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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."

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

22nd October 2017

(Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21)

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God". This saying is always used to discuss the relationship between the Church and the state and one tenet has been reached by many people: The Church should not interfere with the administration of the state and the state ought to ensure the full religious freedom of the Church. This is a very important principle and it is practiced by many nations around the world. Of course, the Church has been trying its best to have dealings with other countries according to this principle.

However, some might misunderstand this saying and they would say, "We should give back to Caesar what belongs to him—and to God what belongs to God, so, the Church and the state don't have much in common with each other." And then, in their opinion, as a Catholic, we should stay out of politics. We will be good enough if we go to Mass regularly, pray to God devoutly, and spread the Good News of Jesus diligently. And politics don't have anything to do with us. We should keep a distance from it and try not to touch it, then we can keep the purity of our hearts. To some, politics is a place full of dirty works, chaos and deceit. The further we stay away from it, the better it would be for us. Actually, this is a very deep misunderstanding about politics as well as faith. In fact, as a Christian, the worse the politics gets, the more responsibility we have to pay close attention to the politics, even devote ourselves to it.

Faith concerns the whole life of humankind and covers all aspects of human life. Politics is the public administration of a country, involving many life areas, such as education, civilization, wellbeing of humans, the level of human physical life etc, almost including or impacting each aspect of human life. As an institution, surely the Church should not get involved in the actual administration and daily operation of the state? But the Church has the huge responsibility to care about politics, endeavouring to promote the stability, transparency, justice and development of politics in a proper way. In so doing, the level of happiness of all the people can be guaranteed and increased.

Therefore, my dear friends, I would like to urge all of you to care about politics reasonably. Firstly, we should meet all the laws decreed by a legitimate government, such as paying tax properly. Secondly, do whatever we should do as a citizen, for example, voting seriously. We need to do some research about the candidates before we make a decision, trying to avoid voting for anyone without proper consideration or according to our personal not the country's interests. Thirdly, as individual Christians, you are encouraged to engage in actual political activities, such as being a member of federal parliament when you get a good opportunity to do so. Taking part in meaningful political activities is one of our Christian duties, too. Remember, if we have one more good politician, then we will have one less bad politician. I believe that if we have more good Christians enter politics and if they can do their jobs according to Christian values and principles, then our society will be much better. By this, the wellbeing of people will be assured; the common good of society will be increased; and social justice will be reinforced. Then the paradise of the world will come true and the kingdom of heaven will not be far away. *Fr Baiyi*

Readings for next weekend: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Happy 21st Birthday Social Justice Group!! Congratulations to all those who have been a part of the Social Justice Group over the last 21 years.

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 23rd Oct	8.00am Mass
TUE 24th Oct	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 25th Oct	6.30am Mass
THU 26th Oct	No Mass
FRI 27th Oct	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 28th Oct	Sts Simon & Jude 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 29th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Parish – School Family Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday but will take a break next Sunday 29th for the Parish-School Family Mass. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. We require at least one parent to accompany the group with the leader so we have 2 adults present

Cuppa and Chat Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the 9am Mass this Sunday 22nd and again for a special BBQ & morning tea after the 9am Family Mass next Sunday 29th October.

Parish Census: It has been 7 years since we last conducted a Parish Census so many of our records are out of date. This weekend 21st & 22nd October we will be conducting a parish census with catch up over the following weekends for anyone who is away.

Date Claimer: Care & Concern Christmas Lunch Saturday 2nd December 12 noon

Social Justice News: Dear friends, on 22nd October, after the 9 am Mass, we will be celebrating the 21st Birthday of the Social Justice Group with a cake at morning tea. We thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the years and ask you to support us in our work with your prayers.

In response to some requests last weekend: If anyone would like to make a cash donation to the Romero Centre who work to help asylum seekers, please place your donation in a clearly marked envelope and put it on the collection plate or give it to Julie in the Parish Office and we will organise one cheque to be sent to them. Erika on behalf of the members of the Social Justice Group.

All Souls Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm, followed by supper. We invite everyone to join us for that Mass as we remember all those who have died, particularly during the past year.

Spotlight on Ministry: Bereavement Group.

This group contacts those parishioners whom we know have experienced recent bereavement in their family. They are sent a card following the death, expressing our community sympathy and prayers. We also remember them with a card at the first anniversary of the death. A special Mass is held on 2 November (the Feast of All Souls) each year and these families are invited to attend, where they are given a lighted candle to place before the altar which will burn throughout the Mass. They are then invited to take their candle home at the end of Mass if they so wish. This year, All Souls is on Thursday week. All Parishioners are invited to attend and everyone can write on a special card provided, for other deceased members of their families whom they wish to be remembered at this Mass. After Mass we gather for supper which provides a time for sharing and healing.

Bereavement Group is in need of 1 or 2 more volunteers to join them. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

Planned Giving Options: Have you considered Direct Debit or Credit Card or even Direct Bank Transfer for your Planned Giving? If you would like to direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account. Our BSB is 064-786 and Account no. is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

St Peter's Outside School Hours Care are recruiting casual staff to join their team. See the noticeboard for more information and contact the service via email rochedaleoshc@bne.centacare.net.au



St Peter's School and Parish Family Mass

Sunday 29th October 2017
9am Mass



All Families invited to come along!

