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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."

Third Sunday of Lent—Year A

19th March 2017

Pastor's Note: "To Worship the Father in Spirit and Truth"

I have been a priest for over 18 years already, but never ever been to the Vatican City, which is a disappointment for me. I have been always hoping that one day, I can go to the place where the successor of St Peter lives and works, strolling in St Peter's Square, listening to the teaching of the Holy Father on the site, tasting the richness of two thousand years of the Church, and feeling the magnificence of the buildings, valuable collections and artistic treasures....

The Holy Land is another place where I have been dreaming of going. That is the place where Jesus lived, taught, and healed. Walking on the paths that Jesus walked, passing through the villages and towns where Jesus strolled and worked, will definitely bring me new experiences of faith and make my faith deeper and stronger.

Of course, there are many other pilgrimage sites, such as Fatima and Lourdes, where it's worth going, too. Every year there are millions of pilgrims, male and female, old and young, rushing into those places. However, except for a few pilgrimage sites in China as well as in Australia, I have never been to any of them.

Every time when I was asked if I had been to such places, I always responded with a joke, saying, "Yes. In my dreams." This makes it seem like I don't care much about that. But, actually, that is not the case. I long for the opportunities for pilgrimage in my heart.

But on the other hand, personally, I really don't think that making pilgrimage to such places is a must on the faithful journey of any followers of Christ. If we can make it, that would be good for us. We would have good opportunities to reflect on and deepen our faith. If we can't make it, we would have other opportunities and ways to build and maintain a good relationship with God. We don't have to go to some particular places to worship God, because "the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem", and "true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth". Of course, I am not a person who opposes pilgrimage, conversely, I encourage my parishioners to do so if they have the chance since I know it can bring them plenty of spiritual benefits. Here, I would just like to remind you that we can't see it as the highest goal in our faithful lives, something that we have to do in this life.

Faithful life is carried out in our everyday lives. "To worship the Father in spirit and truth" is to embody our Christian values in every encounter with others, in every time when facing difficulties, in every single word uttered by our mouths, and in every single action done by us. That is exactly the right place where our sincere worship of the Father should happen. My brothers and sisters in the Lord, let each of us try to "worship the Father in spirit and truth" every single day.

Fr Baiyi

Readings Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel: John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Readings for next weekend: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 20th March	St Joseph	
	8.00am Mass	7.00pm Finance Council meeting
TUE 21st March	8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group	
WED 22nd March	6.30am Mass 7.00pm Training session for Communion Ministers & Readers 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group	
THU 23rd March	8.45am Play Group 4.00pm Sacramental Program: First Reconciliation	
FRI 24th March	9.00am Rosary	9.30am Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 25th March	The Annunciation of the Lord	
	10.30am Sacramental Program: First Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
SUN 26th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
	9.00am Mass	6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will not be held this Sunday 19th March due to the Sacrament of Reconciliation class needing to use the room for their workshops. Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday 26th March but then will break for the school holidays. **Sacramental Program:** Please pray for the children who were Confirmed last year and now continue their Sacramental Journey by learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will experience the Sacrament in the form of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for the first time this week. **Project Compassion** boxes & envelopes still available from the back of the church. Help Caritas help those in need this Lent. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving have always been a part of the Lenten journey.

Lenten Program: there are 2 Lenten Discussion Groups. Tuesday evening at 7.30pm here in the Parish Office meeting room and Wednesday evening at Mary Naughton's house. You are welcome to join in either group for any session.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. 2 volunteers needed each week to lead Stations. Please help out Fr Baiyi and volunteer. Sign up sheet available today.

Easter Capers Thursday 6th April 9am 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!

Training for Communion Ministers & Readers Wednesday 22nd March 7pm in the Parish Centre. Deacon Mike will be conducting a training session for these important Ministries. If you have never been to a training session this is a must before you can be rostered. If you are already a Minister of the Word or Eucharist then this will be a valuable refresher. All Welcome! Please indicate if you can attend on the form on the table near the main doors.

