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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."*

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

### **4th February 2018**

Readings: Job 7:1-4, 6-7\*\*\*1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23\*\*\*Mark 1:29-39

## **She began to wait on them**

In today's Gospel, immediately after Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law, she got up and began to wait on them. The word 'them' is important here. It is in the plural form. She was serving Jesus as well as his disciples. Using this as the significant point, I would like to talk about the importance of the returning of love and of passing it on.

Jesus restored the health to the mother-in-law of Simon so that she didn't suffer any more. For her, it was an enormous gift from Jesus and an expression of Jesus' love for her. And her way to return the love that Jesus had showed her was to wait on Him. I believe she did this with love.

In our earthly life, it is unavoidable to have some difficulties at times. When in difficult situations, we might have received various levels of help from others. People helped us because of the love they had in their hearts. After receiving help, it is always important to keep in mind how we can repay people, particularly when they are in need. Within our capacity, what we repay need not be the same quantity or value of what we have received. We should respond according to the situation and do as much as we can to repay others. We shouldn't calculate the difference between what we have received and what we are going to repay according to secular standards. And of course, the sooner we do that, the better. The Gospel tells us that just after the mother-in-law of Simon was cured, she began to wait on them. It means that when she was able to do something in return, she did it. As Christians, we not only need to follow the principle of repaying all our benefactors but also ought to do this as soon as we can.

It is easy to understand that Simon's Mother-in-law waited on Jesus in thanksgiving and repayment. Then, why did she wait on the disciples as well? Just because they were Jesus' disciples? Of course not. Actually, in my view, she was passing Jesus' love on to the disciples through this simple action. Therefore, we not only need to repay what others do for us out of love, we also need to pass on the love we have received, not just let the love stay with us. In so doing, love will be spread among people who will be enriched by that love. Over a long period of time, the kingdom of God will definitely be built based on love.

Dear friends, through the simple action of this lady, we can learn the principle of giving back to those who have helped us in. And also, we understand the importance of passing love on to others. From now on, in Christ's love, let us try our best to return love with love and pass love on to people around us, too. By doing this, we are turning our secular society into the kingdom of God.

*Fr Baiyi*

### **Readings for next weekend:**

#### **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46    1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1    Mark 1:40-45

**IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:**

<b>MON 5th Feb</b>	<b>St Agatha</b> 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
<b>TUE 6th Feb</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> 8.00am Mass with children
<b>WED 7th Feb</b>	6.30am Mass 7.00pm In-service for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>THU 8th Feb</b>	9.30am In-service for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>FRI 9th Feb</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 10th Feb</b>	<b>St Scholastica</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 11th Feb</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes)</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass followed by Rosary procession to Our Lady's grotto

**Social Justice News:**

1. On 8/2 the church observes the Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking and Slavery. On this day we are all asked to pray for an end to slavery which is alive and well even in our own country Australia. In 2014 nearly 30 million people lived in slave like conditions. 8th February coincides with the feast day of Sr. Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of Sudan. Sr. Josephine was kidnapped and bought and sold many times enduring horrendous treatment. When she was freed she joined the Canossian Sisters and lived a saintly life forgiving her tormentors.

2. There will be a very special event at the Logan Central Library, at Wilbur Str. Logan Central. Walter Mikac, who lost his wife and two daughters in the Port Arthur massacre, will be visiting the Library on 14th February from 10-11am. He has just been awarded the Order of Australia and written a book "Love Letters" with contributions from 60 Australians. Walter has founded an organization which bears the names of his daughters aimed at protecting children from cyberbullying and domestic violence. Everyone will be enriched and uplifted by listening to Walter Mikac. Please make a booking: 3412 4100

**Annual Training for Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Deacon Mike will be conducting training sessions at 7pm this Wednesday 7th February and 9.30am on Thursday 8th February. Please try to attend one of these 2 sessions.

It is an expectation of the Archdiocese that Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion attend an in-service training once per year so these training sessions are for all ministers not just people new to the role. New Ministers would be most welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Procession:** This year Our Lady of Lourdes' Feast Day, 11th February, is next Sunday. The Sunday night Mass at 6pm will still be the Mass for Sunday with the liturgy for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time but will be followed by a rosary procession to Our Lady's Grotto to mark the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please join us to honour Our Lady. For safety reasons the **driveway behind the church will be closed to traffic** for the Sunday night Mass. (Exception for those needing disabled access to the church)

**Ash Wednesday: 14th February.** We will have 3 Mass times this year for Ash Wednesday: 6.30am, 9.30am and 7.30pm.

**Lenten Reflection Groups:** We will be running 3 different times for the Lenten Groups: Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm and Thursday mornings at 9.30am. The Tuesday group will start on 13th February and the Thursday groups on 15th Feb. Please indicate on the form which group time you would prefer to attend. 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. Includes afternoon tea, scripture, fun, craft, singing, dance, drama and more. \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Registration form at the back of the church. Contact the parish office or

Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more information.

