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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."

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 24th February 2019

Readings: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38

Put out into the deep water

In the movie *Forrest Gump*, Jenny Curran leaves Forrest Gump after she declines his proposal of marriage. Heartbroken, Gump decides to go running. He keeps running across the country for several years and becomes famous. During this time, a group of people are inspired by Gump and follow him, running too. One day, Gump suddenly decides to stop running and the people who were following him are perplexed and don't know what to do next. Gump started running to help him cope with Jenny's rejection and his loneliness. However, his followers had no reason of their own to run, they were just following what a celebrity had been doing.

As you know, I come from a very Catholic village in China. Many Catholic families live there - families who have been Catholic for many generations. Some of them might be like those who followed Forrest Gump's running. They go to Church, receive sacraments, and attend other Church activities for the following reasons: 1. They feel they have the responsibility to honour the heritage of their ancestors; 2. Their parents and/or grandparents ask them to do this; 3. Perhaps some people in the village do this because they are worried that, if they don't they could be considered as outsiders; 4. They follow out of a habit that began when they were kids. In short, people practice their faith not because of the faith itself. They don't really fully understand what the faith is about and the importance of this faith.

I believe there are very few parishioners, if any, who are like those Catholics in my village. However, it is still important for us to be vigilant. I noticed that, in Australia, many Catholics have been to Catholic schools, where they were taught some Catechesis. When they were prepared for Sacramental journeys, they would have been taught some more Catechesis. However, I believe that if, after school, individuals don't choose for themselves to develop their knowledge of the faith, then it is difficult for them to grow more in the understanding of Catechesis.

As St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109) said, "Faith seeks understanding". After we have the basic faith in God, (that is a totally-free gift from God), then we have the responsibility to try to understand this gift of faith. The more we understand and acknowledge how good and important our faith is, the stronger and deeper our faith can become. Of course, we don't have to be theologians or Scripture scholars. What we need to do is to use the results of their work. What we need to learn is not just the "knowledge" or the "facts", but the reasons why the Bible and the teaching of the Church are helpful and significant for us. God has gifted us with intelligence so we should use it to grow closer to God.

My dear friends, I would like to take this opportunity to challenge you as Jesus challenged Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4). Please try to take some time to think about why your faith is important and supportive to you. Why do you need/want to attend Mass? Why did Jesus institute the sacrament of Reconciliation?... By doing this, I hope our faith will grow stronger and stronger. Then we will never JUST follow someone else when we practice our faith. In no way will we be like those who simply tagged along behind Forrest Gump. *Fr Baiyi*

Readings for next weekend: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 25th Feb	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 26th Feb	8.00am Mass with children 7.00pm RCIA 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
WED 27th Feb	6.30am Mass
THU 28th Feb	No Mass
FRI 1st Mar	World Day of Prayer 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 10.30am Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service
SAT 2nd Mar	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 3rd Mar	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

New Rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are ready for collection.

Seeking Granny Flat: A former parishioner would love to return to our parish area and is seeking a Granny flat to rent. If you can help please call Eliane on 0415 977 790.

High School Open Days: See the notice-board for information on Open Days at Clairvaux MacKillop College (8th March), San Sisto College (12th March) and St Thomas More College (14th March).

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World Day of Prayer: The local ecumenical World Day of Prayer service for Slovenia will be held here in our church this Friday 1st March at 10.30am. We would really love many of our parishioners to come along. Light refreshments to follow. *(As this is the first Friday of the month, we will postpone our usual Adoration and Healing Mass to the following Friday 8th March. Rosary will be at 9am and Mass at 9.30am this Friday 1st March.)*

The 2019 Lenten Journey at St Peters.

Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday falling on March 6th. This Lent you are invited to participate in the many and varied opportunities that will be offered in our Parish.

Mark these dates in your calendars and take up the challenge to pray, reflect, listen and share as we walk the Lenten Journey Together.

