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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."

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

9th December 2018

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

A lovely celebration full of love, support and encouragement

Last Sunday at 9am Mass, you, my loved parishioners, gave me a big surprise. After the parish announcements, Josephine Cullen started talking. I thought she would just invite the congregation to sing the birthday song for me as my birthday was on Saturday. Before the birthday song singing, she talked about my 20th anniversary of ordination into priesthood. To my surprise, a well-decorated big box was being brought forward. Inside the box, there was a magnificent chasuble. IT WAS FOR ME! I did not have any clue that such a fantastic present had been prepared for me. It was a HUGE surprise. It was lovely. You guys just made the day for me. It means the world to me. Thank you very much!

Time goes really quickly. It seems that I have left the seminary not so long ago. Suddenly, my 20th anniversary has arrived. Looking back, many things have happened in my priestly life. It has been full of ups and downs, joys and tears. From parish-based work to seminary-based service after my ordination, from China to Australia, from my study at ACU in Sydney to parish pastoral work again at Rochedale, it seems that my priestly life has just finished a circle. However, at least to myself, it isn't just a simple circle. It has gone through all different circumstances, geographically and culturally. It has even crossed two completely different languages. With hindsight, everything that happened was just right for me. I know, without God and His guidance, I wouldn't be who I am and where I am now. It is God Himself who took me to you, and took you to me. I thank God for His amazing leadership and abundant grace. I also thank God for being with you and for being your Parish Priest.

To me, receiving a chasuble from my parishioners as a gift is a recognition of my life and work as a priest. However, I would like to say that an active Catholic parish depends on an active congregation. Without your efforts and contribution, nothing could have been achieved. Since I came to this parish, you, my parishioners, have been very friendly, supportive and cooperative. Furthermore, you have been very active in building up of our common spiritual family. So many of you have accepted our invitations as lay ministers. With the effort and contribution of each of you, we have made some progresses and successes. We formed new ministry groups, strengthened the existing ones, and added, improved and changed the necessary facilities in our parish. Sincerely, if you think our parish has been a bit different now to before, please thank God first, then thank yourselves. After that, we continue the good job that God has started among us and make our parish even better.

Dear friends, I would also like to take your gift as an encouragement. I know I am far away from good, let alone perfect. With your encouragement and support, I will continue to try my best to serve you as your parish priest. I hope and pray that one day, when my Lord comes, He will say to me, "Well done, good and faithful servant ... Come and join in your master's happiness." (Matthew 25:22).

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 10th Dec	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Music Liturgy meeting
TUE 11th Dec	8.00am Mass
WED 12th Dec	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Christmas Reflection
THU 13th Dec	Saint Lucy No Mass
FRI 14th Dec	Saint John of the Cross 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 15th Dec	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 16th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass



LETTER BOX DROP Can you help with our 'Christmas Greetings and Invitation' letter-drop? Please take some leaflets from outside the Church if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area. Please mark the street or streets you will deliver. We would also like to cover the new Rochedale Estates again to welcome any new residents to our church. Maps provided for these areas.
2019 Year planner: to help us plan for 2019, could Ministry Group leaders please advise the Parish Office of any dates your ministry group is planning events or fund-raising etc.
Congratulations to parishioner Mrs Avis Greenup who celebrated her 100th Birthday on 16th November with family and friends.

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.

Rosters for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion If our records show that you do not hold a current Blue Card or Exemption Card or haven't had a Police Check you will find a note on your envelope to follow up with forms for these. Please see Jo or Julie for any queries.

Music Liturgy Meeting: On Monday December 10 the next Music Liturgy meeting will be held. Please come along to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South at 7:30 pm and bring your copy of Break Open the Word. Any queries? Ph 3341 0852. Thank you, Elizabeth Fort

Young Adults Dinner: If you are between the ages of 18 and 35, you are invited to gather for dinner at the American Bourbon Bar & Grill at Springwood on 14th December. Please contact Jo Cullen to register your attendance.

Can you spend just one hour with Jesus!!!

Christmas Reflection by Candlelight 7.30 pm Wednesday 12th December. A time of quiet semi darkness in the church. A time to unwind, reflect on the year and feel the closeness of Jesus in prayer and quiet space. Small reflective pieces will be read. Please come along to prepare yourself for the joyful birth of Our Lord Jesus. Only an hour—no longer! All are welcome!

Thank You Judith: After 27 years of cleaning the Parish Office Judith Littlefield has decided to retire from this role. We thank Judith very much for her 27 years of care and diligent cleaning! Now we are seeking a new volunteer to clean the Parish Office. If anyone would be interested in helping out please see Fr Baiyi or Julie or Jo.

