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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."

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 23rd September 2018

Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Being the servant of all

In the gospel reading of this weekend, Jesus taught his disciples that "if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all". Obviously, Jesus was encouraging his disciples to serve people in humility. As Christians, we are requested to love God and neighbours. Love requests actions. By serving people around us in humility, we show our love for God and our neighbours. At the same time, we are building up a community of love, in which, we support each other and grow closer to God.

Since I came to this parish, I have been appealing to my parishioners for serving the local parish as our big spiritual family. I am very glad to see that many parishioners have been responding to my appeal very positively and actively. As a result, more and more people have joined in different ministry groups. Some new ministry groups have been formed, such as beautification team, sacristan group, parish office support team, altar servers support group, and so on. Other ministry groups have been strengthened, such as altar servers, from around 5 or 6 to 22 of them, and Mass coordinators, from 3 to 15 of them. Currently, our parish has been growing in numbers and love of God and one another.

Here I would like to share one of many activities that have been happening in the parish as a concrete evidence that our parish has been going well. Last Sunday, our RCIA group organized a very successful BBQ activity on the grassed area between the parish office and the presbytery. There were about 30 people who attended this activity. They were our RCIA team members, three adult and three teenager candidates, their family members and sponsors. They enjoyed the food and the company of one another very much. They shared their life and faith experiences, by which, they deepened their Christian fellowship and developed their friendship. The kids were really having a great time, playing games together for the whole time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our RCIA team for making this special activity successful. Well done!

As we know, many people have been contributing their energy, time and expertise to make all the changes possible in the parish. Making changes is an on-going process. It will never end. As the Parish Priest, I will continue to encourage every parishioner to be a minister, doing something in the parish and organizing more activities like the one I mentioned above. The more our parishioners are willing to serve in humility, the more active, friendly and loving our Parish community will become. I hope one day our parish can become one in which everyone does something and every job can always be done by someone. By then, our local parish will be not only a place for celebrating sacraments, but also a place where people can meet, make friends, get support, have fun, even a place where parishioners can just take some time to be together. Only in this sense, can we call a parish a community.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 24th Sept	8.00am Mass
TUE 25th Sept	8.00am Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting 7.30pm RCIA
WED 26th Sept	NO Mass
THU 27th Sept	Saint Vincent de Paul NO Mass
FRI 28th Sept	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 29th Sept	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 30th Sept	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

NO Mass: Please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday this week 26th September as Fr Baiyi will be attending a Deanery function.

Working Bee Saturday 6th October from 8am. Help needed inside the church and in the garden. Anyone with a ute or trailer would be helpful.

St Peter's Spring Fete Sunday 21st October 10am to 3pm. Donations welcome for the 2nd hand book stall and bric-a-brac. Donations can be left at the church in the marked box. (Any large items please take directly to the school.)

Face-to-face Safeguarding Training for anyone actively ministering to children or vulnerable

adults: In the Logan Deanery, 2 remaining training sessions are **Wed 10th October** at St Edward's at Daisy Hill and **Wed 21st November** at St Bernardine's at Regents Park. Both sessions run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please see Jo or Julie for more information. Registration essential.

Melbourne Cup Lunch Tuesday 6th November 11am to 2.30pm. Book early! Tickets on sale now. \$35 per person. Dress up for a great day.

Collection for the Flood victims in Kerala: There have been many people around the world suffering as a result of recent flooding. We as a parish have organised a collection to help the people who have suffered the terrible effects of the flooding in Kerala, Fr Jacob's home state in India. 350 people died in the flooding last month and a million people were displaced from their homes. This weekend at all Masses we will take up a retiring collection to help these people.

Fr Jacob wrote last week: By now most of the people have left the rescue camps and back to their houses. They lost everything they've built up in their life. Even the text books, uniforms and their documents including ID cards. Now most families have to start from zero. Drinking water, household utensils including cooking glass, and electrical connections are to be done. All the cooking pans and pottery are destroyed. Beds, blankets, cots, chairs, tables are destroyed and damaged. The present attempt is to help them rebuild life including many houses fully destroyed. Many have no land due to landslide and flood. Government does lot of schemes to help them but red tape and politics take over. Churches do lot to help them. We the mcbs adopt a few rural villages to help them to rebuild their future. Join with us in this work of love. May the Lord help us to help the most needy victims of Flood in Kerala. Bless you friends. *Fr Jacob mcbs*

You can see more of Fr Jacob's emails on the notice-board on the church verandah.

