

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

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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

### 7th January 2018 (Year B)

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

### Looking back at 2017

Time flies. In the blink of an eye, New Year's Day of 2018 has passed over one week ago. Before New Year's Day, everyone was busy. Our hearts were difficult to settle for a review and reflection of 2017. Now I guess it's a good time for us to do it.

Everything went well in 2017 in our Parish. As always, our weekend liturgy and sacramental programs have achieved great success. Apart from that, there were still many things that happened in 2017 for which we should thank God. Below is a simple list.

- At the end of February, we farewelled Fr Jacob, who had served our Parish as Parish Priest for about 3 years, having made great contributions to the development of our Parish. We thank him for his hard work.
- In March we recruited and formed the Mass Co-ordinators Ministry Group. These Ministers make sure everything is ready for Mass to begin.
- On 12/05, my Installation Mass was successfully celebrated. Archbishop Mark was the chief celebrant and 13 priests and 2 deacons concelebrated. In addition to our own parishioners, many attendees were from my previous parishes and the Chinese Catholic Community. The liturgy was solemn and prayerful.
- At the end of May, we made some changes to Friday morning Mass. During the school terms, the Mass is now led by students. They read and serve during the Mass. Also we invited the school to prepare music and PowerPoint for the Mass. We try to get the students involved in Mass as much as possible. By this, we hope they can attend the Mass more actively and effectively.
- In June, our Parish formed a group of people to support altar serving and recruited more than ten new altar servers. After that, many training sessions and fellowship activities were successfully held.
- In August, we changed the time of taking up collections. Now we take up the first collection immediately after the homily and the second one at the offertory. After the homily, we can have more time to reflect with the background music while taking up the collection. Also those who need to leave immediately after receiving Communion can have a chance to contribute.
- On 7/10, our Parish dance dinner was happily held at the Glen Hotel. About 80 people plus VIPs attended. It was wonderful and everyone had a great time. Also we fundraised over one thousand dollars for security lights. However, later we were told that we could apply for a government grant for this purpose. The application is now in process.
- From October to November, we held our Parish Census.
- In the beginning of November, the transition to the new Parish Pastoral Council was smoothly made.
- In the middle of November, we had a successful Planned Giving Commitment Weekend. We are still working on it and a report will be given later.

In summary, with God's grace, our Parish had a smooth and successful year of 2017. While thanking God, I, on behalf of our Parish, would like to thank all those who supported our Parish and made the development of our Parish in 2017 possible. Let us work hard in 2018 and continue to build up our spiritual family of St Peter's, Rochedale.

*Fr Baiyi*

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 8th Jan</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> 8.00am Mass 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
<b>TUE 9th Jan</b>	<b>Parish Office closed today</b> 8.00am Mass 7.00pm RCIA Team meeting
<b>WED 10th Jan</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 11th Jan</b>	<b>Parish Office closed today</b>
<b>FRI 12th Jan</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 13th Jan</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 14th Jan</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary time</b> 9.00am Mass                      6.00pm Mass

**Music Liturgy Meeting:** The next meeting of the Music Liturgy group will be this Monday January 8 at 7:30pm. You are welcome to help in planning the hymns for the next few weeks if you come along to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South with your copy of *Break Open the Word*. If you have any questions, please ring Liz Fort on 3341 0852.

**RCIA Team meeting** Tuesday 9th January 7pm.

**The Parish Office** will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday this week due to staff holidays. Messages can be left on the answering machine or in the post-box beside the door and will be attended to as soon as possible. Normal Office hours will resume on Monday 15th January. Thank you.

**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.

**Mass Co-ordinator's meeting** Monday 15th January 7.30pm in the church. Contact Kevin Healan on 0428862015 for more information.

**Name Badges:** We are going to place an order for name badges so if you would like to order a badge please put your name on the list. Please indicate whether you want a pin (cost \$6) or magnetic badge (\$8)

**Lenten Reflection Groups:** Would you be interested in participating in a Lenten Reflection group? Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 14th so we will need to be ordering Lenten resources soon. See Jo Cullen if you would like to take part in a group.

