



St Peter's Catholic Parish

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5th February 2017

Pastor's Note:

Matthew 5:13-16. You Are Salt, Light, A Shining City on a Hill

Salt, light, a shining city on a hill: three great metaphors for the relationship of each community of Christians to the larger society in which it finds itself. It is a relationship whereby the Christian community is distinct within the larger society and offers it a service it may not even know it needs and might be unwilling to declare that it wants. Our society is fine, we have a fine neighbourhood, we can hear people say, and it does not need a group of Christians thinking that they have the light or that they are a model of what our society should be. Unfortunately often and many times we are not. For our part, many of us Christians would rather keep our heads down, point out that it makes no difference that we are Christians to what we are like as neighbours, employees or officials. We are called today - in every place in the developed world to learn an aspect of being Christians that, for the most part, never even bothered our parents or grandparents. But part of the good news is that in every learning there is the Spirit of God's presence to be called upon to bring light in our darkness. Is it not a failure of our responsibility as Christians and light-bearers of Jesus that there is darkness that has blanketed the world today? May be an omission rather than a action committed!

The gospel today invites us to reflect on the significance of the light of Christ in our lives. The image of the light which is so familiar and universal is used to communicate the deeper meaning of the light of Christ. Light dispels darkness. It gives us confidence because it points us in the right direction. It enables us to see things as they are. The light of Christ offers people meaning and hope as we hear in many gospel stories. It highlights the love that can be found in the goodness of life. It challenges us to live God-like lives, life without sin. It offers us consolation and reassurance because it assures us that Christ is near at all times. We are as much disciples as those to whom he spoke in the gospel. We are light of the world when we are decent and respectful towards other people and when we live according to the teaching of Christ and become his reflection hill or tower. We are invited by the gospel to see in a new light. Seeing in a new light is to see in a new perspective, Jesus' own perspective. Therefore, let us see in a different light and let our light shine in people's sight, so that, seeing our good works and love of God reflected in our every deed, they may praise God whose children we all are.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 Your light will shine like the dawn.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 You are the light of the world.

Readings for next weekend: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

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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."



March for Life 2017: If ever there was a time to stand up for life, it's now. Please come and join us as we "March for Life". **When:** Saturday February 11 at 3.00pm. **Where:** Start assembling from 2.30pm in Queens Gardens (corner of George, Elizabeth and Williams Streets in the CBD)

Why: State politicians are poised to vote on decriminalisation of abortion just days after the march

What's Provided: March organisers will provide all signs and banners – please just bring yourselves, family and friends. More info: www.marchforlife.com.au

CRI in State Schools: Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own backyard?! Why not consider going back to school this year? Christian Religious Instruction teams in your area need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible with students and share the gospel message clearly. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, blue card and a letter from your church minister. Teaching curriculum and training are provided. Please contact us if you would like some more information.

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Would you like to cycle through Cambodia? If you still have room on your list of new year resolutions, why not consider an overseas trip with a difference? At the end of this year, Catholic Mission is offering you the chance to visit some of the vital work it supports in Cambodia, while experiencing the countryside... on a push-bike.

From Wednesday 15 November – Sunday 26 November 2017, you could be part of a group of up to 20 people who will cycle through the cities and countryside of Cambodia, as well as participate in activities such as cooking classes and visit historical venues like Angkor Wat and a floating village, including a Catholic Church. **To take part, you have to register and cover your own travel costs, as well as fundraise \$3,500 for Catholic Mission.** For more information, visit <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/catholicmission-cambodia-2017/> or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on (07) 3336 9239.



Are you a parent, looking to raise your children in the Catholic faith? Do you work among non-Christians? Are you involved in a ministry in this parish? If you answered 'yes', to any of these questions, then Catholic Mission would love to see you join us at a conference in Sydney from May 15-17. *Mission: One Heart, Many Voices* will offer practical tips and insights, as well as inspiration on "going forth boldly". To find out more, visit www.mohmv.com.au or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on (07) 3336 9239.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Kathryn Ann Woodhead, Raymond Naughton, Josehito Umali, John O'Brien

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Rixon

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ann Mendoza, Peter Holzknecht, 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 11th & 12th February 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land Mal Jensen Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Fiorenzo Matarazzo Les O'Gorman Mary Naughton	MoniKa	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Joan D'Netto Anne Scanlon	C 1 2	Theresa Cruz Lydia Chew Arthur Leow	Zac	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	? ? Lynn White	Volunteers Please	Liz

Church Cleaning: 4 Grace & Efren Tuazon, Murray Wickman. Helper needed.

Children's Liturgy: Joel **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sun 12th Feb after 9am Mass: Tongan community



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 Jacob or to one of the Parish Councillors.

Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators

In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.

Baptism Preparation: Julie Hondroudakis
Bereavement Group: Contact the Parish Office
Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103
Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent
Family Groups: Alan & Kristy Scanlon
 Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862
Mothers' Prayers: Trish Bakker
Music Liturgy Group: Liz Fort

Parish Pastoral Council:
 Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll
Play Group: Kristy Scanlon
RE Teachers in State Schools: Rita Bishop
Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am
 (1st Fridays 8.30am)
Social Justice Group: Erika Meerwald
 Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:
 John Blake

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

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