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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 Easter

7th May 2017

(Acts 2:14, 36-41      1 Peter 2:20-25      John 10:1-10)

### *I am the gate of sheepfold*

Many think that either Yahweh described in the Old Testament or Jesus described in the New Testament, are too intolerant, stressing their supremacy over all too much. In the Old Testament, Yahweh required: "the Lord your God you shall fear; Him you shall serve, and by His name alone you shall swear. Do not follow other gods" (Deut 6:13-14). In the New Testament, Jesus also laid stress on that, saying, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only" (Matt 4:10). In today's Gospel, Jesus even said, "I am the gate of the sheepfold", "Anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand". By saying this, all other religions and the gods they believe seem to be excluded and negated. According to some people, God should be more tolerant, cooperating with other gods and forming a team with them. Then, more people would be cared about. It seems right when you hear this first without thinking much over it.

Actually, they haven't comprehended that the nature of the God in whom Christianity believes is love (1 Pet 4:7-8, 16). If we have read the Bible thoroughly and tried to comprehend it as a whole, it wouldn't be difficult to find it out that the theme of the whole Bible is love. The Old Testament describes Yahweh as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Exod 34:6; cf, Jonah 4:2). The prophets were the spokesmen of God. For many times, they represented God, appealing to the Israelites to love the poor and look after their widows well, which is the practice of love. In the New Testament, Jesus is the incarnation of love. Out of His love for humankind, He has even sacrificed His life for them. Besides that, He has given us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13: 34-35).

Therefore, when Yahweh required people "do not follow other gods", it is not that He was selfish or dictatorial, but that He was asking people to set love as the only direction of life. Similarly, when Jesus said He is the gate of sheepfold, He was telling us that we won't be really happy unless we live in love. What God wants to tell us is that the life of love is not a choice, that we may or may not need, but the only way for a happy life. Apart from love, there are no other ways.

And a religion is a social organization. It is very clear that God wouldn't be confined by any social organizations since He is infinite and transcends everything. It must be understood that whoever has love is with God. Just as the first letter of John says: "Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (4:7). Again, "those abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them" (4:16). In these texts, we can't see any distinguishing between social organizations. Love is the only standard and principle. In love, we embrace all.

Dear friends, hope we can comprehend our God, our religion and today's Gospel from this perspective. And according to this, we comprehend human life, adjust the direction of life and make plans for life. In love and with love, let us walk together through the gate of the sheepfold, namely, the lifestyle of love, towards God, the fullest and perfect love, eventually being with Him in eternity.

Fr Baiyi

**Readings for next weekend: 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 8th May</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>TUE 9th May</b>	8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
<b>WED 10th May</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 11th May</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 12th May</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Mass to formally Install Fr Baiyi as our Parish Priest—followed by supper
<b>SAT 13th May</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 14th May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will be held this Sunday 7th May at the 9am Mass. Parents please note that we require at least one parent to stay with the group each week so that there are 2 adults present. Thanks to those parents who have already been helping us!

**Sacramental Program:** This weekend the children have the first workshops to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

**Helpers needed** on the church cleaning roster! Contact Julie

**No Parking:** Please don't park down the driveway between the Memorial Wall and the grass area.

**Installation Mass:** All parishioners are invited to the Official Installation of Fr Baiyi as our Parish Priest at Mass this Friday 12th May commencing at 6.30pm. We will be serving a light supper after the Mass so we are asking parishioners if they could bring along a plate of food to share. We are also looking for people who might be able to make a large hot pot: either international food/curry/casserole. For more details please call Jo Cullen to confirm 0419733878

**Social Justice News:** This weekend we will be exploring the benefits Fairtrade brings to people across the globe. Fairtrade matters. It addresses exploitation of the vulnerable and powerless producers in developing countries. It is about changing lives and redressing injustices. Fairtrade brings better prices, decent working conditions, fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. Fairtrade is also about empowering people so that they have more control over their lives and can fulfil their God given potential. Purchasing Fairtrade products is one small step to make a difference to struggling communities.

We are very privileged to welcome the Good Shepherd Sisters. They will tell us about the work they are doing with many communities in developing countries. We will be fortunate to admire the beautiful products on display knowing, that those who have produced them have received fair pay for a days work. Please purchase as many products as you are able to afford.

Dear friends, please also check out the thank you cards from the **Hamlin Foundation** and the **City of Joy** on the church door. They are very beautiful. Erika

**Little White Books & Five Minutes with the Word:** Unfortunately there was a mix up with our order for the books from Easter to Pentecost and they have only now arrived. The Word Among Us is unavailable and 5 Minutes with the Word has been substituted. It has the same reflections as Break Open the Word but not the articles. There is only 5 of each book and we only ask \$2 per book as they are so late.

