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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 Lent (Year C) 17th March 2019

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36

International Women's Day 2019

Each year around the world International Women's Day is celebrated on the 8th March. It is a day to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women, a day to express gratitude for all that has been achieved along the way. We are inspired by incredible women who raise kids, transform communities, build businesses and become engaged in political processes. When women are treated as equals they do more for their families and communities than we can imagine. **The United Nations theme for 2019 is “ More powerful together.” Collectively we can all build a balanced, fair world and uphold the dignity of women everywhere.**

However, despite all the Positives, nowhere in the world can women claim to have the same rights and opportunities as men. Significant barriers still exist to achieve equality and economic security even in Australia.

Australian women make up just over 50.7% of the Australian population. Roughly women comprise 47.6 % of all employees in Australia. In the workforce women are overrepresented as part time workers in low paid industries and insecure work and underrepresented in leadership roles in the private and public sector. The gender pay gap is 15.3 %. The average Australian woman reaches retirement with less in superannuation than the average man. As a result women are more likely to experience poverty and homelessness in their retirement. However, the number of women on Boards grew from 8.3 % to 26.2 % in 2017 (Australian Human Rights Commission, Gender Statistics, 2018). This is a significant increase but still not high enough. However, the fact that girls and women in Australia have equal educational opportunities to boys and men is very important because this is not so in many countries in the world.

According to a “Girl's Rights Fact Sheet” there are more than 130 million girls globally not attending primary or high school. Every year they are deprived of their right to education. (UNESCO Institute for Statistics). We at St Peter's feel privileged to support financially The City of Joy, an orphanage for girls in Zambia. Here 30 Girls have found a home which offers them safety, security, and educational opportunities.

Another project which is dear to our hearts is The Hamlin Fistula Foundation, founded in Ethiopia, by Australian doctors Reginald and Catherine Hamlin 60 years ago. They were confronted with horrific injuries suffered by women who had no access to medical help during prolonged child birth. Today there are several fistula hospitals across Ethiopia. A college of midwives has so far educated 145 midwives who work in many clinics. We celebrate, salute and support Dr Hamlin, who, after the death of her husband stayed in Ethiopia to continue their work. She was 95 in January and we congratulate her on her life of extraordinary service to the wellbeing of marginalised women in far off Ethiopia.

Today we stand in solidarity and honour the courage of all women everywhere who work so hard to carve out a future for themselves and their families.

Social Justice Group

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

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 9:28-36



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 18th Mar	Saint Patrick 8.00am Mass
TUE 19th Mar	Saint Joseph 8.00am Mass with children 7.00pm RCIA
WED 20th Mar	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Group meeting (<i>Parish Office</i>)
THU 21st Mar	No Mass 10.00am Lenten Group meeting (<i>Church</i>)
FRI 22nd Mar	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass with Grade 5 students 7.00pm Lenten Reflection (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 23rd Mar	8:30am Lenten Labyrinth Walk 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 24th Mar	Third Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Social Justice News: There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend for the needs of the Hamlin Fistula Foundation in Ethiopia and the girls in the City of Joy in Zambia.

On 22nd March we are celebrating **World Water Day**. Water is a God given gift. We need to respect it and use it wisely. On this day too we pray for the millions of people who have no access to clean drinking water.

You are invited to a **Harmony Day celebration at St. Paul's School in Woodridge**, on Thursday, 21st March from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: The preparation phase for 2019 commences on Wednesday 8th May at 4pm or 7pm with the Parent Information / Formation Evening. All families enrolled have received reminders of the date changes again this week.

Baskets needed for St Vinnies' Easter raffle: please bring to the Parish Office.

Letter Box Drop Lent & Easter Mass Cards

Please take a bundle and deliver them in letter boxes. Please mark which streets you will cover.

Lenten Challenge : Reflect on these words: *The discipline of prayer makes us stop and listen, wait and look, taste and see, pay attention and be aware ... it actually demands much will power and motivation* (Henri Nouwen, Donald McNeill, Douglas Morrison, *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life* (p. 105))
How can we use this time of Lent to commit to a time of prayer each day—or to an extra time of prayer each day?

