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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."*

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20th August 2017

(Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28)

### Welcome the Stranger

This week we celebrate Migrant and Refugee Week 2017 in our parish when we recall the role of migration in our own land be it Aboriginal migration over 60,000 years ago or European migration which commenced in 1788.

In our parish we have people from many different countries of origin, some who have fled poverty, some who have fled violence and some who have simply sought a better place to raise their families. Wherever we have come from, we who were once 'strangers' rejoice in being part of this community.

Jesus identifies Himself as a stranger to be welcomed (*Matthew 25:35*). The Catholic Church teaches that Christ has in some way united himself to every person, whether or not one is aware of this.

Christ will consider done to himself the kind of treatment that is reserved to any human person, in particular, to the least among them, the stranger. While the gospel compels us to welcome strangers it also presents the opportunity to practice the commandment to love God "with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength" and to love the other "as you love yourself" *Mark 12:29-31*.

Pope John Paul II invited us to an ever deeper awareness of the mission of the Catholic Church: "to see Christ in every brother and sister in need, to proclaim and defend the dignity of every migrant, every displaced person and every refugee. In this way, assistance given will not be considered an alms from the goodness of our heart, but an act of justice due to them". *Deacon Mike*

**"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (*Matthew 25:35*)**

**From the Social Justice Group:** Every year in August Catholics around Australia celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday. It is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. Most Australians have immigrant ancestors who have come to this Great Southern Land in search for better opportunities for themselves and their families and have reaped rich rewards. This trend is continuing today when desperate people, fleeing violence and extreme poverty in their homelands knock on our door asking us to let them in.

For the 103 World Day of Migrants and Refugees Pope Francis has chosen the theme: "Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless". The beautiful poster for 2017 portrays Jesus surrounded by two children, one in total distress and the other peacefully attending to writing. Check out the poster on the banner, in front of the altar.

At present 535 million children live in countries affected by conflict and disaster, deprived of food, shelter, health care and education. When migrant and refugee children come to Australia, attention needs to be paid to assisting parents. By helping families, children will have the best opportunities of succeeding in their new home. Education is vital in assisting child migrants and parents. Many catholic parishes and schools have embraced refugee children. Many libraries provide homework help every afternoon during school time.

If you wish to read the full papal address and the message of Bishop Vincent Van Nguyen, the Bishop of Parramatta, go to : **Migrant and Refugee Kit 2017**

On this Sunday let us celebrate our rich cultural mix. Let us also resolve to be inclusive and welcoming and to create a harmonious and multicultural nation that offers freedom, peace, democracy, acceptance and opportunity for all.

**Readings for next weekend: 21st Sunday in Ordinary time**

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 21st Aug</b>	<b>St Pius X</b> No Mass
<b>TUE 22nd Aug</b>	<b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.00pm RCIA
<b>WED 23rd Aug</b>	No Mass
<b>THU 24th Aug</b>	<b>St Bartholomew</b> 7.30pm Enrich your Faith Through the Word: A Prayer and Study group.
<b>FRI 25th Aug</b>	9.00am Rosary No Mass
<b>SAT 26th Aug</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 27th Aug</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass followed by Cuppa & Chat 6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will be held this Sunday at the 9am Mass. Parents please note that we require at least one parent to stay with the Children's Liturgy group each week so that there are 2 adults present. Thanks to those parents who have already been helping us!

**Share the Dignity:** We are collecting donations of sanitary products to help homeless and at-risk women through the Share the Dignity charity. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of August for sanitary item donations. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation instead please contact Julie.

**Communion Ministers & Readers & Mass Co-ordinators** Please collect your new rosters for September to November.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** With Fr Baiyi's extended leave we have delayed the process for the new PPC. More information soon

**Church Locked:** The Church will be locked and alarmed most weekdays at 1.15pm.

Fr Baiyi sends us thanks from China for our prayers for him and his family on the death of his mother last week. Now Fr Baiyi's father is ill and in hospital though he is recovering. Please pray for him. Fr Baiyi had already planned to go home for his holidays in September and has been granted leave until then so he will return to us in early October.

**Spotlight on Ministry: Extraordinary Ministers of communion** In this ministry people assist in distributing the Eucharist at Masses. This is a wonderful ministry that will draw those involved closer to the Holy Spirit, enrich their faith and deepen the call to serve one another in Christ's name. It is a privileged role as it is considered an honour to share the Body and Blood of Christ to our faithful community at St Peter's. Please consider becoming an Extraordinary Communion Minister and join this ministry. Training can be arranged. If you are wanting to know more, please contact Julie in the parish office or see Fr Baiyi.