Followed "On the Green" outside church
Meet other families
Sausage Sizzle Breakfast
Tea and Coffee
Icy Poles
Games for the Kids



Come along enjoy being part of our School and Parish

CRI in State Schools need more volunteers:

Volunteers do not need to be teachers or teacher trained. Training and resources are all provided and the class teacher remains in the class in charge of student behaviour. All that is required is the time and desire to share the gospel. People can also team up in pairs if you want to work together. Contact Fr Baiyi, Rita Bishop or Julie in the Parish Office if you think you may be able to help.

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.

Invitations to local events:

St Paul's Woodridge Multicultural Mass &

celebration: Sunday 22nd October commencing at 9am. Multicultural Food Stalls / Whip Cracking Show / Multicultural Dance / Face Painting / BBQ / Hand Made Rosary Stall / Raffle / Over 20 country flag Parade. 3 St Paul's Drive, Woodridge.

Healing Mass (Anointing of the Sick) at St Bernard's Catholic Church, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mount Gravatt. Wednesday 25th October. Reconciliation 6:45pm Mass 7:30pm Supper 8:30pm

St Maximilian Kolbe Parish Spring Fair: Saturday 28th October 8am to 3pm 28-36 Macarthy Rd, Marsden

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreats – Healing lives wounded by abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a confidential healing ministry for the many people who have been touched by an abortion experience. Too often women and men are silenced by their abortions, and the retreats offer a safe place to express grief and to reclaim their voices in an understanding and compassionate environment.

The retreats run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Brisbane Retreat: November 17th – 19th 2017. Cost: \$350

Contact: Jane 0422 172 554 Email: janebacc@gmail.com Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

The Uprising is a Youth Event on Friday 20th October 5pm to 9pm at Wynnum. Live DJ, rides, food trucks, giveaways, fireworks, illusionist Andino, hip-hop artist Myshon Kyd, TDA Dance Crew. Free entry. This is a drug and alcohol free event with the goal of preventing youth suicide. See poster on the noticeboard for more details.

All Hallows Annual Past Pupils Mass: The All Hallows' Past Pupils' are invited to attend the Annual Mass and Biennial Meeting in All Hallows' Chapel on Saturday 28 October at 10.30am followed by Morning Tea in Loretto Hall. To assist catering it is essential to book. Cost towards morning tea is \$20.00 per person and bookings can be made online at www.ahs.qld.edu.au under Quicklinks. RSVP no later than Tuesday 23 October, 2017. For further enquiries please contact Lenore Thompson Foundation Manager and Past Pupil School Liaison on 3831 5632 or email Lenore.Thompson@ahs.qld.edu.au. Limited parking is available at the school.

All Hallows 70 year reunion: A 70 year Reunion at All Hallows for Juniors/Commercials from 1947 on Saturday 28th October. For details and bookings contact Catharine Courtney cmcourtney1@bigpond.com or Tel 07 3862-7890

The Lourdes Hill Past Pupils will be holding our Annual Remembrance Mass on Saturday 4th November at 10am in The Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Lourdes Hill College; we are once again having a procession of candles during the Mass to remember our past pupils who have died during each decade since 1916. If you are aware of past pupils who have passed away since our Remembrance Mass in 2016, would you please send their names to the email address paparker15@bigpond.com, notify the college or bring the names with you to the Mass.

Centacare Pastoral Ministries: Join our prison chaplain team, bearing solace mercy and hope. Pick up a leaflet near the main doors of the church. Read, think and pray to see if this ministry is for you.

Public Lecture: Fr Richard Leonard SJ On Mission with Christ. Christianity is not a private feel-good collective. We are sent out to live and proclaim our spirituality. What does the world look like to which we are sent? What question is the world posing to us, and what responses do we have as we go out? Thursday 2 November (All Souls Day) 6.30pm for 7pm at Holy Spirit Church, Harriett Street, Auchenflower (parking available onsite). Gold coin entry (for Jesuit Mission). Followed by a light supper. Richard is a Queenslander, and a well-known author, speaker and Jesuit priest.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Franco Milaudi (Petra's father), David Finlayson, Fr Chris Schick

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Michael Galea, Ricardo Grimalt, Doreen Jensen, Jerome Taylor, Douglas Legge, Colleen & Michael Hales, Evelyn Daly, Eva Dempsey, Sally Feeney, Marcella Cunningham, Alfons & Friedel Meerwald, Agnes & Henry Lovett

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Marie Toomey, Anthony Van Rooy, Sr Patricia Lynch MMM (Fr John's aunt in Dublin), Evelyn Scanlon, Neil Ballment, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, 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, Don Bechly, Brian Button, 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 28th & 29th October 2017

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Michael Claridge David Crowley Mary Naughton	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Jade	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain School child Kevin McMahan	Marilyn Mills Stephanie Lenihan Donald Fernando	Zac	Carmel & Geoff
Sun 6.00pm	Anne Fry	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Anne Fry	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante ??	Chevonne Rena	Rita

Church Cleaning: 1 Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede, Sue & Donald Fernando, Murray Wickman

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 29th Oct: volunteers needed

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:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

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