- Pray a **Breath Prayer** for just one minute. Choose a simple phrase that can be prayed in two phrases—one on the in breath and one on the out breath e.g. *God of Compassion (inhale) ... live in me (exhale)*
- Be mindful of your everyday activities and choose for them to become moments of prayer e.g. when making your bed each morning, give thanks for sleep and rest and remember all in our world who do not have a safe, comfortable bed to sleep in. Pray when washing dishes and clothes, gardening, walking, cooking or driving
- Pray a blessing on your food or a prayer of thanksgiving at the end of a meal

Lenten Labyrinth Walk: Come and Walk the Prayer Labyrinth **next Saturday** (March 23) between 8:30am and 9:30am . We will meet in the Church car park and wander down to the labyrinth which is situated in the school grounds. The labyrinth is an ancient walking Meditation that has been used for centuries for prayer, meditation, and pilgrimage as well as for personal and spiritual growth. Labyrinths invite us to slow down and enter into a space in which we can hear the gentle call of God in our lives. Come and Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: at 10am here on 19th April in addition to the Passion at 3pm.

Easter Capers Wednesday 10th April 8.30am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, Bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information. Numbers are limited so get in early!

PROJECT COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA**

Tati lives in the remote

forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Family Group Movement- A family for all

After consultation and dialogue, and with the support of Fr Baiyi, we have made a commitment to renew the Passionist Family Group Movement in our parish. The date for the renewal and establishment of any

new groups coming out of the renewal will be **6-7 April**. For this occasion, we will have members of the Passionist Family Group Team and Fr Ray Sanchez. The motto of the Movement is A FAMILY FOR ALL. It provides opportunities for individuals and families to belong to a small network who gather regularly for various outings. As these people get to know one another, they are able to offer practical Christian care and support, "In good times and bad".

More information will be provided in the parish newsletter over the next few weeks.

Sunday 7th April 10.15am in the Parish Centre

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.

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Mission trip to Flores, Indonesia

with Fr. Nev Yun 24 June – 4 July 2019

By going on mission you will experience the simple life and radiant joy of the Missionaries of the Poor brothers, and assist in caring for children with disabilities. Many volunteers are inspired and moved by the loving kindness of the brothers, and time spent with the children. Please watch our video at <https://vimeo.com/mopsupporters/missiontrip>

You are all invited to our Information Day on **Sunday 31st March 2019, commencing after 8.30am Mass, Holy Family Church, 37 Ward St, Indooroopilly.** For more information, please contact: 0412 073 965 / lamurifamily@outlook.com (07) 3371 7446 / indooroopilly@bne.catholic.net.au

Euthanasia & Aged Care Debate: The State Government Committee charged with looking into Aged Care and Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation released an issues paper on February 14 calling for the public to provide them with a range of community views. Members of the public are free to send in their submissions until April 15th. Online responses to <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/HCDSDVPC/inquiries/current-inquiries/AgedCareEOLPC>.

If you prefer, we have copies of the submission form on the back table for you to complete and post.

Prison Chaplains: Chaplains visit the Correctional Centres as part of the Catholic team on a rostered weekly basis. Pick up a flyer from the back table if you think this Ministry could be for you.

Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 11th April 2019 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Martine Pitts, Avis Greenup, Greg Nicholls, Norma Nicholls, Gordon Timms, Riadh Rammo

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitz-Gibbon, Robbie Movick, May Neilsen, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ben McQueen, Terry Naughton, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Partridge, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Rory Bakker, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Baby Poynter, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Don Bechly, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, John Green, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Fabio Viola, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, 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.

23rd& 24th Mar	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Diane Land	Grace Tuazon	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operators	David Crowley	John Donohue	Kate Guy
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Monika Svarc (Jnr)	C. Arthur Leow 1. Alan Vigor 2. Kieran Lenihan	C. Anne Fry 1. Charisse Mone 2. Margaret Connors
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Deacon Mike Jones Trish Meulman Rob Meulman	Lydia Chew Bev De Paula Joan D'Netto Donald Fernando	Julie Hondroudakis Marilyn Mills Del Reynolds
Altar Servers	Luna, Angelina	Jada, Amber	Finn W, Jerome, Chevonne
Musicians	Carmel	Geoff & Robyn	Liz

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak, Efren & Grace Tuazon

Children's Liturgy: Angela Thomas **This week: Sacristan:** Mel McKay **Counting:** Carl's Team

Cuppa: Sunday 24th March after 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver. Anne Scanlon

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

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