Blessing for Pets Sunday 7th October at 11am on the lawn. Bring along your pet for a blessing. If your pet doesn't travel well you can bring a photo instead. Fr Baiyi will also bless some small crosses. Cost \$3 each. Please place your name on the relevant form.

Faith Enrichment Invitation: Come! Listen! Live! Thanks to everyone who attended the retreat afternoon. Thanks especially to the Adult Faith enrichment team and to Margaret Connors in particular.

Social Justice News: Recently we have received an email from CAPSA which stands for Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum. The organization was formed in 2014 to build a groundswell of support from Australian Catholics to uphold the dignity and rights of each person seeking asylum. At present there are 300 asylum seekers in South east Queensland alone who are left adrift with no government assistance and support. We

were asked to write a reflection of how we would feel if this was to happen to us and forward it to as many politicians as possible. The reflection is in the glass cabinet on the church wall.

Next weekend, 29th & 30th September we will celebrate **Social Justice Sunday**. The Social Justice Statement this year prepared by the Australian Catholic Bishops is on Homelessness. It is titled: *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.

Parish Name Badge orders have arrived.

Regarding the Abortion Bill Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born – late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it "in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed". This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/> We encourage you to **write letters to your MP** urging them to vote against this Bill in Parliament.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:

"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelising environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan." (GE 145)

– Pope Francis -Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete Et Exsultate On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*
Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying To have your say visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. We will have another Parish Gathering on 11th November with Mr Rob Cosgrove.

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.



St Vinnies' News: SVDP are seeking Volunteers to join us and get involved in our local works in supporting people in our own Parish area who seek our assistance. To be a member you only need to have compassion, a non-judgemental attitude and most of all a kind heart. You will meet some wonderful people through Conference work and you will feel a great sense of achievement when you have made a difference to somebody's life. We only need a few hours per week
If you are interested and would like some information on what we do please call John Blake on 0411196775

Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on Saturday 6th October at 10.00am. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28th September 2018. Phone 3324 3030 or emailcathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Ralph Morton Memorial Fund Concert Sun 30th Sept at the Cathedral of St Stephen - an afternoon of music from Handel to the present day, featuring the choirs of St Andrew's Cathedral (Sydney), St Francis (Melbourne), as well as the cathedral choirs of St John's and St Stephen's in Brisbane. This will be a sublime event for music lovers. All funds raised will go to the Ralph Morton Memorial Fund to encourage young church musicians to further pursue training and experiences in church music. The cost per ticket is \$20 and these are available via trybooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=405738&>) or at the door.

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: Dot McLennan, Eddie White (Scott's dad), Margaret Fitzsimon,

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Wilfrid Howell, Marilyn Croft, Ricquard Lyster, Ann Ryan, Gus Mitchell, Walter Blattman, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara, Barbara Gleeson, Joan Jebamalai, Bernard Bevan, Tony Bekavac, Mary Cecilia Taurino, William Howard, Cecilia Carlton, Louisa Swan, Melville Donohue, Mary-Josephine Lynch, George Grundy, Mostyn Morgan, Dorothy Wright, Robert Smith, Ian Derbyshire, Margaret Homas, Don Dewar, Colin Pettiford, Joan Stevens, Tom Stevens, Yat-Fung Choi, Shum Kong

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Joachim Brandt, Anne Fry, 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.

29th - 30th Sept	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Carl De Mello	Marilyn Mills	Helen Gracykz
AV Operators	John Donohue	Steve Danudibroto	Malcolm Carroll
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Jo Cullen 2. David Crowley	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Samara Crawford 2. Mary Naughton	C. Helen Gracykz 1. Anne Fry 2. Shane Sweeney
Communion Ministers	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Alan Scanlon Lydia Chew Shane Seymour Marilyn Mills	Gwen Martin Donald Fernando Stephanie Lenihan Kevin Fry Dona Thomas Mel McKay
Altar Servers	Angelina, Luna, Eza	Jada, Finn, Leo	Chevonne
Musicians	Rita	Madden Family	Liz

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

Children's Liturgy: None **This week:** **Sacristan:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's Team

Cuppa: No Cuppa, 5th Sunday of the month

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