**Overnight Retreat:** Expressions of interest for Reflection retreat to Santa Teresa Ormiston Friday 15 Sept 4.30 pm till 16 Sept finish 3.30 pm. Cost is \$150. This includes all meals, morning and afternoon tea,

private rooms and facilitator for the weekend program. All rooms come with private ensuite. If a couple would like to come it is \$245 for the room. This is open to all parishioners or friends who may enjoy some quiet reflective time away. Please see Jo Cullen if interested or need more information 0419733878. Green slips provided for Expressions of Interest. Use the red box


**Share the Dignity:** Thanks to all who donated sanitary items for homeless and at-risk women during April. We will participate in the collection again in August.

**Communion Ministers and Readers:** Please indicate on the provided slips any changes or dates you will be unavailable during the next roster which begins on 3rd June and will run to the end of August.

**Entertainment Books 2017/18** are available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. Still only \$65. Remember that now, as well as the traditional book you can choose a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at [www.entbook.com.au/2224e97](http://www.entbook.com.au/2224e97) or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

### **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.

**Thank You from all at Caritas Australia!**  Caritas AUSTRALIA Please bring back your donations asap or donate at [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or call 1800 024 413

**Guest Speaker:** Dominican Fr Timothy Radcliffe will speak in Brisbane this Wednesday May 10th at the O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale Street, Wilston from 9.30am to 12 noon with a presentation entitled "Making Place for the Consciousness of the Laity Today: The Challenge of Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)."

If you would like to attend please contact Evangelisation Brisbane on ASAP on 3324 3440 or email [ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Vinnies News: A St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland Cyclone Recovery Appeal** has been launched in response to the devastation caused Cyclone Debbie. To make a donation, please:  
 \* Go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) \* Phone 13 18 12 \* Visit an Australia Post retail outlet  
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Every dollar donated goes directly to individuals affected by the disaster.

**Date Claimer:** SVDP Winter Appeal Launch will be held on Sunday 11th June after the 9am Mass on the grassed area beside the church. and everyone is invited to come along to lend your support and to enjoy the occasion. We will be having a Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, Music, a cake stall and lucky dips, and even a raffle. Donations of items that could be used as raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see Carmel Northey-Cherrett or Julie in the Parish Office.

**Donations of craft and sewing materials etc.** for SVDP sewing classes at Woodridge, would be graciously accepted, and can be left at the back of the church or at the Parish Office.

***Invitations from around the Archdiocese:***

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies:** The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelsthearchangelorganization.org/>

**Join us for Fatima Centenary Celebrations.** Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills. Saturday 13 May Adoration 4pm - overnight including 7.15pm Mass, rosary, Fatima prayers, candlelight Eucharistic procession. Visit: [facebook.com/BowenHillsParish](https://facebook.com/BowenHillsParish) ph 32522200

**Centenary of St Joseph's School Corinda** – Saturday 27 May 2017. Past pupils, parents, staff and the present community are invited to join in celebrating this event. The day begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.

**2017 St. Joseph's College Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea:** All past Terrace mothers are cordially invited to attend this year's Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 28 May at 10.00 am, in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, followed by morning tea in the Founders' Room.

Cost \$20 plus booking fee. Book via the [www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events](http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events)

Contact Marianne Eadie – [Marianneeadie16@gmail.com](mailto:Marianneeadie16@gmail.com) or 0410 720 067 for more information.

**All Hallows' School Open Day :** Sunday 28 May 2017 from 11.00am. please visit [www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au).

**Corpus Christi Procession**— Sunday 18th June 2017. This year's Corpus Christi Procession will be starting at 2:00pm at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, with procession through the city streets, led by Archbishop Coleridge.

***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

**Those who have died:** Robert Murray, Joyce McCormack, Margaret Brewer, Desiree Whitton

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye & Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey, Gabriel Cosgrove, Kathleen Cook, Augustin Kosteki, Carmel Caldwell, Gerrit Severein, Peter Viola, Clare Lynch, Bobbie Richmond, Patti Bistagne, David Northey, Elsie Bishop, Eunice Carter, James Hayward, Gordon Giles, Phyllis Beliveau, Ruth Rosso

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Nuala Towland, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Lucy Macini, 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 13th & 14th May 2017**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Michael Claridge Geoff Hondroudakis	Monika	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Joan D'Netto	C 1 2	Kevin McMahon Maria chamberlain Bev de Paola	Zac	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Lynn White Helen Graczyk Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Volunteers please	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 1 Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede, Julie Hondroudakis. Help needed!

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

**Cuppa:** after the Sunday 9am Mass: 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:

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