God's Word 2019 Liturgical Diaries for sale. Great price—\$10. All the readings for every day of the year as well as reflections. Wonderful for yourself or as a Christmas gift.

Break Open the Word 2019: now 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. Year C starts with Advent on 1st December!

Help needed: A parishioner living in the new Rochedale estates area would like a lift to either Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am Mass on a regular basis. If anyone is able to assist, please call Julie in the Office.

St Vinnies' News: for Sale from the Piety Stall:

Columban Calendars for 2019 \$8.

Christmas Cards—pack of 8 for \$4.

Hampers: Donations of non perishable food and gifts for our Christmas hampers for the needy are being collected now. Pick up a flyer with dates and gift suggestions. Place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font. We will need volunteers for sorting donations on **Monday 17th December 8.30am** and for packing hampers on **Tuesday 18th December 8.30am**. Please note the change of dates from those previously advertised!
Fridge needed: we urgently need a fridge for a newly arrived battling family. If you can help please call Brian on 0419 992 294.

Pet Crosses: Please contact the Parish Office if you ordered a Pet Cross and have not collected it yet.



Some Advent & Christmas Date Claimers

Carols Under the Stars:

Sunday 9th December 7pm (after 6pm Mass) on the grassed area. Bring blanket, chairs. Coffee and tea will be available.

Christmas Reflection:

7.30 pm Wednesday 12th December

Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:

7.30 pm Tuesday 18th December

Practice for Children's Pageant at 6.30pm Mass will be held at 10.00am on Monday 24th December

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Monday 24th Dec

6.30 pm (Family)

& 9.00 pm (Vigil)

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th Dec

9.00 am only

New Year's Day Tuesday 1st January 9.00am only



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.

Donations of spectacles, Bibles, lead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and exercise books for an optometrist to take to Vanuatu. Place your donations in the marked box at the back of the church.

Invitations from around the Archdiocese

Christmas Lights at the Cathedral: This Christmas St Stephen's Cathedral will host a spectacular sound, light and projection show to celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. *The Lights of Christmas* will illuminate the side of the Cathedral with an enchanting 12-minute show, which will run continuously from 7:30pm until midnight every evening from 12th to 24th December. We are thrilled to invite all parishioners to join us on the lawn at St Stephen's for this magnificent event. We are seeking volunteers to welcome visitors and assist them as needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to <https://hrads.weebly.com/cathedral-christmas-lights.html> to register. Additionally, there will be an opening night interfaith choir led by Andrew Cichy on 12th December. If you would like to sing in this choir please email cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au.

The annual Christmas Lights festival at St Gerard Majella, Chermide West is now on and will continue every night till 23rd December. Huge lights display, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Barbecue, Drinks, ice Creams and Op Shop all operating from 6pm till 10pm nightly. Free entertainment every night. The program for our free concerts can be found on our website: www.olaparishchermide.org.au.

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: Nicole Phillips, Ron Burnell (Iris' husband), Richard Guy, Josef Svarc

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Jean Wiseman, Bobby Smith, Bernie Minton, Bill Smith, Otilie Brandt, Vincent Blundell, Charlie Fry, Anastasia Medcraf, Desmond Van Der Haar, Mary Becker, Clifford Sharp, Frederick Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Luise Warwas, Lindsay Maiden, Jim Whewell, Philippe de Baritault, Margaret Quigg, John Jolley George, Ethel Bevan, Noela Parker, John Francis Doyle, Mary Duncan, Gary Patinggale, Mary Duncan, Gary Patinggale, Margaret Lynch, Margaret Bradley, Hanorah Henderson, Rod Caligari, Udhav Mone

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Armando Sta. Ana, 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, 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.

15th & 16th Dec	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Diane	Lydia	Anne
AV Operators	Steven D	John Donohue	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Jo Cullen 1. Neil Ballment 2. Geoff Hondroudakis	C. Marilyn Mills 1. Romana Langdon 2. Megan Philpott	C. Aurelie Twidale 1. Fiorenzo Matarazzo 2. Daniel Twidale
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Diane Land Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment	Deacon Mike Jones Bernard Langdon Lydia Chew Joan D'Netto	Julie Hondroudakis Diane McKeone Donald Fernando
Altar Servers	Angelina, Luna, Eza	Jada, Agnes, Angela	Chevonne, Finn, Jerome
Musicians	Carmel	Anne Flood	Liz

Church Cleaning: 4 Basil's Cleaners

Children's Liturgy: None **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's Team

Cuppa: Sat 15th Dec after 6pm Mass: Romana Langdon, Helen Viola, Diane Land

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