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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."

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

24th June 2018

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

His name is John

Today we are celebrating the birthday of St John the Baptist. Liturgically, except for Jesus, we celebrate the birthday of only two holy people. One is Mary, Mother of Jesus, and the other is today's saint, John the Baptist. We know he was the forerunner of Jesus. His job was to "prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight". John the Baptist did the following to fulfil his mission.

Firstly, He preached to the people. He started preaching by saying: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Many people in those days deviated from the right track of the religion. They either didn't stress the importance of the Law or they laid too much stress on the external terms of the Law. They just missed the true spirit of the Law. John the Baptist asked them to repent and reflect on their spiritual life, by which he hoped they could realize and understand their problems. Then they could become humbler and more willing to learn. Thus, when the true teacher came, they would listen to Him and take His teaching seriously.

Secondly, he administered baptism. That was the baptism of repentance. Repentance requires actions. By receiving his baptism, people could express their resolve of repentance through the particular rite. By his baptism, John the Baptist formed the people's recognition of signs and symbols and made them realize the magnitude of baptism. When Jesus came, he would institute the sacraments. Through the particular signs and symbols, the sacraments are the means for us to express our trust in and dependence on God, and for God to communicate His grace to us.

Thirdly, John the Baptist used himself as an instrument of the spirit of the true faith. He led a very tough life, living in the wildness, wearing clothing made of camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey. When Jesus came, He had nowhere to lay His head. Even, He would carry the cross to Golgotha, enduring His passion and all other human sufferings. Beginning with John the Baptist, and strengthened and lifted by Jesus, it became clearer and clearer that faith involved not just theories or empty talking, but a real life.

Lastly, as a way of promoting morality, John the Baptist criticized the wrongdoing of Herod who took his brother's wife as his own. John knew well that if he criticised those in power, he could be in a big trouble. For the sake of justice, he didn't hesitate to put his own life at risk. Eventually, Herodias took revenge and had John beheaded in prison. By this, John the Baptist taught people that faith required sacrifices when needed. His sacrifice of life foreshadowed Jesus' own sacrifice of his life on the cross. Also, by this, John helped people prepare themselves well to make sacrifices when needed.

Dear friends, as the forerunner of Jesus, John the Baptist did a great job, having fulfilled all necessary preparation work. Let us learn from him in preparing ourselves well in order to welcome Jesus into our hearts and make the kingdom of heaven present among us by loving God and our neighbours.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 25th June	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Music Ministry Meeting
TUE 26th June	8.00am Mass with children 7.00pm RCIA 7.30pm Baptism Meeting
WED 27th June	6.30am Mass
THU 28th June	Saint Irenaeus No Mass
FRI 29th June	Saints Peter and Paul 9.00am Rosary (in the Parish Office meeting room) 9.30am Whole School Mass for St Peter's Day. All Welcome
SAT 30th June	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 1st July	The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 9.00am Mass 11.30am Altar Servers Support Group Meeting 6.00pm Mass

Colgate Community Garden Challenge

Recycle oral care waste for the chance to win a recycled community garden set for our school! St Peter's Catholic Primary School has joined the Colgate Community Garden Challenge! We are collecting oral care waste and online votes for a chance to win a recycled community garden set to grow our own veggie patch! You can help by bringing along your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, the cardboard boxes they came in, dental floss containers. We collect any brand. These will be recycled by TerraCycle. There is a box at the back of the church for your recycling.



St Vinnies Winter Appeal Fun Day this Sunday 24th June 10am to 2pm

Please join us to raise funds to help St Vinnies help others.



St Peter's Feast day will be celebrated by our parish next weekend, 30th June & 1st July, instead of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please join us for a special Cuppa and Chat after each Mass that Weekend and a sausage sizzle after 9am.

Note for readers: the readings for that weekend are not in *Break Open the Word*. You can collect your readings for practicing from the Sacristy this weekend.

Peter's Pence: The Archbishop has decided to change the annual date for the parish collections for Peter's Pence to the first Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on 29 June. This year it will therefore be next Sunday 1 July which we here at St Peter's will celebrate as our parish feast day.

At all Masses on the weekend of 30th June/1st July the annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.

Mass this Friday 29th June we will be celebrating St Peter's Feast day with the school. All welcome. Rosary Group will meet at 9am in the Parish Office meeting room.

Volunteer Data Forms, Blue Cards etc. Any ministers who have outstanding Blue Card forms or Police Check forms please be advised that these are now too late to be processed. New forms will be available in early July. Please see Jo for more info.

Confirmation: Enrolment forms are still being accepted for Confirmation for 2018 for children in Grade 3 and above. Contact the Parish Office if you would like your child to be Confirmed this year (Friday 7th September). Please return forms to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday 24th June during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Mass as usual. Children's Liturgy will then take a break for the school holidays and return on July 22nd. Leaders, please notify Jodie if you know of any dates you are unavailable in Term 3 so the new roster can be prepared. If you would like to help out at Children's Liturgy, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Music Liturgy Meeting: The next Music Liturgy meeting is on Monday 25 June at 7:30pm.

If you are interested in planning the music for Masses, please come along to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South and bring your copy of *Break Open the Word*.

