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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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Yr C) 30th December 2018

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28    1 John 3:1-2, 21-24    Luke 2:41-52

### What has happened in our common spiritual home in 2018

This weekend, the very last weekend of 2018, we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Family. I guess it might be an appropriate time to talk about the achievements of our common spiritual family, St Peter's, for this year. With the endeavours of our spiritual family members and the collaboration of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Parish office and all the different ministry groups, our church family has achieved much and in many diverse ways. Below are the main successes.

Firstly, we continued the good job we did in 2017. We strengthened our existing lay ministries. Last year, we established some new ministry groups, such as the altar servers support group. They have done a great job in 2018. For example, the altar servers support group recruited more than ten new altar servers, organized their commissioning rite, took them on outings to develop fellowship and designed the prompt card and the altar servers guidelines booklet. Also some new ministry groups were formed this year. Now we have a group of very dedicated parishioners who support our parish office work on different days of the week. This group has been a great help in assisting the activity of our very busy parish office.

Secondly, we organized some whole parish activities. In April, we successfully held our Ministry Expo. Hundreds of parishioners attended the Expo at the end of our three weekend Masses. Every ministry group was represented by its members. They not only showed what they had been doing in the parish, but also encouraged other parishioners to join them. Many of our ministry group recruited new members. On the first Tuesday in November, we held a Melbourne Cup celebration. It was the first time for our parish. About 60 people attended. This celebration offered a chance for our parishioners – and even some parents from our school and former parishioners- to celebrate together. Importantly, we also raised more than one thousand dollars for our youth ministry. At the end of November, we held our first lay ministers' "thank-you" night. There were around 70 lay ministers who celebrated together. We thanked our ministers for their contribution and encouraged them to continue the good job that God has started in them.

Thirdly, we upgraded some of our parish facilities and operations. We added security/safety lighting in front of our parish office and around the portico area. We installed 29 solar panels and an air-conditioning system. Also we paved the path connecting the presbytery entrance and the church. With these developments, our parishioners are safer, more secure and more comfortable when they come to church. From all these activities and improvements, it is evident that every cent of your donation is being spent to develop the spiritual life and physical surrounds of our parish. And so the more you donate, the better our circumstances will be, and the more enriched and sustaining our parish life can become.

My dear friends, we thank God for His grace and strength, without which, we know we could do nothing. Also, we thank all those who have made possible a happy and successful 2018. Let us continue the good job we have been doing. It is then that our spiritual home can truly fulfil its mission statement: *"St Peter's Parish is a community who lives in the faith of Jesus Christ, and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."*

Fr Baiyi



<b>IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:</b>	
<b>MON 31st Dec</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b> 8.00am Mass <i>Parish office closed</i>
<b>TUE 1st Jan</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> 9.00am Mass
<b>WED 2nd Jan</b>	<b>St Basil &amp; St Gregory</b> 6.30am Mass
<b>THU 3rd Jan</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 4th Jan</b>	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
<b>SAT 5th Jan</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 6th Jan</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**New Year's Day** Tuesday 1st January for the Solemnity of **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**: Mass will be at 9.00am.  
**2019 Year planner**: to help us plan for 2019, could Ministry Group leaders please advise the Parish Office of any dates your ministry group is planning events or fund-raising etc.  
**Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019** ready for collection.  
**The Parish Office will be closed until Wednesday 2nd January.** We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Plenary Council 2020**  
**Listen to what the Spirit is saying .....**  
What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"  
To have your say visit  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au).

**Readings for next weekend:**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C)**  
Isaiah 60:1-6                  Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

**St Vinnies' News:** for Sale from the Piety Stall:



Columban Calendars for 2019 \$8.

**Rosters for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

If our records show that you do not hold a current Blue Card or Exemption Card or haven't had a Police Check you will find a note on your envelope to follow up with forms for these. Please see Jo or Julie for any queries.

**Help needed:** We are seeking a volunteer to clean the Parish Office. It would require an hour or 2 of your time preferably on a weekly basis. We also need people to join our Church Cleaning Ministry Group. Several long term members have retired from this ministry. Church cleaning groups of 4 or 5 people clean our church on an 8 week rotation. If anyone would be interested in joining either of these important 'behind the scenes' Ministries please see Fr Baiyi, Julie or Jo.

**Pet Crosses:** Please contact the Parish Office if you ordered a Pet Cross and have not collected it yet.

**God's Word 2019** Liturgical Diaries for sale. \$10. All the readings for every day of the year as well as reflections.

**Card Group:** Come and join the Card Group for a friendly and casual game of cards every Monday morning in the Parish Centre from Monday 7th January.

**Break Open the Word 2019:** Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group.

**Help needed:** A parishioner living in the Rochedale area would like a lift to either Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am Mass on a regular basis. If anyone is able to assist, please call Julie in the Parish Office.

