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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."*

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 7th October 2018

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

### The two become one body

The readings of this weekend focus on marriage. So I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key points about the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage. Jesus instituted marriage as a sacrament. In this way the matrimonial covenant has been raised to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized. Through this sacred sacrament, a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life. By its nature, marriage is ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring. Below are some further explanations of these important teachings.

First of all, the Christian marriage is the union in love of a man and a woman with completely free consent. As Catholics, we all know that our Church teaching is based on the Holy Scriptures and the sacred tradition. In Genesis, we learned that "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Gen 1:27). As God thought, "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen 2:18). So God created a woman. As a result, "a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh" (Gen 2:29). In today's Gospel, Jesus repeated this passage and reaffirmed it, saying: "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body." Clearly, this is the origin of marriage and its structure.

Secondly, marriage is very important not only because, by its very nature, it is ordered toward the good of the spouses. Marriage is also important because "the well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life" (CCC 1603). Through the marriage covenant, "a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love" (CCC1660). In this communion, both parties enjoy the intimate company of each other and build up a small community of love. Many such small communities form the whole society. Only if these small communities are stable and firm in love, is it possible for the whole society to be stable and firm in love. Thus, good married couples form a good society, and a good society offers a good atmosphere and environment for married life. Therefore, marriage is not just a business between two individuals.

Thirdly, Christian marriage requires that both parties are open to fertility. "Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves" (CCC1652). In the very beginning, after he created man and woman, God blessed them with the words, "Be fruitful and multiply." In marriage, the man and the woman are called to "cooperate valiantly with the love of the Creator and Saviour, who through them will increase and enrich his family day to day" (CCC1652). In addition to this, "the fruitfulness of conjugal love extends to the fruits of the moral, spiritual, and supernatural life that parents hand on to their children by education. Parents are the principal and first educators of their children. In this sense the fundamental tasks of marriage and family life is to be at the service of life" (CCC 1653).

\*\*CCC = Catechism of the Catholic Church

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## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 8th Oct</b>	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
<b>TUE 9th Oct</b>	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.00pm RCIA
<b>WED 10th Oct</b>	NO Mass 7.30pm Safeguarding Team meeting
<b>THU 11th Oct</b>	NO Mass 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
<b>FRI 12th Oct</b>	9.00am Rosary NO Mass
<b>SAT 13th Oct</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 14th Oct</b>	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 4.45pm Youth RCIA 6.00pm Mass

**Absence:** Fr Baiyi's brother is seriously ill so Fr Baiyi is travelling to China on Tuesday to spend some time with him. Fr Baiyi is planning on returning by the end of the month. There will be no weekday Masses during the time Father is away. Hence the last weekday Mass for some time will be on Monday. Liturgy of the Word with the children will replace the Tuesday morning Mass with the children until Father returns.

### **Abortion Bill nears vote!**

In less than two weeks, State Parliament will vote on legislation to legalise abortion.

Many parishioners have made their thoughts known to their locals MPs. There is still time to have your say via:

1. Contact your local MP via email or by post. For help with this, please go to a website set up by the Archdiocese: [www.community.actonit.com.au/aob](http://www.community.actonit.com.au/aob)
2. Attend the Rally for Life on Saturday 13 October at 2pm, meeting at Speakers' Corner (Outside Parliament House), 15 George Street, Brisbane

This is an important time for Queensland. Please have your say.

**Parish Name Badge** orders have arrived. Please collect yours if you placed an order.

**Collection for the Flood victims in Kerala:** Thanks to all who gave so generously over the last couple of weeks for the flood victims in Kerala, Fr Jacob's home state in India. We have a total of \$1163.75 to date that we will be sending to Fr Jacob's Provincial to distribute to the small villages the MCBS order is looking after. *You can see Fr Jacob's emails on the noticeboard on the church verandah.*

**Face-to-face Safeguarding Training for anyone ministering to children or vulnerable adults:** In the Logan Deanery, 2 remaining training sessions are **Wed 10th October** at St Edward's at Daisy Hill and **Wed 21st November** at St Bernardine's at Regents Park. Both sessions run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please see Jo or Julie for more information. Registration essential.

**Mass for Queensland Mental Health Week:** Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to a Mass to celebrate Queensland Mental Health Week on Friday 12 October at 1.00pm at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley (corner of McLachlan and Morgan Streets). Light refreshments will follow Mass. Parking available in church grounds. All people are welcome to attend.

