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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."

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 3rd February 2019

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

St Josephine Bakhita

Sister Josephine was born in 1869 in Southern Sudan. She was kidnapped from her large family and village, sold into slavery, tortured mercilessly and sold and resold several times. Her life story makes you weep. However, in 1883 she was bought by an Italian consul in Khartoum and travelled with his family to Italy. Here she became the nanny to the daughter of one of the consul's colleagues. It was in this capacity that she was introduced to the Canossian Sisters. Slavery was forbidden in Italy and the Sisters helped Josephine to become a free person. In 1893 she joined the Canossian Sisters, was baptised and for the rest of her life served God joyfully. Sr Josephine was in frequent contact with the local population in the convent of Schio. Her gentleness, calming voice and ever present smile became well known. She was a favourite with the children and became known as "Madre Moretta", black mother. The people of Schio considered her to be a saint. She died in 1947.

On October 1st, 2000, Sr Josephine was canonised by Pope John Paul II. She became the patron saint of Sudan and of all those people who have been trafficked, enslaved and those who are making the slow, painful journey of healing and recovery.

8th February, the feast day of Sr. Josephine, has been named as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking and was celebrated for the first time in 2015.

Many people believe that slavery is a thing of the past. Unfortunately, it is not so and today modern slavery takes on many forms: human trafficking, labour exploitation in many industries like domestic work, construction, textiles and agriculture. There is sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage and organ trafficking.

Slavery exists in most countries in the world. We may never know the true number of persons enslaved because it is a hidden crime and a booming business which nets billions of dollars in illegal profits. (*The horror of modern slavery in numbers, World Economic Forum, 2/12/18*)

However, the Global Slavery Index estimates, that in 2017 there were 40 million enslaved people in the world. (*The Conversation/ 7th January 2019*)

For our own country, Australia, the Global Slavery Index estimates that on any given day in 2016 there were 15,000 people living in conditions of modern slavery. The Australian Federal Police received 169 new referrals of alleged human trafficking and slavery during the 2015/2016 financial year. Forced labour, sexual exploitation and forced marriage are highly represented in these figures. (*Global Slavery Index, Australia, 2018 Findings.*)

In 2018 Australia passed a Modern Slavery Act which requires entities operating in Australia which have an annual consolidated revenue of more than 10 million to report annually on the risks of modern slavery in their operations and supply chains and actions to address the risks. This is a start. (*STOP THE TRAFFIC Australia Coalition, 29/11/2018, Fuzz and Caroline Kitto*)

We can make consumer choices that do not reward businesses that offer products affected by human trafficking and slavery. Most of all we can pray for all our brothers and sisters who have been robbed of their dignity and freedom that is their birthright as humans. *The Social Justice Group*



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 4th Feb	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
TUE 5th Feb	Saint Agatha 8.00am Mass 7.00pm RCIA 7.30pm Liturgy meeting
WED 6th Feb	Saint Paul Miki and Companions 6.30am Mass
THU 7th Feb	No Mass 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 8th Feb	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 9th Feb	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 10th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 11.00am Young Adults Barefoot Bowls & lunch 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Procession

 ★ Exciting News! We are going to employ a ★
 ★ **Youth Ministry Co-ordinator** to look ★
 ★ after our Youth Group (ages 12 to 17) ★
 ★ and Young Adults Group (ages 18 to 35). ★
 ★ Paid position for 10 hours per week, ★
 ★ times negotiable. More details soon. ★

2019 Year planner: Ministry Group leaders, please advise the Parish Office of any dates your ministry group is planning events or fund-raising etc.
Nursing Home Communion: Seeking new ministers to visit and take Holy Communion to residents of the new nursing home about to open in our area. See Mary or Helen
Seeking Granny Flat: A former parishioner would love to return to our parish area and is seeking a Granny flat to rent. If you can help please call Eliane on 0415 977 790.

Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying
 What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To have your say visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

Young Adults Event: Young Adults aged 18 to 35 Sunday 10th February following 9am Mass 11am to 2pm. **Barefoot Bowls and lunch. Pick up a flyer today.** Contact Jo if you would like to attend or for any further information.

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Procession: This year Our Lady of Lourdes' Feast Day, 11th February, will fall on a Monday. However the school have planned a Parent-teacher night on that evening so we will celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes after the Sunday evening 6pm Mass on 10th February. This Mass will still be the Mass for Sunday with the liturgy for the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time but will be followed by a rosary procession to Our Lady's Grotto to mark the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. This rosary procession is always a lovely way to honour Our Lady and we encourage everyone to come along and join in.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1st March is a day set aside for the entire world to come together in prayer, this year for Slovenia. We at St Peters are local hosts this year. We have started planning but if you would still like to participate in the planning for the day we would love to hear from you. Please see Jo Cullen if you are interested. If anyone is from Slovenia or has any mementos from Slovenia that you would allow us to borrow for the day please also contact Jo.