**Donations** of spectacles, Bibles, lead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and exercise books for an optometrist to take to Vanuatu. Place your donations in the marked box at the back of the church.

**Ministry Groups Around our Parish:** Our Parish here at St Peter's continues to grow, and although we are all very excited about this we are finding it more and more difficult to accommodate the number of Ministries needed to support that growth and ensure the future of our Parish in times to come.

Our Parish is made up of many Ministries all run by volunteers, most of these volunteers contribute 1 to 2

hours a week to assist in all facets of the Parish from cleaning, collectors, right through to the Parish Council, speak to any of these volunteers and they will tell you how fulfilling this is to them, not just personally but spiritually!!

We sincerely ask you to consider joining one of our Ministries here at St Peters, all assistance will be given in any training required and continued support.

For our Parish to continue to grow and flourish we need your help, please give some thought as to how you might be able to be of assistance, talk to myself, Parish Council member or Mass co-ordinator to find out what ministries are available for you to join, after all, St Peter's Parish belongs to us all and as Catholics and Parishioners it is our spiritual obligation to spread the word of God and fulfil his calling.

Over the next few weekends, we will be high-lighting some of our Parish Ministry Groups. We hope that you enjoy reading about the different Ministries and may find one (or more) that you feel you would like to join!

*Josephine Cullen, Lay Ministry Co-ordinator.*

**Care & Concern:**

Through our Ministry of **Care and Concern** and God's grace in the generosity of our volunteers, we were able to respond to Jesus' commandment to "Love your neighbour as yourself" in a practical way, by providing transport to medical appointments, meals to those experiencing challenges in life, funeral catering, visitations, social functions to encourage fellowship within our parish and community, handyman services and prayerful support. New volunteers and committee members are most welcome. If you are interested in joining this very rewarding Ministry, please contact Lynn White 0403051103

**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.

**Music Ministry Team:**

St Peter's Music Ministry team meets every six weeks to plan the music for upcoming Masses. The meeting place and time is advertised in the newsletter the weekend before and is usually held on a Monday evening. Over a cup of tea, we read *Break Open the Word* which contains the readings for the weekend Masses. We then choose appropriate music to reflect the key messages of the readings.

All of us have our favourite hymns but we put these feelings aside to most appropriately help the parish to pray through music. We also choose when to introduce new hymns and Mass settings. We select hymns to cater for a range of musical tastes. This year we have purchased *Catholic Worship Book Two* to have a range of new music and we thank Fr Baiyi and the Parish Council for allowing this purchase.

This year we have welcomed new singers to assist in helping the congregation to join together in song. We are very grateful to our musicians!

If any other musicians would like to play or sing with us, please feel free to add your name to the Ministry Groups Expression of Interest form and we would warmly welcome you. (You don't have to play or sing a whole Mass, you can always play/sing a few hymns or parts of the Mass to gain confidence.) So if you are hiding a musical talent, please come forward!

**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:** Harry Coleman, Sam Dibella, Frances Barry, Sylvia Justo (Sylvia Privitera's mum)

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Betsy May Burton, Flo Beechworth, Warren Jackson, Joan Marrinan, Jennifer Ann Lee, Ronald Connors, Kathleen Murray, Daniel Lourigan, John Mackintosh, Anne Praske, Fr Tom Concannon, Ludlow Pettiford, Angelina Cho, Anthony Winter, Thomas Power, Colin Simpson, Eileen Naughton, Gai Hocking, Francis Waters, Ken Evans, Jesse Nicholson, Kane Thorpe, Violet Williams, Trish Pareezer, William Mahony, Patrick Clarke, Greta Van Bekkum, Colleen Watt, Michael Sullivan, Isabel McCarthy, John Carvel, Richard Smith

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Don Bechly, Armando Sta. Ana, 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, Tony McDonald, John Drew, John Green, Kevin Dingwall, 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.*

5th & 6th Jan	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Diane	Marilyn	Aurelie
<b>AV Operators</b>	Steven D	Mick Denton	Michael Collier
<b>Readers</b>	C. Les O'Gorman 1. Shelagh Ballment 2. Clive D'Silva	C. Jo Cullen 1. Megan Philpot 2. Kathy Seymour	C. Fiorenzo Matarazzo 1. Margaret Connors 2. Shane Sweeney
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Natalie Hadde Steve Danudibroto Diane Land	Deacon Mike Jones Alan Scanlon Shane Seymour Stephanie Lenihan	Kevin Healan Marilyn Mills Jim Nathan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Angelina, Monika	Zac, Amber	Finn, Jerome, Chevonne
<b>Musicians</b>	Liz	Liz	Liz

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

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

**Cuppa:** Sunday 6th January after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Malcolm Carroll

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