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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."

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year A

26th March 2017

Pastor's Note: "The works of God might be displayed in him"

Life is not a bed of roses and is always full of ups and downs. Whoever you are, it is impossible to have a smooth life at all times. Most people won't challenge this, however, different people always have different views on how to understand or explain the hardship of life.

The Israelites believe in monotheism. They always try to understand the hardship of life in the perspective of faith. To many of them, Yahweh is a God who is very clear and strict on reward and punishment. For people in this world, if they follow His will and observe His law carefully, their lives would be roses all the way. On the contrary, if they ignore God's will and law, focus on seeking fame and accumulating earthly wealth and feel free to commit sins, God would punish them severely. And there are many ways in which God punishes sinners, including physical disability. In one word, all human hardship comes from sin. Influenced by this, when the disciples of Jesus saw the man born blind in today's Gospel, they asked him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?" Actually but sadly, that influence still exists in today's Church. Some still hold this view but it is so wrong.

By taking this opportunity, Jesus was trying to change their wrong understanding of human hardship, saying, "Neither he nor his parents sinned. He was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him". That is very true. Any human hardship is an opportunity for human beings, an opportunity for them to display God's works.

Let us take physical disability as an example. If one, unfortunately, is disabled, he can still have a positive attitude towards life. With strong faith in God, relying on God's grace and strength, he can live a fully and meaningful life. By his own life, he has displayed how great God's works has been in his life. By his own life, he has proclaimed to all that if we have God, we can conquer any hardship and we have nothing to fear.

God's works not only can be displayed through the life of the disabled, it also can be done through the life of those around them. For those around them, this is an opportunity, too. Similarly, with strong faith in God, relying on God's grace and strength, they can support and care for those disabled. Due to their loving and caring words and actions, those disabled can still have a happy and beautiful life. And then, God's works would have been displayed successfully.

Jesus has utilized the opportunity to the full. He healed the blind man, having displayed God's works, namely, His mercy and love, in him. By this, he educated his disciples, too. If we ourselves or those around us are disabled or suffering other hardship, let us remember Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel, not seeing any human hardship as a punishment from God but an opportunity from God to display God's works. And following Jesus' way, let us take this opportunity and utilize it to the full. That's exactly the right way we glorify God by our lives.

Fr Baiyi

Readings Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel: John 9:1-, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Readings for next weekend: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 27th March	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Liturgy meeting	
TUE 28th March	8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (Parish Office) 7.30pm Mass Co-ordinators meeting (church)	
WED 29th March	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group	
THU 30th March	8.45am Play Group 7.15pm Baptism Information meeting	
FRI 31st March	9.00am Rosary 7.30pm Stations of the Cross	9.30am Mass
SAT 1st April	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
SUN 2nd April	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
	9.00am Mass	6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday 26th March but then will break for the school holidays. **Sacramental Program:** Please continue to pray for the children in the Sacramental Program and their parents. The children experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. **Project Compassion** boxes & envelopes still available from the back of the church. Help Caritas help those in need this Lent. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving have always been a part of the Lenten journey. **No Parking:** Please don't park down the driveway between the Memorial Wall and the grass area.

Easter Volunteers: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists. We also need 8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night as well as readers for the Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill on Good Friday.

Readers for Palm Sunday. As usual we will read the Passion for the Gospel on Palm Sunday. Booklets with readings will be available in the Sacristy next weekend for those rostered for Palm Sunday so you can practice during the week. You will read these parts as well as your other reading duties. Please bring these reading booklets back to Palm Sunday Mass and then leave them to be re-used in future years..

Lenten Program: there are 2 Lenten Discussion Groups. Tuesday evening at 7.30pm here in the Parish Office meeting room and Wednesday evening at Mary Naughton's house. You are welcome to join in either group for any session.

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. Final one for this Lent will be Friday 7th April.

Easter Capers Thursday 6th April 9am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, Bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information. Numbers are limited so get in early!

Are you new to our Parish like Fr Baiyi? 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.

