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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."

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

25th February 2018

Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

Praying the Stations of the Cross

Praying the Stations of the Cross has been an integral part of the devotional life of Catholics for centuries. The roots of the devotion can be found among the early Christian practices. We know that the last few days in the life of Jesus Christ, in which He suffered, died and rose, have been a special source of devotion. And pilgrimages to the Holy Places connected with these last days began in the early centuries, but not all the faithful could make a trip to the Holy Land. People needed to find some other way to commemorate and spiritually share what Jesus had experienced in His last period of earthly life. It's believed that five stations already appeared in the fifth century. However, the now familiar number of 14 first appeared in the 16th century. In 1991, Pope Saint John Paul II reshaped the stations of the Cross to include only those stations found in the Gospels.

In today's Church, the devotion is still a very common practice, particularly during the period of Lent, because it is very important and helpful in deepening our relationship with the Lord. When we pray the Stations of the Cross, we are being led to an experience of the deep love of God revealed through the suffering and death of the Lord. It also can provide an opportunity for reflection on how God's love is revealed through our experiences of loss, betrayal, and death. Praying these stations, whether in private or as a part of public prayer, should help a person draw closer to Jesus Christ.

In our Parish of St Peter's, we encourage every parishioner to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7:30pm during Lent. It is our hope that as you do this, you will experience the same certitude of faith in the love that God has for you as Jesus did when he accepted His cross, and that you will be rewarded with a share in His resurrection. Please believe that it is a great way for us to prepare ourselves well for the celebrations of Easter.

Here I would like to invite our parishioners to be active in leading this important devotion. It will be a good opportunity to experience and taste deeper and better what Jesus has endured in the last stage of His earthly life by not only attending it but leading it. You don't have to do a lot of preparations. We have some books of the Stations of the Cross kept in the sacristy. You just need to choose one of them and then start leading. Nice and simple! Some experienced parishioners and myself will be there helping you. Hope to see all of you on Friday evenings in Lent. May God bless you all.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

World Day of Prayer this year is to be held at St Edward the Confessor, Daisy Hill on Wednesday 13th March, commencing with Mass at 9:00am then prayers for Suriname.

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

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| MON 26th Feb | 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Finance Council meeting |
| TUE 27th Feb | 8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting |
| WED 28th Feb | 6.30am Mass |
| THU 1st Mar | 9.30am Lenten Discussion Group 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group |
| FRI 2nd Mar | 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass 3.15pm Easter Capers 7.30pm Stations of the Cross |
| SAT 3rd Mar | 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| SUN 4th Mar | Third Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass (& Reconciliation workshop) 6.00pm Mass |



Project Compassion Resources: Envelopes and boxes available for collection this weekend. Remember

that almsgiving is one of the main pillars of our Lenten journey each year.

Second Sunday of Lent
Rattanak in Cambodia



contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm. Volunteers needed to lead each week please. If you can help please write your name on the sign up sheet. Resources provided.

CRI Commissioning: this Sunday during the 9am Mass we will be commissioning our catechists.

Sacramental Program: Please pray for the children who were Confirmed last year and now continue their Sacramental Journey by learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will experience the Sacrament in the form of the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for the first time before Easter.

Lenten Reflection Groups: Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm and Thursday mornings at 9.30am. You are free to attend as many or as few of the meetings as suits your schedule.

Easter Capers Lenten Program for Primary school aged children. 4 Friday afternoon sessions in March after school 3.15pm to 6pm starting this Friday. Includes afternoon tea, scripture, fun, craft, singing, dance, drama and more. Cost \$5 per child or \$10 per family for the program. Registration form at the back of the church. Please register this week even if your child can't make it to all the sessions. Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more information.

Parish Leadership Development Day 2018: Clergy, Lay Pastoral Leaders Ministers, Parish Leadership Teams and Member of Pastoral Councils are invited to the 2018 Parish Leadership Development Day. This will be held at the Dominic Centre, Carina on Saturday, 3rd March. This day is a great opportunity for parish council or leadership teams to network with others from parishes in our Archdiocese and hear input from our Archbishop and Sr Monica Cavanagh rsj on the theme: *Leadership Through Listening, led by the*

Spirit. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in one of ten facilitated sessions. This day is an excellent opportunity to network with others in our Archdiocese. Please see Fr Baiyi or Jo Cullen for more information.

