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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."

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 8th September 2019

Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

Episcopal Council Pastoral Visit to Our Deanery

In June this year, I found myself copied in an email from Archbishop Mark Coleridge to Fr John Conway, Dean of our deanery, informing us about a special visit of the Episcopal Council to the parishes of the Logan Deanery on a listening tour in early September. Last year, the same visit was paid to South Coast and South Country Deanery. The Archbishop said that the two visits have assisted the Episcopal Council greatly in their mission of planning for the future. I believe that this visit will be a great opportunity for the parish and school leadership team to communicate with the Episcopal Council. By doing this, the Archdiocese and the parishes may have a better and deeper understanding of each other. Hopefully this will enable considerable progress in evangelization to be made on both the levels of the parish and the Archdiocese.

Members of the Episcopal Council include the archbishop, auxiliary bishop, vicar general, vicar for clergy, director of clergy life & ministry and assisted by two lay persons. This visit is called a listening tour. The Episcopal Council would like to listen to the voice of every parish. On 5th and 6th September, in each parish, the parish priest, associate pastor, parish secretary, the chairpersons of parish pastoral council and parish finance council, along with the principal and APRE of the school will respectively have a meeting with one member of the Episcopal Council. On Saturday 7th September, a forum including the key stakeholders will take place at St Joseph's Memorial Primary School Hall, Beenleigh Parish.

The Episcopal Council has prepared some questions for us to consider and address in the interviews. Of course, as the members of the parish leadership team, we will have our answers to the questions. I have also invited the members of our Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council to have their answers to these questions. I would like to list the questions here and invite each of you to have your answers, too. You are welcome to write down your answers and place them into the St Peter's Post Box, located at the back of the church near the main entrance.

The questions are as follows:

1. What do you see as the three successful attributes of your parish?
2. What do you see as the three biggest challenges in your parish?
3. If you had unlimited resources, what would you like to see happen in the parish in the next 10-20 years?
4. In regard to lay leadership, how might lay leadership play a role in sustaining the parish into the future in collaboration with the priest?
5. If you were the Archbishop of Brisbane, what decisions would you make in relation to your parish and how the Deanery is managed?
6. Do you have any further comments for the consideration of the Episcopal Council?

My dear friends, when you read this reflection, the visit will have finished. However, you can still have your contribution and we will have our ways to include them into our future parish plans. If necessary and relevant, we also will convey your opinions and suggestions to the Episcopal Council. Please continue to pray for and contribute to the building of our Church.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 9th Sep	8.00am Mass
TUE 10th Sep	8.00am Mass 4.00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA
WED 11th Sep	6.30am Mass 6.30pm Young Adults Catch Up
THU 12th Sep	No Mass <i>Parish Office closed today for staff training</i>
FRI 13th Sep	Saint John Chrysotom 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 3 students
SAT 14th Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7.00pm High School Youth event
SUN 15th Sep	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass with RCIA Rite of Welcome 10.30am Altar Serving Workshop 6.00pm Mass

2019 Annual Catholic Campaign. Our Church, Our Mission, Our Community

Jesus says that the way of true liberation is renunciation, even of what we seem to depend upon – family, possessions, even our own life. Our true security is found in sharing the sacrifice of the Cross. This is strange: loss turns out to be gain and death turns out to be life. That's the logic of God that underlies his plan.

The Annual Catholic Campaign takes its place within that logic and that plan. Each year the Campaign invites the Catholic community to help in accomplishing God's plan. Supporting the ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign involves renunciation, even sacrifice. But I ask you to make a calm and reasonable assessment of what you can give and to do so in recognition of where your true security lies, what your life really depends upon. What is also clear is that your generosity will be the answer to someone's prayer, which is again the way God wants it to be.

The Annual Catholic Campaign was intended to reduce multiple Sunday appeals to a single appeal. But the intention behind it goes far beyond that. In the end, the intention is to call the Catholic people of the Archdiocese into the unfolding plan of God – not just to help the needy but to bring to birth a new ordering of human relationships, a society where brothers and sisters can embrace each other in the compassion of God. So I urge you to say yes to that.

*Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane*

Youth Update:

Our coming up **high school youth nights** are as follows:
- Saturday September 14th after Mass 7-8:30pm in the parish centre, come along for some fun, faith, and food.

Our September **Young Adults Catch Up** will be this Wednesday 11th September at 6:30pm at Grill'd at Garden City.

For more information contact our Youth Coordinator, Olivia at youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au.
Instagram: @rochedaleyouth

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

Brisbane Assembly: Fri 4th & Sat 5th Oct 2019
The Brisbane Assembly aims to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the themes for national discernment, the latest developments and vision casting from the Plenary Council national facilitation team, and most importantly an opportunity to take part in a process of communal discernment led by experienced facilitators. Contact Jo Cullen if you would like more information about attending the Brisbane Assembly.

Understanding Dementia and Risk Factors:

Alzheimer's Queensland will be presenting a seminar in the Parish Centre on Sat 28th September. Commencing with morning tea at 10am, the 45 minute seminar will commence at 10.30am. See Jo for details

Parish Office Closed: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed this Thursday 12th September for staff to attend an Archdiocesan training day.