**Raffle Tickets:** Get ready for Christmas by buying a raffle ticket to win a gift-card for \$200 worth of goods of your choice. Raffle will be drawn at the Fete on 21st October. Proceeds are for the parish. Tickets on sale after Mass today. \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**St Peter's Spring Fete** Sunday 21st October 10am to 3pm. Donations welcome for the 2nd hand book stall and bric-a-brac. Donations can be left at the church in the marked box. (Any large items please take directly to the school.)

**Melbourne Cup Lunch** Tuesday 6th November 11am to 2.30pm. Book early! Tickets on sale now. \$35 per person. Dress up for a great day. Prizes for best hat, fashion on the field. Great sweeps, fun and friendship.

### **Readings for next weekend:**

#### **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

### **Join in the Celebration of the Canonisation of**

**Oscar Romero:** The Latin American Catholic Chaplaincy, the Romero Centre and the Comite Monsenor Romero Brisbane—Australia invite all people of goodwill to come and celebrate the Canonisation of Archbishop Romero on Sunday October 14. The event will be held from 5.30pm in the Holy Spirit Church at 16 Villiers Street, New Farm. Archbishop Romero will become known forever as Saint Oscar Romero de America.

**Mass for Carers' Week:** Wed 17th October 11am at St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley. See flyer

**Social Justice News:** There is a fundraiser for the Asylum seeker families in Woodridge on Friday, 26th October commencing at 6pm at the Mt Gravatt Hotel, 135 Logan Rd. Mt Gravatt. Check out the flyer on the noticeboard.

**Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession:** Saturday 20th October. 10.30am Rosary then 11.30am Marian Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral followed by a procession to Villa Maria Chapel Fortitude Valley. Benediction to conclude. Pick up a flyer from the brochure trolley near the church entrance.

### **YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:**

"The saints do not waste energy complaining about the failings of others; they can hold their tongue before the faults of their brothers and sisters and avoid the verbal violence that de-means and mistreats others." (GE 116)

— Pope Francis -Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete Et Exsultate On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*

### **Plenary Council 2020**

**Listen to what the Spirit is saying .....** To have your say visit [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). We will have another Parish Gathering on 11th November with Mr Rob Cosgrove.

**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.

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Dear friends, marriage is a big topic and it is impossible to include all the important elements in this reflection. But here I must mention the unity and indissolubility of marriage. Polygamy is incompatible with the unity of marriage and divorce separates what God has joined together. My brothers and sisters, let us follow the teaching of the Church on marriage and encourage others to do the same. I wish for all married people to enjoy a happy married life.

*Fr Baiyi*



**St Vinnies' News: SOS- SOS-SOS:** Two new families have arrived in our area and have almost empty houses and so are in urgent need of household items -toaster-jug-etc. Please advise if you have any items to donate. Call Brian 0419 992 294.

SVDP are seeking Volunteers to join us. To be a member you only need to have compassion, a non-judgemental attitude and most of all a kind heart. If you are interested and would like some information on what we do please call John Blake on 0411196775

**Grief to Grace Retreat**– Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftograceaus.org.au) or phone 0478599241. For more information visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org)

**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](mailto: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:** John Watson, Nassib Jabbour, Dot McLennan

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Aline de Baritault, Angele vanden Boom, Patrick Bradley, Gerald Sherry, Jason Murray, Michael Glynn, Lewis Clarke, Zena Bray, Ellen Glancy, Colin Murphy, Sr. Patricia Mary Butler, Doug Elliott, Ena Gallagher

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Joachim Brandt, Anne Fry, 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, Tony McDonald, John Drew, John Green, Kevin Dingwall, 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.*

13th & 14th Oct	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Diane Land	Kevin Healan	Anne Fry
<b>AV Operators</b>	David Crowley	Mick Denton	John Donohue
<b>Readers</b>	C. Lyndal Bray-Claridge 1. Michael Claridge 2. Monika Svarc Jnr	C. Marilyn Mills 1. Alan Vigor 2. Samara Crawford	C. Anne Fry 1. Vickie Routledge 2. Charisse Mone
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Shelagh Ballment Diane Land Monika Svarc Snr	Deacon Mike Jones Stephanie Lenihan Cesarina Gigante Julie Hondroudakis	Diane McKeone Del Reynolds Kevin Healan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Layla	Jada, Agnes, Angela	Eza, Chevonne
<b>Musicians</b>	Carmel	Tongan Choir	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

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

**Cuppa:** Sun 14th Oct after 9am Mass: Care & Concern and the Tongan Community

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