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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.”

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-9

Reflection

We often speak, and rightly so, of the gospel as the “good news,” of Jesus Christ. God in Jesus has entered the world in a new way bringing new life, offering new hope, and inviting us to become a new person. That it is good news, however, does not necessarily mean it is welcome or easy-to-accept news.

I think about the young man in the Gospels who came to Jesus seeking eternal life. “*Sell your possessions and give the money to the poor,*” Jesus tells him. He went away grieving because he had many possessions. I think about the disciples “*who turned back and no longer went about with Jesus*” saying, “*This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?*” I think about the religious leaders and authorities who planned to arrest and kill Jesus. I think about Peter's denials of Jesus. I think about my own struggles to believe and live the good news.

Sometimes I would much rather fit the gospel into my life than fit my life into the gospel. Too often I would rather interpret Jesus' life than have him interpret my life. I am more comfortable trying to understand the gospel than surrendering and giving myself to the gospel. The gospel challenges me. It challenges the way I see myself, you, and the world. It challenges what I believe and the way I live. It challenges my private concerns, interests, and desires, with those of Jesus. Maybe you know what I'm talking about. I don't think I am the only one it challenges.

The gospel challenges people in every age and every place. It always has. It did in Jesus' day and it still does today. It challenges us to think, see, do, and be different. It challenges us to change. In some sense to really hear and understand the gospel ought to make us uncomfortable. I've come to believe that that discomfort is God's grace leading and guiding us to a new way, a new life, a new world. It is the seed of God's life planted in each one of us. And that is good news. Let's not turn away from the challenge, the discomfort, or the good news of the gospel.

Deacon Mike

Visit St Peter's Parish Website www.stpetersrochedale.org.au and click on 'Stay Connected' to find the latest updates and links. Some printed copies of the newsletter & Sunday liturgies will be left in front of the church.

Email Updates: If you are not currently receiving the newsletter, Sunday Liturgy and updates via email and would like to do so, please call or email the parish office and notify us of your preferred email address.

Reconciliation 5pm on Saturdays or by appointment.

Care & Concern: If you or anyone you know who is isolating would like to chat, please contact Lynn on 0403051103.

Watch Mass online from the Cathedral of St Stephen 8am Monday to Friday and 8am and 10am Sunday at www.archbne.org/bzw. Channel 10 televises Mass at 6am on Sunday.

The Catholic Leader due to COVID-19 is currently offered **free**. [You can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here.](#)

Readings for next weekend: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-30

A Message from Fr Baiyi: Dear Parishioners,

The response of Queensland to the COVID-19 pandemic has been very strong and effective and now we are grateful that we can have up to 100 people in church for Masses. This is a piece of good news. Many of us have been waiting for the opportunity to come back to Mass for a long time. Let us take action and not miss this precious chance that comes from God's grace.

I remember once after Mass, a parishioner came to me and said, "It feels so good to come back to Mass. I really missed attending Mass in church." At that time, we could only have 10 people for Mass. Now more opportunities have been opened to our parishioners. It is definitely the time for us to consider booking a place online and welcome Jesus into our hearts through the beautiful sacrament, the Eucharist. I believe that if we do so, we will get the same feeling that the parishioner did. Receiving Holy Communion in reality during the Mass is very different to watching Mass on TV or online. Of course, if anyone is not able to come to church for whatever reason or is not confident in the situation, he/she can definitely continue to watch Mass on TV or online.

Coming to the church for Mass shows that we are happy to sacrifice for Jesus; coming to Mass means that we can have interactions with one another face-to-face, which is important for building up a community; more importantly, coming to Mass represents our love for Jesus. My dear friends, take heart and don't be afraid. Let us get together in church, celebrating the sacrament of love with one another. See you all soon at Mass and God bless.

Fr Baiyi

WELCOME BACK TO MASS!

Updates re Level 3 easing of COVID-19 restrictions:

Masses, funerals, weddings and baptisms may now be celebrated with 100 people in total. It is recommended that if you are over 70 years old or with health complications you continue to self-isolate. Anyone who has any flu-like symptoms must not enter the church.

Weekend Masses: Fr Baiyi will celebrate Masses **Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am & 6pm**, with **100 people in total** allowed to be present at each Mass. We have set up a Try Booking event site where you can apply to attend a weekend Mass by 'purchasing' tickets which, of course, are free. If you would like to attend any weekend Mass, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BJZHS>. Further instructions below right. **Bookings will close at 11am each Friday** before the relevant weekend Mass. If you do not have access to a computer or are not comfortable with using an internet booking site, please phone the Parish Office and we will book for you.

Weekday Masses: Fr Baiyi is celebrating **weekday Masses at our usual times of Monday & Tuesday at 8am, Wednesday at 6.30am & Friday at 9.30am**. Again, only 100 people in total are permitted to attend. Weekday Mass attendances are usually below this figure, so we are not requiring pre-booking.