RCIA: Next Sunday 15th Sept at the 9am Mass we welcome Deb Meggs and Jess Smith into our Catholic Community. They are participating in the RCIA Journey and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church later in the year. Please pray for these faith-filled ladies and make them welcome.

Date Claimers:

Pets Blessing 3pm Sunday 6th October

Holy Souls Memorial Mass 9.30am on Saturday 2nd November when we will remember all those who have died, particularly during the past year.

Melbourne Cup Lunch 11am Tuesday 5th Nov.
Fundraising towards our Youth Ministry program.

Only 8 places left. Spaces are filling up for our **2020 Holy Lands Pilgrimage**. If you would like to be a part of our parish trip please submit your completed registration form to Stephanie Lenihan (Phone 0413268860 email: salenihan@hotmail.com) or the parish office by the 15th September. After this date we will need to start advertising in other parishes to fill spaces. There is already a waiting list of non-parishioners so don't miss out on this wonderful St Peter's experience.



Faith Matters! Prayer Is ...Not Difficult.

Sometimes as much as we want to pray, we find ourselves putting it off with thoughts and feelings such as, "It's too hard!", or "I don't know what to say!" or "Others do it better than me!". Again the Saints come to our rescue with their wisdom learnt on their own faith journeys.

The words of the Spanish Priest, **St Josemaria Escriva** (1902 – 1975) help us to start. **"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray!' you can be sure you have already begun."**

While the words of the French Priest, **St John Vianney** (1786 – 1859) help us with the words. **"We do not have to talk very much in order to pray well. We know that God is there in His holy tabernacle; let us open our hearts to Him; let us rejoice in His Presence: This is the best prayer."** Try being both intentional and relaxed about praying this week.

Faith Enrichment Group



Please sign the e-petition "Euthanasia – we can live without it."

It is a fairly simple process to add your voice of opposition to Voluntary Assisted Dying/ euthanasia via the Petition link: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3176>

St Vinnies News: One of the local families we are assisting are in need of a fridge and a washing machine. If you can assist, please call Brian 0419 992 294.

Columban Calendars for 2020: Available now from the SVDP Piety Stall for \$8 each

Planned Giving via Direct Bank Transfer: Our bank account BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Taize Evening of Prayer: Join members of our Faith Enrichment Group in attending "Who Cares for Our Common Home?" Monday – 9th September, 7:00 – 8:30 pm; followed by supper in the courtyard. St Bernard's Catholic Church, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mount Gravatt. If you would like to car pool, meet Diane McKeone & Anne Fry in St Peter's car park from 6:20pm. For more information or if you need a lift, ring the Parish Office or Diane 0418611093 or Anne 0419754826. Leaving St Peter's at 6:30pm sharp.

St Peter's Primary School Ladies Night: Ladies do you need a night out and some retail therapy? Please come along and support the St Peter's Rochedale Catholic Primary School Ladies Night on Saturday 14th September from 6pm. \$5 entry includes glass of wine and raffle ticket. Over 35 local stalls!

See the Noticeboard for Invitations from around the Archdiocese

Palms Australia Encounter Myanmar Nov 16th-28th. See Palms.org.au/encounters or call 02 9560 5333.

'Who do you say that I am?' One day course at St Paul's, Woodridge meeting room from 8.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday 21st September. Collect a flyer from the back of the church.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with family & friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. As the Archdiocesan Assembly for the Plenary Council has been convened for the date we had previously advertised for this special occasion, the Mass will now be celebrated on **Saturday 28 September, @ 10.00am**. For catering purposes please RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3030 by Fri 20 Sept. Cathedral car park available.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: George Valesini, Patricia Summers, Nick Kisaloff

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Simon Wong, Kong Lin, Blanche Kay, Kath Lourigan, Peter Lee, Vi Christensen, Robert Cussons, Harold Littleton, Michael Bray, Bessie Wiltshire, Karel Martinek, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham, Mercia Rance, Barry James Elmes, Frank Neilsen, John Potts, Terry Gallagher, Julia Jordan, John Brownlee, George Jonas, Stephen O'Brien

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Kevin Fry, John Franks, Michael O'Grady, Barbara Pashen, Joseph Peki, Vickie Routledge, Ian Thompson, Kevin Kelly, Edna Bultitude, Vilma Ghouse, Callum Poynter, Sue Power, Rebecca Power, Rex Bowen, 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, 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.

14th & 15th Sep	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm	
Mass Co-ordinators	Diane Land	Grace Tuazon	Malcolm Carroll	
AV Operators	Mike Collier	John Donohue	Kate Guy	
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Olivia Brown 2. Peta Grandin	C. Megan Philpott 1. Arthur Leow 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Anne Fry 1. Helen Graczyk 2. Shane Sweeney	
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Ann Maree Collier Joyce Lyster Mel McKay	Deacon Mike Jones Lydia Chew Donald Fernando Bev De Paola	Steph Lenihan Gwen Martin Jo Cullen	Kevin Fry Matthew Jarvis Dona Thomas
Altar Servers	Angelina, Jai	Finn S, Leo, William	Talia	
Musicians	Rita	Tongan Choir	Liz	

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

Children's Liturgy: Kristy **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's Team

Cuppa: Sunday Sept 15 after 9am Mass: Steph Lenihan, Julie Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills, Emeline Uwimana

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

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