New roster for Mass Co-ordinators, Readers & Extraordinary Minister of Communion: The next roster for Mass co-ordinators, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Readers will cover the months of March to May inclusive. Please indicate on the slips on the table near the main doors, any dates you know that you will be unavailable or any changes for the next roster and pop them in the Peter's Post box just inside the main doors. New Ministers welcome.

Attention those in the Reading Ministry!

Break Open the Word is an invaluable resource for those people in the Reading Ministry. As well as the Sunday readings for you to practice, each reading has an explanation and tips on how it should be proclaimed. Cost \$18 each. Last 2 copies left!

God's Word 2019 Last 3 copies left! Get in quick! \$10 each. All the readings for every day of the year & reflections.

Readings for next weekend:
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
 Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Ministry Groups Around our Parish:

Hospitality Ministry: St Peter's strives to be a welcoming community. What better way to promote friendliness and belonging than over a cuppa? There are many wonderful people who volunteer to serve their fellow parishioners a tea or coffee after one of the Masses each week. It's a great way to get to know people – when you're holding a teapot people come to you and conversation (as well as tea) flows. Members of the Hospitality group set up before Mass and clean up after parishioners have had their fill. They work in teams and friendships can strengthen. We currently have enough volunteers to offer the Sunday morning cuppa every two weeks. We would like more for the two evening Masses. If we had extra people, the cuppa could happen more often than once a month as it does at the moment. Please consider. *Stephanie Lenihan*

Advertising in our Newsletter: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our newsletter in 2019, starting from March, please contact austnews asap either by phone on 1800 245 077 or email: advertising.austnews.net.au

How is the God of the Israelites depicted in the Hebrew Bible? A free public lecture sponsored by Liturgy Brisbane with staff from the Sydney Jewish Museum. St Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct 19th Feb, 6.30pm for 7pm start, concluding at 8.30pm. See flyer on the noticeboard & go to <https://lbusurvey.weebly.com/19-feb-rsvp.html>

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 new bequest brochures.

Christian Religious Instruction in State Schools: Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own backyard?! Why not consider going back to school this year?

Christian Religious Instruction teams in your area need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible with students and share the gospel message clearly. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, blue card and a letter from your church minister. Teaching curriculum and training are provided. Please contact us if you would like some more information. Sonia Kenny soniakenny@gmail.com 0422 068 552. Kerri-Ann Caswell evkezc@bigpond.com 3219 7435

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita: Everyone is invited to a Mass to celebrate the life of Sr Josephine Bakhita and pray for victims of human trafficking. **8 February, 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Archbishop Coleridge will celebrate.** The choir from the South Sudanese community will be singing. *Social Justice Group*

Pilgrimage to Rome, Dubrovnik and Medjugorje in May 2019 being organised by Anna Hickson, who is a parishioner of St Matthew's at Loganholme. 30 people are needed to make the trip financially viable at \$5500 per person twin share. \$999 extra for single occupancy. Contact Anna for more information on 0410 953 964.

Are you new to our Parish? If you've recently joined the Parish, WELCOME!! Please make yourself known to us. 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
Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am
(1st Fridays 8.30am) All Welcome!

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 Group:
New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Ken Peters, Dorothy Taylor, Anie Wright, Danielle van Heerden, Nhang Seng Jong, Kim Chang, Helen Arkadieff, Kevin Dingwall

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello, Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil, John Bakalec, Dorothy Kenway, Catherine Forman, Mary Mulherin, Sr Margaret O'Brian, Hope Wiltshire, Jim O'Donnell, Wolfgang Kurth, Robert Mallon, Monica Wingg, Harold Potent, Mary St George, Ivy Mosely, Win Peters, Len Carmody, Kevin Garland, Patrick Hanlan

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Baby Poynter, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Don Bechly, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Martine Pitts, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, John Green, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, Johnny Summers

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.

9th & 10th Feb	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Joyce	Lydia	Anne
AV Operators	Steven D	Mick Denton	Michael Collier
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Mary Naughton 2. David Crowley	C. Kathy Seymour 1. Arthur Leow 2. Julie Hondroudakis	C. Bob Burns 1. Helen Graczyk 2. Raylee Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Deacon Mike Jones Trish Meulman Rob Meulman	Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Shane Seymour Stephanie Lenihan	Lydia Chew Jo Cullen Joan D'Netto
Altar Servers	Luna, Talia	Jada, Finn, Leo	Eza, Monika
Musicians	Carmel	Tongan choir	Liz

Church Cleaning: 4 Basil's Cleaners

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

Cuppa: Sun 10th Feb after 9am Mass: Stephanie L., Julie H., Marilyn M., Emeline U., Tongan Community

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