Numbers for Masses, liturgical celebrations, private prayer and meetings will be strictly adhered to and we will be **recording attendees' names, addresses and telephone numbers** for potential COVID-19 contact tracing as per government requirements. These details must be kept for 56 days.

On Arrival at the Church: Please present yourself to the Marshall at the main church doors who will note your attendance. Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the church. If you are from the same household you may sit together, however please maintain 1.5m physical distance from all others. The church will be open at least 15 minutes prior to each Mass to allow people to be seated. You are welcome to stay for a short chat after Mass but please remember physical distancing of 1.5m.

July	In our parish this week
Mon 13 th	8.00am Mass (max 100 people)
Tues 14 th	8.00am Mass (max 100 people) 11.00am Funeral Mass Ian Thompson (max 100 people. Please contact Ian's family)
Wed 15 th	St Bonaventure 6.30am Mass (max 100 people)
Thurs 16 th	No Mass
Fri 17 th	9.00am Rosary & private prayer (max 100 people) 9.30am Mass (max 100 people)
Sat 18 th	5.00pm Reconciliation Vigil Mass for Sunday: 6.00pm Mass (max 100 people)
Sun 19 th	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass (max 100 people) 6.00pm Mass (max 100 people)

Booking in to attend weekend Masses:

If you would like to attend Mass at St Peter's at **6pm Saturday, 9am Sunday or 6pm Sunday** please go to the Try Booking site

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJZHS>.

You will be able to select tickets for the Mass of your choice and in a particular section of the church. **Please note for COVID contact tracing as per the Government requirements, the section of the church that you book in for is where you must sit.** Please select tickets for each family member attending, including babies. Bookings in the main body of the church will be available first (Sections A, B, C, D – total of 54), then if needed we will open bookings for the Parish Centre (Sections E & F) followed by the verandah (Sections G & H). You will receive a confirmation email once you have completed your booking. Bookings are open now for weekend Masses up to September. **Bookings will close at 11am each Friday before the relevant weekend Mass.**

If you have booked and subsequently are unable to attend please ensure you cancel your booking in ample

Youth Update: We are working to move all Youth groups back to face to face meetings. If you are interested in knowing more details please contact me via email

youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au or through the parish office. I look forward to seeing you all in person soon!
God bless *Olivia, Youth Ministry Co-ordinator*

Ministers Needed for Mass Roster: We are planning to create our usual roster for those who Minister at weekend Masses. Please email the Parish Office to advise any dates unavailable.

Families in Need: If you or any family you know is in need of free food hampers or other assistance, please contact Jo on 0419733878. Completely confidential. We are able to access help from a number of community groups and organisations willing to help those in need during COVID-19.

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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. You can set this up yourself on any device where you can access your online banking.

Or via Credit Card: Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email as we can either set up a monthly credit card donation or do an individual donation over the phone.

Direct Debit: Please contact us to set up Direct Debit through the Archdiocesan Development Fund.

'Parish Giving' App The app is available to download from the Apple Store and Google Play store or you can access it via parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au. You will need to create an account the first time you log in and select your favourite parish, St Peter's Catholic Parish Rochedale! The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. You can use the app for a one-off payment or set it up for regular giving. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'. From the Home Page click on 'Parish Contribution'.

Thank you for your continuing support.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Ian Thompson, Tony McDonald, Eugenia Letkiewicz, Kerin Young, Ngamarama (Maria) Hosea, Vera McErlean, Susanna Bertolacci

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Stella Britto, Annie Kelleher, Cathy Breed, John Neilsen, Rhondda Poulton, Olive Dwyer, Les Larsen, Joseph Van Den Boom, Pam O'Brien, Arthur Louis, Mary Hogan, James Airens, Kathleen Stitt, Ross Bray, Herbert Hussey, Damian Bartlett, Susan Hargreaves, Bridget Cummins, John Gallagher, Eric Moran, Ethel Moran, Kevin O'Brien, Marie Leadbetter, David O'Gorman, Maggie Bahn, Mary Kate Wiltshire, Bill Weeks (Snr), Jack Winter, Albert de Wit

Please pray for those who are sick, especially: Catherine Brown, Gillian van Rooyen, Merlene Muldoon, Ann Swinnerton, Stan Gainfort, Bob Devere, Anne Marie Kelleher, Stephen Land, Melissa Vink, Sayuri Kobayashi Cantwell, Paolo, Olga & Diego Tagini, Ursula Williamson, Maureen Sheils, Elizabeth Karipa

Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.

Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!! We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on 3341 4421 or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

Other Parish Contacts:

Care & Concern:

Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411641312

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

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