### **Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

**Training:** Thanks to the 60 parishioners who attended training last week. Thanks also to Troy Tornabene for his excellent presentation. It is a requirement of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy that **all parish volunteers** attend training in the area of Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. To ensure that our Parish is compliant with this Policy, your attendance at a training session is required. We will arrange another session in the coming months for all those volunteers who didn't manage to make last week's sessions. If you are a teacher and can produce a certificate to show you have done training at school this year, please provide a copy of the certificate to Julie in the Parish Office.

**Parish Dinner :** Will be held on 7 October at the Glen Hotel Function Room, in Eight Mile Plains. The cost is \$60 which includes: Canapés on arrival, main meal, dessert, and coffee. Soft Drinks and alcohol available for purchase. If you would like help for transport, see one of the Pastoral Councillors or Fr Baiyi. We will be fundraising towards security lighting around the church. Everyone is welcome. Keep an eye out for ticket sales. Donations for raffle prizes welcome. Please bring them to the Parish Office.

**Enrich Your Faith Through the Word: A Prayer and Study group.** This week's topic is on Usage in the Contemporary World. Learn about the moral teachings of the Bible of church, learn how Liturgy and prayer use the Bible. In the secular world how does it relate to the teachings of the Bible, in regard to the legal system and common law? Thursday night 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. So come along, bring your Bible with you and meet the challenge to learn about God's word in our world today.

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**Entertainment Books 2017/18** are available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. \$65. Books and the new digital memberships are both available. You can purchase online at [www.entbook.com.au/2224e97](http://www.entbook.com.au/2224e97) or buy today or during the week from the Parish Office.

***Invitations from around the Archdiocese:***

**Queensland Catholic Schools & Colleges Music Festival:** The annual QCMF will be held Thursday night 17th – Sunday 20th August at Villanova College & St James Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from all over Queensland perform in choirs, bands, and ensembles. Festival Passes, available at the door, are \$10/Adult and \$5/Concession. For more information, visit [www.qcmf.com.au](http://www.qcmf.com.au)

**PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM.** Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese are chaplains to people in hospitals, the military and the police. They also serve in parishes. They are able to evangelise in various sectors of society by bringing a sacramental presence through their lives and ministry. If someone you would recommend feels called by God to this service of the Church, please encourage and help them in their discernment. For further information contact Fr Trevor Trotter at the Clergy Support Office on 3324 3324 or at [trottert@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:trottert@bne.catholic.net.au). For those wishing to commence our Enquiry Program in March of 2018 the due date for applications is September 1st 2017.

**Fr Hans Zollner SJ** has been asked by the Archbishop to work with parish & youth leadership, volunteers and other key members of Parish communities and provide input, reflect and prayer on the topic of: "The emerging theology and spirituality of the priesthood and the world view of the Ecclesial significance of clerical abuse". Saturday 2 September 2017, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Clairvaux MacKillop College, 24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt. Fr Zollner, a licensed psychologist and psychotherapist is professor in the Gregorian Religion of the University of Durham England and serves as President of the Centre for Child Protection at the Gregorian.

**St Ignatius Parish Toowong's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality**—Tuesday 5th September 7.30pm – 9.15pm at Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Terrace, Toowong. No Booking Required. Donation at the door. Supper provided. See flyers. Parking Available - Please check Stuartholme School's website [www.stuartholme.com](http://www.stuartholme.com) for details. This is usually a great night. See Mary Naughton or Jo Cullen or call Julie in the parish Office to organise to car-pool from St Peter's.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Shaofen Li (*Fr Baiyi's mother*), PJ Granville-Edge, Frank Rynne, Ann Stewart

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** John Kennedy, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Joan Routledge, Maureen Morrissey, David Kirk, Jan Seeto, Laurie Barriere, Wanda Michell, Margaret Quail, Kim Chock Ho, Ray McGregor, Dell Leary, Rose Ahern, Kim Tian Cho, Susan Maree Foley, Daniel Michael Sullivan, Catharina van Hoof, Gloria Simpson, Lena Quinn, Lynlie Warbrooke, Fay O'Brien, James Bonwick, Shirley Colhoun, Celestine Ellison

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Ursula Williamson, Aline de Baritault, Kieran McKenna, Val Holzberger, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Anne Hawkins, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, 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 26th & 27th August 2017**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mark Connolly	C 1 2	Michael Claridge Joyce Lyster Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Faith Coyer John Coyer Lydia Chew	Monica Talia	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Grace Tuazon	C 1 2	Kevin McMahon Bev de Paola Maria Chamberlain	June Wilson Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon	Volunteers please	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Jo Cullen Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Deacon Mike Jones Matthew Jarvis	Chevonne Rena	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 8 Basil's cleaners

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

**Cuppa:** after the 9am Mass on 27th August: 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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