**2018 Parish Calendar** Would all ministry leaders please submit your events / meeting dates for your group as soon as possible to enable the office to enter your dates in the parish diary.

**New roster for Mass Co-ordinators, Readers & Extraordinary Minister of Communion:** The next roster for Mass co-ordinators, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Readers will cover the months of March to May inclusive. Please indicate on the slips on the table near the main doors, any dates you know that you will be unavailable or any changes for the next roster and pop them in our new Peter's Post box just inside the main doors. New Ministers welcome.

**Advertising in our Newsletter:** If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our newsletter in 2018, starting from March, please contact austnews either by phone on 1800 245 077 or email: advertising.austnews.net.au

**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.

**YEAR OF YOUTH 2018****Date claimer: Logan Deanery Youth Mass**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. at St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Marsden at 6:30pm

**Break Open the Word 2018:** is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group. \$18  
**God's Word 2018** —is a Liturgical diary which has the Bible readings for every day, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day \$10! Only a few copies left.



**Vinnies Donations:** If you have any furniture you can donate to St Vinnies please call the help-line on 1800846643 for it to be collected. Any donations of clothing etc can be left in the Vinnies collection bin here or can be taken to any Vinnies store. The closest one to us is on the Pacific Highway service road at Slack's Creek near Moss St, beside Mr Toys Toyworld.

**Reconnecting with your Catholic faith in a new and dynamic way:** Conducted by bro. Lalith Perera & The Community of the Risen Lord. Praise & Worship, Message and Benediction every evening from 7pm to 9pm

- **Living connected to Jesus-** Mon 5th Feb -Holy Spirit Church, 102 Sparkes Rd, Bray Park 4500
- **What is Praise and Worship** – Tues 6th Feb -St James Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151
- **Faith and Obedience** – Thurs 8th Feb - Christ the King Church, Churchill Street, Graceville 4075

Free Admission. All are invited

**Positions Vacant – Choral Scholar:** Applications are open for positions at St Stephens Cathedral. The Cathedral Music Department is seeking expressions of interest from singers in all voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) for on-call, casual relief positions in the Cathedral's Music Department, as well as a number of permanent contracted positions in the Cathedral Choir and Schola. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

**Footsteps of Jesus 2018 Holy Land Pilgrimages:** Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on 7 - 20 June 2018 for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey live on location in the Holy Land of Israel. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6590. See the brochure on the noticeboard

**Proclaim 2018** The biennial conference is centred on enhancing parish renewal. For the first time it will be held in Brisbane from 12th—14th July. If you are interested in obtaining further information please go to [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) (Early registration open now, discounts available)

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Betty Callaghan, Trish Downie, Viliani Naupoto, Samuel Privitera, Jack O'Brien

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Len Carmody, Kevin Garland, Patrick Hanlan, Daniel Ryan, Donna Tideman, Brian Menz, Carmel Cox, Mavis McEwan, Sis McEwan, Ethan New, John Thompson, Albert van der Haar, Joseph Rice, Kevin Lenihan, Pauline Karlsen, Peter Wojewoda, Sheila McLachlan, Jane Denaro, Barry Flynn, Thelma Kennedy, Kevin Flanagan, Anthony Greaves, Bill Greenup, Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Tony McDonald, Mary Woodhead, 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, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, 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 10th & 11th February 2018**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman David Crowley Shelagh Ballment	Diane Land Joyce Lyster Mel McKay	Layla	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Marilyn Mills Arthur Leow	Joan D'Netto Diane McKeone Romana Langdon	Jada Finn Leo	Tongan choir
Sun 6.00pm	Aurelie R	C 1 2	John Blake Aurelie Regnard Daniel Twidale	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante Jo Cullen	Chevonne	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 8 Basil's cleaners

**Children's Liturgy:** Kristy Scanlon

**This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips

**Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** after the 9am Mass on Sun 11th Feb: Tongan community, Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon

**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:**  
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