)

Youth Update: How are you? We are moving towards June... how crazy is that? We are still online and not much has changed. We are so glad we can still provide a space even in such crazy times in the world.

High School: Youth group zoom catch ups will continue to happen weekly although I have not had much engagement so I would like to hear from you about what day/time suit you. Please fill out the survey below.

<https://forms.gle/u3g1caYHTugm6psV9>

I will send an email out in the next week or so with an updated time/day but for now I will continue to be online at 4pm on Saturdays.

Young Adults (18-35): Monday Nights 7pm are our time to catch up and socialise. ☺ Thank you to all those that have been joining in.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/464455070>

Meeting ID: 464 455 070

Junior Youth (Years 3-6): I missed hanging out with you in March but have some awesome plans for when we can join as a group again. Feel free to reach out if you need/ would like anything for your child in this age group.

During this time, I will be continuing to provide an open space for you to experience God, community and a bit of a break from the craziness. This will be our plan. I am here to support you so please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Follow us on our instagram @RochedaleYouth where I post the most. I am also hoping to be able to put more on the parish Facebook page.

Olivia, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Updates re new COVID-19 restrictions:

Masses may now be celebrated with 10 people in total and churches may open for private prayer under strict conditions. Anyone over 70 years old or with health complications should continue to self-isolate. Anyone who has any flu-like symptoms should not enter the church. Funerals may have a maximum of 20 people, weddings and baptisms maximum 10

Masses: Fr Baiyi will celebrate **Sunday Masses at 9am & 6pm**, with **9 people** allowed to be present at each. If you would like to be included, please call or email the Parish Office with your expression of interest and Mass preference by 11am Friday. We will randomly select 9 names for each Sunday Mass from those interested. Those selected will be notified on Friday following the draw.

Fr Baiyi will also be celebrating **Mass on Friday morning at 9.30am**. Again, only 9 other people are permitted but this will be on a 'first call, first served' basis so please call or email the Parish Office to be included.

First Friday Adoration & Mass: This Friday 5th June, we will hold **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** from 9am to 9.30am. **Reconciliation** will be available. 9.30am Friday Mass will **not include Anointing of the Sick** due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Numbers for Masses and private prayer will be strictly adhered to and we will be **recording attendees' names, addresses and telephone numbers** for potential COVID-19 contact tracing as per government requirements.

Mary – Mary's Song of Praise

The Magnificat or Mary's Song (Luke 1: 46-56) is Mary's response to the welcome she receives from Elizabeth. Mary had headed to the hills to spend time caring for her cousin. Both women were pregnant and filled with uncertainty about their future. They reached out to each other in hope and rejoiced in what God had done for them. They recognised the presence of God in the unlikely events which were unfolding around them and Mary proclaimed the greatness of God.

Like Mary and Elizabeth, may we trust that God is present in this current time of uncertainty. May we reach out to others in hope and give thanks for the great things God has done in us.

The Magnificat contains strong statements about God's sense of justice. Mary speaks prophetically to every age as the injustices in her time are the same as the injustices now – violence, hatred, inequality. She sings of the coming of Christ – the Christ who will revolutionise the world.

May we respond to Spirit's call to live the messages of Mary's Magnificat and bear the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)

Let us join with Pope Francis and people all over our world asking for Mary's intercession to bring an end to the Pandemic.

*Mary, Woman of Hope, be with us.
Mary, Woman of Faith, keep us strong.
Mary, Woman of Vision, pray for us.*

You might also like to watch and pray with the hymn: 'Magnificat (All that I am)' David Haas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zI1WVioh-Q>

Faith Enrichment Group

Families in Need: Any you or any family you know is in need of free food hampers, please contact Jo on 0419733878. Completely confidential.

Care & Concern: If you or anyone you know who is housebound or facing difficulties during these challenging times please contact Lynn on 0403051103 or the Parish Office 33414421. God bless you all, look out for another and let us stand united together in prayer, love and hope.

Important Message for our St Peter's Elderly or Isolated

Parishioners: TransitCare is funded by the Commonwealth and Queensland governments. During this time of COVID-19 TransitCare is offering FREE Collection of Groceries and Pharmaceutical items delivered to your home. Please contact TransitCare for more information on 1300 153 636 or the website is www.transitcare.com.au. If you would like more information contact the Parish Office.

Highlights of Isolation: We would love our parishioners to send us any words of wisdom or photos on how you are watching Mass online or TV, praying at home or any activities or projects you are undertaking in your isolation during this COVID 19 period. Photos of family activities, gardening, sewing, Anzac Day, prayer time, home schooling, de-cluttering etc. Please email to Jo by end of May to lm.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Clairvaux MacKillop College Enrolment Applications are being accepted for **2021 – 2024**. Please visit the College website and click on Enrolment Application Forms. If you have any questions, please contact our Enrolment Secretary on 3347 9223 or enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au.

Lourdes Hill College is accepting enrolments for Year 7 students for 2024. Go to lhc.qld.edu.au

Project Compassion 2020. There are a number of ways to get your Project Compassion donations to Caritas Australia. You can bank your donations online or at a bank branch to 'Caritas Australia' BSB 062 217, account number 10072446. Use your donor id number if you know it or your surname as reference. You could post a cheque to Caritas Australia, GPO Box 9830, Sydney NSW 2001. You can also donate by phoning 1800 024 413 or at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

St Peter's Planned Giving: We would be very grateful, if you are able, to please continue to support the Parish financially.

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. You can set this up yourself on any device where you can access your online banking.

Or via Credit Card: Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email as we can either set up a monthly credit card donation or do an individual donation over the phone.

Direct Debit: Please contact us to set up Direct Debit through the Archdiocesan Development Fund.

'Parish Giving' App Our parish is one of the trial parishes for this app that the Archdiocese has created. The app is available to download from the Apple Store and Google Play store or you can access it via parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au. You will need to create an account the first time you log in and select your favourite parish, St Peter's Catholic Parish Rochedale! The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. You can use the app for a one-off payment or set it up for regular giving. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'.

From the Home Page click on 'Parish Contribution'.

Thank you for your continuing support.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Gwenda McNaught

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Thora Lee, Jim Ward, Elizabeth Rice, Richard Balshaw, May Gladys Thorley, Br Brian Hanlan, Eileen Connors, Patrick Madden, Kevin Connors, James Phelan, Ray Moore, Elise Flanagan, John Kennedy, Lorna Campbell, Kathleen Lamberth, Liam Lavin, Greta McLaren, Mervyn Ballment, Margaret Lowe, William Holmes, Patrick Holden, Shirley Brady, Giovanna Dileo, Peter Foley, Rodney Van Rooyen, Francis Moffatt

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Glenys Peters, Wally Scanlon, Anne Marie Kelleher, Ian Thompson, Stephen Land, Sayuri Kobayashi Cantwell, Melissa Vink, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Ursula Williamson, Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa

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:

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411641312

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Social Justice Group Facebook:

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