Beginning the Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 6:30am, 9:30 am and 7:30pm

Weekly Journeying Together in Prayer and Reflection

- **Lenten Group** (with cuppa) Thursday mornings at the Parish Centre at 10am. Commencing 7 March.
- **Lenten Reflection** Friday nights at 7:00 commencing 8 March.
- **Stations of the Cross** Friday nights at 7.30pm commencing 8 March.

Saturday Opportunities to Journey Together in Lent

- Saturday 23 March 8.30am - **"Walking together with Jesus"** - Labyrinth Walk at St Peters School grounds.
- Saturday April 8.30am - **Weaving the Palm Crosses** on the Church verandah

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Monday 8 April 7.30pm Communal Second Rite Reconciliation St Peter's Catholic Church
Individual Reconciliation Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Collecting Oral Care Recycling for the school and the planet! we are again collecting oral care recycling for the school as part of the competition through Terracycle so bring in your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, dental floss containers and all their packaging etc. Put them to the marked box in the church.

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

ENQUIRY SESSIONS

Wed 27th February 7.30pm Parish Centre

Friday 15th March School after assembly

Come and See what our Community BELIEVES LIVES PRAYS

Contact: Speak to Fr. Baiyi or Ph Mary Naughton on 0413 224 339, for more information – or just turn up for one of the sessions.

St Peter's Outside School Hours Care is seeking to hire a casual Children's Services Employee. Please see the noticeboard for more info. Applications close this Wednesday 27th February. Email your application and resume to co.rochedaleoshc@bne.centacare.net.au

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position of Youth Ministry Coordinator at the Rochedale Parish. This position is for 2 years for 10 hours a week. *(6 months probation)* For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and then select 'careers'.

Applications close – 15th March 2019

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

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.

Invitation from the Social Justice Group of Our Lady of Lourdes parish to hear Local MP Graham Perrett With the federal election to be held soon the members of the Social Justice Community at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Sunnybank are sponsoring a meeting with the member for Moreton, Mr Graham Perrett on Tuesday 26th February in the Avocado Room at the rear of the parish centre on Mains Road, Sunnybank, commencing at 7pm. Mr Perrett will outline the Opposition's stance on a number of important issues and will take questions from the audience. All interested parishioners are invited to attend the meeting.

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PNG Immersion Program: Are you between 18-35 years old and want to make a difference? Join us for the Canossian Australian Volunteer Immersion to Papua New Guinea from 23rd June – 3rd July 2019. This will be a formation based opportunity to help out in our Canossian mission in Port Moresby and to immerse yourself in another experience of life. Places are limited so get in quick. For more info contact Sr Mel on 0484 007 508.

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: Greg Nicholls, Norma Nicholls, Gordon Timms, Alexander Ross, Riadh Rammo, Vic McKay, Barbara Walker, Ken Peters

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S. McNaughton, Joseph Bishop, Cyril Scott, Evelyne Orr, Gus (Jnr) Mitchell, June Payne, Salvatore Russo, Andrew Neilsen John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey, Eileen O'Doherty, Sr Agnes Rita, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux

Please pray for those who are sick, especially 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, 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, John Drew, John Green, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando 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.

2nd & 3rd Mar	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Mass Co-ordinators	Carl de Mello	Kevin Healan	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operators	Steve Danudibroto	Mick Denton	Mike Collier
Readers	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Clive D'Silva 2. Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C. Jo Cullen 1. Romana Langdon 2. Teacher School	C. Lynn White 1. Helen Graczyk 2. Shane Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Deacon Mike Jones Rob Meulman Trish Meulman	Kevin Healan Gwen Martin Del Reynolds Julie Hondroudakis	Stephanie Lenihan Diane McKeone Bernard Langdon
Altar Servers	Angelina, Talia	Jada, Agnes, Angela	Finn W, Jerome, Chevonne
Musicians	Geoff	Anne Flood	Liz

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Kathy Winter, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent **This week: Sacristan:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's Team

Cuppa: Sunday 3rd March after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Malcolm Carroll

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