Good Friday: The Way of the Cross at John Paul College, Daisy Hill will still be held at 10am on 14th April. If you plan to attend and are willing to read at one of the Stations, please write your name on the white form at the back of the Church.

Enrolments for 2018 for St Peter's Catholic Primary School are being taken now. Please contact the School Office on 3341 4800 for an enrolment pack.

Are you new to our Parish like Fr Baiyi? 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



Social Justice Group News: Thank you so much for your generosity on IWD. We raised \$870 for the needs of the girls in Zambia and the Fistula Foundation in Ethiopia.

Thank you for signing the Easter cards for The City of Joy with loving messages. Also, you made stars for the "Million Stars to End Violence" project. Some of you expressed the desire to have additional star weaving days. So, we will be making stars after each Mass on the weekend of the **25/26 March**.

A heartfelt thank you to all members of the Social Justice Group to make IWD special. *Erika*



and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Focus on Parish Ministries: Linen Ministry - this group of volunteers wash altar cloths, purifiers & any linen used for Mass. Purifiers are washed on a weekly roster. Altar cloths and Altar Servers' robes are washed when required. We need more helpers on the once a month roster but we would also use more volunteers to do the occasional washing too. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help this important Ministry.

Parishioner requires a babysitter for 2 hours of a morning during the week. Willing to pay. If anyone is able to assist please phone 0423649559 for further information.

Centenary of Mary Immaculate School at Annerley 29th & 30th April. See noticeboard for more info



Understanding Police Check Requirements within Parishes.

Volunteers engaging with Vulnerable Adults as part of their ministry are required by legislation to hold a current Police Certificate.

There are lots of questions around Police Check requirements, so we have tried to address a number of these here. If you have any additional questions about Police Checks as a volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, Troy Tornabene-tornabene@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3752.

Due to the complexity, all new volunteer engagement is to be managed through the Parish Office and not through individual ministries. All forms are to be collected from the Parish Office.

Police Checks – Protection of Vulnerable Adults

Checks volunteer's suitability to work with vulnerable adults.

Under The Age Care Act (Police Certificate Guidelines 2014) volunteers engaged in Nursing Homes/Aged care facilities visits are required to hold a current Police Certificate.

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy apply the same requirements to those volunteers visiting vulnerable adults in their homes. This includes extraordinary ministers of Communion to the Sick, Care and Concern (if visiting homes), etc.

If you have been in your ministry for years and asked to complete a Police Check - Please don't take a request as a personal attack on your integrity – these changes apply as our compliance with various legislation and the Archdiocese risk controls for the protection of vulnerable adults.

Volunteers are to **ONLY** use Police Check forms provided by the Archdiocese.

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll.

If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Training Course: held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 3rd May to 22nd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm. We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion and Graduation of the Course. The various ministries of Pastoral response are the Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications is Friday 21st April 2017. Please apply now in writing to: Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006 or Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. Fax (07) 3257 1885. email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil for the Unborn: Our annual 40 day, 24 hour prayer vigil at Bowen Hills goes all through Lent and we need prayer volunteers like you! If you can spare a few hours over Lent to pray for the lives of unborn children, please email us at 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com or visit us at 40df.net on how to be involved!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Nancy Nunan, Samy Tokatly, Bella Aguas

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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, Dennis Zandona, Betty Settree, Cecil Allen, John Carlton

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Pat Mildren, Ann Mendoza, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Michael Ah Koy, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Roger Byrne, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Terri Mills, 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 25th & 26th March 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Faith Coyer John Coyer Jo Cullen	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Geoff Hondroudakis	Monika	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Joan D'Netto Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Theresa Cruz Bev de Paola Stephanie Lenihan	Jada	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Vickie Routledge Lynn White Cora Gatbonton	Volunteers please	Liz

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Wiasa Beak, Kate Guy. Help needed!

Children's Liturgy: Stephanie Lenihan **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sun 26th March after the 9am Mass: Stephanie Lenihan, Julie Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills

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:

Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

Social Justice Group Facebook:

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