Any questions? Please phone Elizabeth Fort 33410852.

Home Communion Ministers please collect your new rosters

Church Cleaners please collect your new rosters.

We still have another vacancy in one of the groups so if you could help please contact Jo.

Old Church Organ: The organ is in need of repairs and as none of our musicians can play it we are planning on getting rid of it. If anyone has any attachment to it (eg your family donated it) or would like it at your house please contact the Parish Office.

The Journey Catholic Radio Program: This week on the Journey Fr Steve Varney reflects on the Gospel of Luke. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abby about "The Sun is rising", Pete Gilmore reminds us to "Be Still" in his Living the Gospel God spot and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, talks to us about "Overcoming Busyness". We have some great music this week, creating a show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

"There is no cross, big or small, in our life which the Lord does not share with us." *Pope Francis*
Way of the Cross at World Youth Day Brazil 2013

Ignite Youth Conference 2018: Thurs 27 - Sun 30 September. Four huge days of rallies, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, festival areas, ministry partner expos, Catholic resources, mind-blowing performances and much more... Early Bird Rego expires June 30. Individual Early Bird \$260 Regular \$285 www.igniteconference.com.au

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Bequests and Endowments: Have you considered leaving a bequest or endowment to the parish in your will? Contact the Parish Office for more information.



St Vinnies News: Our Parish SVDP Winter Appeal fundraiser this Sunday 24th June from 10am to 2pm on the lawn between the church and school. This fun morning is vital to our fundraising efforts and we ask you to give it your full support. There will be a cake stall, food, raffles, lucky dips and entertainment as well as a silent auction of lovely handmade patchwork quilts. Please join us to help raise funds to help local families in need.



Entertainment Book for 2018-19 gives you thousands of dollars worth of vouchers. Cost \$70. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or during the week from Jo in the Parish Office. Book and digital memberships available. Great for the school holidays!

Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

Jubilee Celebration of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop William Morris (25 years) on Tuesday 26th June at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, James St, Toowoomba.

Theology in the City Lecture Series: Tues 26th June. This 4th lecture in a series of six for 2018 is entitled – "Redeeming the Body—God's Vision for the human person", presented by Dr Adam Cooper – Lecturer in Theology JPPII Institute of Marriage and Family. Cost \$5/person. Lectures run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, with refreshments from 6.30pm. Approved by BCE as 1.5 hour PD Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School.

Grief & Loss Seminar: The Compassionate Friends Qld is hosting a seminar entitled "Grief as Collective Medicine." When: Saturday 30 June 2017 from 8.45am—3.00pm at the O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale Street, Wilston Full programme information & online booking: www.CompassionateFriendsQld.org.au
Supporting family after a child dies ; At any age & from any cause

Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care: This workshop is for people who assist or advocate for others and are interested in learning more about mental Health and Pastoral Care. Wed 25th July 9am to 4.30pm at Chermshire Kedron Community Church, 590 Gympie Rd, Chermshire. Cost \$50 per person. See noticeboard

Mary MacKillop Mass at the Cathedral: Everyone across the Archdiocese is invited to attend the Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday August 8. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Coleridge at 10.00am. Morning tea will be provided on the Cathedral lawns afterwards. Due to the Mass being held on a weekday there will be no public parking available. The Mass will also be webcast live at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Diane Fellowes, Joe Wegener

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Marie Peters, Stan Bennett, Mary Ann Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Jeanne Gallagher, Vince Henderson, Mary Tallon, David Harris, Agnes Brady, Joe Harry Holden, James Toy, Thomas Crowe, Nell Irvine, Henry Bevan, Ruth Hayward, Lyn Coquerand, Lorna Jean Feeney, Mary Orr, Alice Litster, Carmel Erin May, Daphne Laverty, Ada Maloney, Shirley Neilson, Charles Seymour-Smith, Eileen Seymour-Smith, Charles Orr, Robyn Smith, Rod Earle, Stuart Sarich, Gert Kelly, Judy Copely, Christine Burgess, Eileen Carter, Richard Murra, Bernard Vanden Boom, Horace Peters, Maud Winter

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Shiara Adamson, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, 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.

Roster 30th June & 1st July 2018

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Joseph Varkey Monika Svarc (Jnr)	Carl De Mello Joyce Lyster Monika Svarc (Snr)		Talia Layla Luna	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Jo Cullen	C 1 2	Lydia Chew Del Reynolds Arthur Leow	Deacon Mike Jones Jo Cullen Stephanie Lenihan Marilyn Mills	Gwen Martin Anne Scanlon Joan d'Netto	Jada Agnes Angela	Anne Flood
Sun 6.00pm	Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Vicki Routledge Fiorenzo Matarazzo Charisse Mone	Helen Graczyk Ros Dawson Mel McKay		Chevonne Eza	Tim

Church Cleaning: 4 Basil's Cleaners

Children's Liturgy: none

This week: Linen: Glenys Peters **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Cuppa & Chat after all Masses 30th June & 1st July for our Parish Feast Day. Help 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: Mal Jensen 0411641312

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am
(1st Fridays 8.30am) All Welcome!

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.



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