New Rosters for Readers and Extraordinary

Ministers of Communion: Ready to collect this weekend. Please read the accompanying instruction leaflets which contain some changes to the procedures for these ministries at Masses. Thank you for your patience as we trial a new Communion system at 9am Mass on Sunday beginning in March. Fr Baiyi would like to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to receive both the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion and we hope having extra Ministers at the 9am Mass will help. This does mean that Extraordinary Ministers at the 9am Mass will find they are rostered much more often.

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.

Logan Deanery Youth Mass: Friday 16th March 2018. at St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Marsden at 6:30pm

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.

Planned Giving Report - In July last year it became apparent that our parish income was slowly in decline and was in danger of not keeping pace with the rising costs associated with the running of a parish committed to meeting the spiritual and temporal needs of a large community. The departure from our parish of several families in recent times had prompted us to review our regular gifting methods to ensure that the parish is best equipped to meet current and future financial commitments.

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The Parish Planned Giving Program had not been reviewed for some years. Consequently, a Planned Giving Gifting week-end was conducted at all masses in November last year at which some detail of the parish financial position was presented to parishioners. **Approximately 50 gifting cards were returned indicating either a new member of the Planned Giving Program or an adjustment to the amount of gift from a previous commitment.** The positive response has enabled a new planned giving program that is regularly reviewed and supported by parishioners, ensuring the parish is best placed to meet current financial obligations and provide for those areas of parish ministry which are in most need.

The total picture of the program is not yet finalised as **there are still new gifting cards being returned each week.** It is clear, however, that parishioners are moving from envelopes to electronic gifting with about 60 contributors now using electronic gifting in some form. The amount being received in this form has almost doubled. Electronic gifting methods are encouraged as a means to meet personal financial management arrangements and to assist with the management of income at Parish level. The provision of the traditional envelopes will continue, and several new contributors have entered the program using the envelope method with the number of envelopes being distributed remaining static.

We can advise that the various methods of gifting have been accepted by parishioners who have embraced the electronic gifting through Direct Debit, Direct Bank Transfer or Credit Card. All these methods of gifting are outlined in the weekly newsletter together with information explaining how you can identify the method that best suits your personal situation. It is not too late to be a member of the Planned Giving Program. Personal information relating to your gift and credit card are treated in strictest confidence. **Gifting information envelopes containing the yellow commitment card are available near the main doors of the church.**

Since the establishment of St Peters Parish in 1974 we have experienced wonderful support from our parishioners across a range of endeavours to enable us to fulfil our mission as a Catholic Community. It is important that we acknowledge this support and thank all parishioners who have been supporting the parish financially over these years and to acknowledge the new parishioners who have committed financially to our planned giving program.

Bob Burns, Co-ordinator of Planned Giving Program

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Adrianus (Arie) Breed, Sister Alponse Maria, Mary Woodhead, Finau Naupoto

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Daniel Byrne, Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S McNaughton, Cyril Scott, Evelyne Orr, Gus Mitchell jnr, June Payne, Andrew Neilsen, John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey, Eileen O'Doherty, Sr Agnes Rita, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux, Bette Davis

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Esme Jensen, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Anthony Van Rooy, 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, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, 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 3rd & 4th March 2018

| Co-ordinator | | Readers | | Communion | | Altar Servers | Musicians |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Sat 6:00pm | Diane Land | C 1 2 | Les O'Gorman David Crowley Joseph C Varkey | Diane Land Joyce Lyster Mel McKay | | Jada | Liz |
| Sun 9:00am | Kevin Healan | C 1 2 | Maria Chamberlain Romana Langdon Bev de Paola | Anne Scanlon Joan D'Netto Diane McKeone Donald Fernando | Kevin Healan Julie H Jo Cullen | Finn Leo | Rita |
| Sun 6.00pm | Kate Guy | C 1 2 | Bob Burns Raylee Burns Anne Fry | Deacon Mike Jones Ros Dawson Kate Guy | | Chevonne | Liz |

Church Cleaning: 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

Children's Liturgy: Kristy Scanlon **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: after the 6pm Mass on Sun 4th March: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
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Family Group Facebook:
 St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411641312

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
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