**Data Projector Operators:** We would like to get a group of people trained who would be willing to work the data projectors at Masses to show the powerpoint hymns, words etc. Contact Fr Baiyi, John or Jo. Training will be provided.

**St Peter's Card Group:** This is a group of parishioners and friends who get together in the Parish Centre on Monday mornings from 10am to about 1pm to play cards. The mornings are casual, fun and friendly and includes morning tea. New members would be most welcome. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Advertising in our Newsletter:** If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our newsletter in 2018, starting from March, please contact austnews either by phone on 1800 245 077 or email: [advertising.austnews.net.au](mailto:advertising.austnews.net.au)

### Readings for next weekend:

#### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr B)

Isaiah 55: 1-11    1 John 5: 1-9

Mark 1: 7-11

### Monday 8th January is the feast day of The Baptism of the Lord

Drawing from the Eastern tradition of Epiphany, the West has remembered the baptism of the Lord on the octave of the Epiphany since the eighth century. Formally introduced into the Roman calendar in 1960 on the Sunday after the Epiphany, it now concludes the Christmas season. Commemorates the revelation of Jesus as God's beloved Son, the Christ, anointed by the Spirit.

### YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." – *St Therese of Lisieux 24 years old*

### Date claimer: Logan Deanery Youth Mass

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. at St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Marsden at 6:30pm

**Break Open the Word 2018:** available on the back table. Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group.

**God's Word 2018** —is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day and even space to note down important events and reflections of the day. A great resource for yourself or it would make a fantastic gift—special deal \*\* still only \$10! Also on the tables near the main door to the church.



**Vinnies News:** 2018 Columban Calendars still available from the Piety Stall. (cost \$9).

**Happy New Year! Best wishes for 2018.**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

The earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. Celebrates the divine "manifestation" or "coming". In the East it commemorates the baptism of the Lord and in the West the visit of the Magi. The mystery of the incarnation is now revealed to everyone in the world, represented by these wise men from foreign lands.

**Planned Giving Commitment:** Remember that there are several ways you can contribute to our Planned Giving Program to keep our parish functioning fully

**\*\*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.

**\*\*Direct Debit**—you can direct debit your nominated account either weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Ask for a Direct Debit form. This is organised through our bank.

**\*\*Credit Card**—processed once per month. Ask for a Credit Card form

**\*\*Envelopes**—the traditional weekly cash method. Envelopes for 2018 are available today. If you can't find yours please contact the Parish Office.

**Bequests and Endowments** are another way in which you can help our parish financially. Ask for a brochure on how to remember our parish in your will via a bequest or to set up an endowment. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Jack O'Brien, Patricia Watson (Tricia Carroll's mum), Edmund Ho, Evelyn Scanlon, Bishop John Gerry, Michael Bahn, Noel Christie

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Mary Menso, William Mahony, Patrick Clarke, Greta van Bekkum, Michael Sullivan, Isabel McCarthy, John Carvel, Richard Smith, Patrick Kelly, John O'Brien, Viktor Brandt, Pauline O'Neil, Michael Sullivan, Norman Bishop, Esther Jarvis, Clare Mann, George Gough, Maureen Leadbetter, Fr Bill Hall, Cathy Donald, Theresa Adamson, Kerry Cavanagh, David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Tricia Dowing, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Anthony Van Rooy, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, 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.**

**Roster 13th & 14th January 2018**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Joyce Lyster Michael Claridge Peta Grandin	Stef Danudibroto Natalie Haddie Carl de Mello	Monika Talia	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Marilyn Mills Del Reynolds Theresa Cruz	Deacon Mike Jones Alan Scanlon Bev de Paola	Finn Leo	Carmel & the Tongan choir
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy	C 1 2	Helen Graczyk John Blake Lynn White	Ann Maree Collier Cesarina Gigante Matt Jarvis	Eza	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 4 Basil's cleaners

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips      **Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** after the 9am Mass on Sun 14th Jan: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Jo Cullen, Tongan community



**Other Parish Contacts**

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337  
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103  
 Family Group Facebook:  
 St Peters Rochedale Family Groups  
 Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O’Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)  
 Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:  
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