Chrism Mass: Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6th April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

Social Justice Group News:

Dear friends, we have transferred \$ 450 each to the City of Joy and the Hamlin Fistula Foundation.

Thanks again for your generosity.

We have also posted two parcels to Zambia, one for Easter and one for the birthday of 7 girls with cards and gifts.

Easter is just around the corner. Please purchase fair trade chocolate Easter eggs. There is a handout in the newsletter showing the logos to look for when buying.

Join us after Mass this weekend to make stars for the "One Million Stars to End Violence Project". Erika



Vinnies News: Vinnies are having an Easter raffle. Please don't forget to buy your tickets before or after Mass during the next two weeks. The prize includes some wines and an Easter basket filled with goodies. Tickets are \$1.00 each and funds raised will assist us to help the needy families in our area. The raffle will be drawn after 9am Mass on Palm Sunday.

Donations of sewing materials especially thread and lace required for the St Vinnies Sewing Classes at Woodridge.

Enrolments for 2018 for St Peter's Catholic Primary School are being taken now. Please contact the School Office on 3341 4800 for an enrolment pack.

Times for Easter Services:

Communal 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm

Stations of the Cross (final 2 for Lent 2017)

Friday 31st March & 7th April 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 13th April 7.30pm

Good Friday 14th April

10am Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill

3pm Passion at St Peter's

Easter Vigil 15th April 7pm (NOTE later time!!)

Easter Sunday 16th April 9am only

A Commitment to safe communities.

There are several ways in which the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy aims to ensure that its parish communities are safe places for all, especially our children and the vulnerable.

Safeguarding Training: All volunteers are required to complete the initial safeguarding training session. You may not have direct contact with children or vulnerable adults, but you may witness something, or have someone disclose to you. As such, these sessions aim to support parishioners understanding of:

- The context incidents of abuse – Society & Church
- what is harm
- boundaries and boundary violations
- the key element to the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy
- how to respond to safeguarding issues in the parish



Ongoing Monitoring – Internal and External Review

- Internal reviews/audits will be conducted annually
- Independent, External review of Parishes over a 5 year period commenced in 2016.

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll.
If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

Prayers Requested: Monday night at 7pm pray for Maddie, a 22 year old young lady with stage 4 cancer. Intercessory prayer night at the Baptist Church. Join them in prayer wherever you are.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil for the Unborn: Our annual 40 day, 24 hour prayer vigil at Bowen Hills goes all through Lent and we need prayer volunteers like you! If you can spare a few hours over Lent to pray for the lives of unborn children, please email us at 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com or visit us at 40dfi.net on how to be involved!

Parishioner requires a babysitter for 2 hours of a morning during the week. Willing to pay. If anyone is able to assist please phone 0423649559 for further information.

Centenary of Mary Immaculate School at Annerley 29th & 30th April. See noticeboard for more info.

Inaugural Marian Lecture—"Underground Cathedrals". Tuesday 23rd May. You are invited to enter this conversation in search of "underground cathedrals" with the wisdom of noted educator and spiritual guide Mark Patrick Hederman OSB of Glenstal Abbey, Ireland. Whether we are educators or simply 'seekers' trying to discover the way forward—our mission is to allow the energy of divine love to stretch us. 5.30pm until 7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University Leadership Centre at Level 3, 229 Elizabeth Street in the city. No Cost. Please RSVP to mark.oconnor@marists.org.au for catering purposes. Further inquiries can also be directed there.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Nancy Nunan

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Dennis Zandona, Betty Settree, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon, Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana, Matthew Cogliati

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Maddie Smith, Pat Mildren, Ann Mendoza, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Michael Ah Koy, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Roger Byrne, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, 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 1st & 2nd April 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Michael Claridge Neil Ballment	Volunteers please	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan Diane McKeone Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Monica O'Leary Megan Seymour	Volunteers please	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Kevin Fry ?	C 1 2	Helen Graczyk Anne Fry Mary Naughton	Volunteers please	Liz

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

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

Cuppa: Sun 2nd April after the 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk

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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