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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."

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

4th August 2019

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11* Luke 12:13-21

Faith seeking understanding

"Faith seeking understanding" is a well-known motto by St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109). Some Catholics are satisfied with the level of understanding they have of their faith and do not try to deepen their faith by learning, reading and thinking. Actually, for our faith, when we believe more, we will understand more; when we understand more, we will believe even more. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to respond to Jesus' calling when he said to his disciples, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4).

Some Catholics are keen to receive sacraments. They may also try to attend spiritual activities as often as possible, for example, retreats and prayer gatherings. Or they focus on the setting of liturgical celebrations, such as candle-lit environments. Some consider that it is very important to have pilgrimage tours to different sacred sites. Of course, they are not wrong. All of these involvements are important and helpful in deepening our faith. However, it is commonly overlooked that there is another way for us to have a stronger faith. We are gifted by God with reason. We can use our reason to think over our faith, trying to understand our faith better. When we worship God, we come to know a lot about what to do and about the ways we can worship. Using our reason, we can come to know more about why we worship in particular ways.

One of the ways to use our reason is to read. In the past, the average level of education was quite low. Unfortunately, not everyone was able to read. In today's society, the level of education is much higher. For today's Christians, we have more responsibility to deepen our faith through reading. Everybody knows that we should read the Bible. In addition to the Bible, there are many other books that can help us, too. The second most important book is the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It contains the content of our faith and its explanations. However, it is a big and profound book and it is not so easy to read. Blessedly, in our Archdiocese, there is another book, titled *At Home with God's People*, that may replace the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in some sense. This book tells us the basic content of our faith and is written so that it is much easier for us to understand. *At Home with God's People* was written originally for those who are on the RCIA journey. However, it is also worthwhile to be read by a wider audience. The third most important source that can enrich our understanding are the documents of the Second Vatican Council. With its 16 documents, this Council has given us the direction and guidance of how to spread the Good News of Jesus in today's world.

My dear friends, after the three books I mentioned above, the fourth most important books/letters are the ones written by Popes, especially the current Pope. In their works, the popes usually deal with the most important issues/concerns in today's world. They are written for us and as Catholics we are expected to read them. **One of the books written by Pope Francis is *Gaudete Et Exsultate*, meaning rejoice and exult, subtitled *On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. I encourage you not only to read it but also to attend the parish reflection day, which is on 31st August at St Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, as this book will be the theme of the day.**

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:35-40

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 5th Aug	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
TUE 6th Aug	The Transfiguration of the Lord 8.00am Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA
WED 7th Aug	6.30am Mass
THU 8th Aug	Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop No Mass
FRI 9th Aug	9.00am Rosary (<i>in the Parish Office</i>) 9.30am Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—All Welcome
SAT 10th Aug	Saint Lawrence 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 11th Aug	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Invitation to Andrew Chinn Concert: On Tuesday 13th August, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting St Peter's school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "We Are One", "You are My Rock" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults or parishioners who may want to bring along young children (not yet school age). The concert will take place in the Simon Peter Hall at St Peter's School at 1:45 - 2:45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Youth Update:

In the month of August our **High School (Grade7-12)** youth group nights are as follows:

Saturday August 17th & Saturday August 31st

Both of these nights will be held after Mass 7-8:30pm in the parish centre, come along for some fun, faith, and food.

Our August **Young Adults** Catch up is on 23rd August and will be a games night in the parish centre so please bring along a plate of food and a board game to share. Our first **Junior Youth** event is on Sunday 25th August after Mass from 10:30am-12:30pm. Come along for some fun, games, food and friendship.

Ignite Conference: This year Fr Baiyi and St Peters Parish are willing to help people wanting to attend Ignite conference. Ignite conference is a 4-day Catholic youth conference in Brisbane. If you are interested in attending or finding out more, please contact our youth coordinator Olivia

(youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au) by 9th August.

To help out with the cost for those attending Ignite conference, we will be holding a Cake Stall after Mass on Sunday 1st September. If you would like to help with that please contact Olivia.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: National Theme for Discernment #6 *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform?*

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Roster Notification: Mass Co-ordinators, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion and Readers, please advise any dates unavailable 31st Aug to 24th Nov.

Gardening Group: Thank you for the help received last weekend, at the gardening working bee. We were able to accomplish a great result thanks to the efforts of those who came along. Please take the time to appreciate the garden in our church grounds.

National Vocations Awareness Week - Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for Fr Baiyi and Deacon Mike today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our Parish community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood.

Date Claimers

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday 15th August at 7.30pm

Parish Reflection Day: Saturday 31st August 9am to 4pm at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Theme: Call to Holiness (Rejoice and Exult). Cost \$30 per person (includes lunch and morning tea. Please complete one of the yellow expressions of Interest forms.

Parish Dinner Party: Saturday 7th September 7.15pm to 11pm at the Runcorn Tavern. Tickets \$65 per person, cash or credit card accepted.

Faith Matters!

In his letter *Rejoice and Be Glad: The Call to Holiness*, Pope Francis describes the Beatitudes as a roadmap for holiness. Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12 and Luke 6:20-23). They are "like a Christian identity card" (GE63).

Pope Francis encourages us to "listen once more to Jesus and allow his words to unsettle us, challenge us and demand a real change in the way we live. Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word." (GE65)

Find a quiet time to be with this Beatitude: *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called God's children.* How do you be a peacemaker in your family, your workplace and in the parish community? "Sowing peace all around us: that is holiness."(GE89)



Communion to the house-bound: We need more Ministers to take Holy Communion to the house-bound in their homes. It requires about 1½ hours on some Tuesday mornings.... "I was sick and you visited me.... In so far as you did this to one of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matt 25: 37,41. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office or Mary Naughton.

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.

Entertainment Books: Still only \$70. You can enjoy \$1000's worth of discounts while supporting fundraising for St Peter's Catholic Parish. Go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2224e97>

See the Noticeboard for Invitations from around the Archdiocese

Special anniversary Invitations:

St Kevin's Parish, Geebung is celebrating its **60th Anniversary** on Sunday 4th August.

St Ita's School, Dutton Park is celebrating its **Centenary** on Sunday 11th August

Our Lady of Assumption School, Enogerra is celebrating its **Centenary** on Sunday 18th August

St Thomas' School, Camp Hill is celebrating its **90th Anniversary** on Fri 6th & Sun 8th September

Other Invitations of Interest

Loreto College – Public Lecture Thursday 8th August 7pm. "Bearers of a Dangerous Memory: The Prophetic Legacy of Mary Ward" by Dr Elaine McDonald who is the Head of Policy and Practice at Dublin City University and a great proponent of the vision of Mary Ward and the educational legacy of the Loreto Sisters. Booking link: <http://bit.ly/DrElaineMcDonald2019>. Enquiries to Nicole Earley, Community Engagement Manager, community@loreto.qld.edu.au

Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival: The 29th annual QCMF will be held Thursday evening 15th – Sunday 18th August at Villanova College & St James Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from all over Queensland perform in choirs, bands, and ensembles. Festival Passes, available at the door, are \$10/Adult and \$5/Concession. For more information, visit www.qcmf.com.au

One G_d, Many Voices—Abrahamic Faiths Concert. Thurs 29th August 7pm for 7.30pm Griffith Uni, Nathan Campus (Building N35) Annual Evening of Jewish, Christian & Muslim Sacred Voices and Music and Kosher-Halal Supper. Free entry, all welcome. RSVP: by 20th Aug to 3735 7052 or icd@griffith.edu.au

Women of the Way Retreat 23-25th August. Watson Park Convention Centre. Dakabin.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Ian Chapple

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Jane Doyle, Arthur McKenna, Mary White, Patrick Naughton, Julia Smith, Vivienne Broomell, Alfred Duffey, Ella Dixon, Perry Tzavellas, James Murray, Forde Ewart, John Scott, Kathleen Smyth, Hilda Thomson, Raymond, Littlefield, Narelle Cogliati, Lora Doyle, Arthur Thorley, Norman Ritchie, Noel cooper, Kenneth MacDonald, Anne Crowe, Mons. Vince Cleary, Shirley Bond, Hendrina 'Hetty' Peeters, Neville 'Neddy' Lilly, Audrey Cooke, Madge Mitchell, Damien Blyth, Leo Caligari, Emma Leafe

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Barbara Pashen, Joseph Peko, Anne Fry, Vickie Routledge, Ian Thompson, Kevin Kelly, Edna Bultitude, Vilma Ghouse, Callum Poynter, Sue Power, Rebecca Power, Rex Bowen, Terry Naughton, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Rory Bakker, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Marcos Mendoza, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Margaret Drummond, Michael Harkin, David Richardson, Kaitlin Bakker, Karen Johnson, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Lori Hodder, John Drew, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Fabio Viola, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Johnny Summers, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar

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.

10th&11th Aug	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Diane Land	Marilyn Mills	Helen Graczyk
AV Operators	Olivia Brown	John Donohue	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. David Crowley 2. Shenelle Nelson	C. Alan Vigor 1. Shane Sweeney 2. Megan Philpott	C. Vicki Routledge 1. Daniel Twidale 2. Aurelie Twidale
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carl de Mello Danny Vaihu Anne Maree Collier	Anne Scanlon Bev de Paola Lydia Chew Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Stephanie Lenihan Del Reynolds Donald Fernando Deacon Mike Jones Jo Cullen Dona Thomas
Altar Servers	Talia, Rene	Agnes, Angela	Chevonne
Musicians	Geoff & Robyn	Roger & Tongan Choir	Liz

Church Cleaning: Group 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Dona Thomas, Julie Hondroudakis, Telesia Naupoto

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

Cuppa: No cuppa this week- No evening cuppa during winter months



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Saint Vincent de Paul Recruitment

Become a Vincentian at the St Peters Rochedale Parish

This taunt "Show us your good works" was said to Frederic Ozanam when he was defending his faith at Lyon University in Paris. It was a major factor in his forming a conference to help the poor and he took St Vincent de Paul as its patron.

The St Vincent de Paul Society needs people who want to put their faith into action by helping the poor in a practical way in the Rochedale, Springwood & Underwood areas.

What is involved in the St Vincent de Paul Ministry in Rochedale Parish?

Meeting with those in need and discussing their problems by visiting their homes or alternately meeting at the Parish Centre.

Approximately 2-3 hours per week in time is required.

Interviews are conducted in pairs, never alone.

Full training is provided.

Also if you are interested in doing data entry (only) there is a place for you.

The days and times are flexible and some members do weekend visits.

How can you get involved in this ministry of assisting the poor and disadvantaged?

Contact the Parish office (07) 3341 4421 and leave your contact details, A SVDP member will ring you to discuss or answer questions – or call Stephen Land - 0400 188 162.

"In my life I want to become better and do a little good"

*Blessed Frederic Ozanam
Founder of St Vincent de Paul Society*

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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