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"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 Ascension of the Lord - Year C

8th May 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

The Ascension of the Lord : Luke 24:46-53.

Are You an Active Witness to the Risen Lord?

Luke tells in the Acts of the Apostles(1:3) that Jesus was seen in his risen form for forty days. And after those forty days, Jesus was no more seen in his risen body. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of incarnation and resurrection - that Jesus is not visible in his earthly body as such. And Mark describes this 'withdrawal' of Jesus in terms of "being taken up into heaven (Mark 16:19). Hence, the 'Ascension of the Lord! However, with our modern familiarity with rocket science, we shouldn't be led to think of the feast in terms of a count down and then Jesus being shot up to heaven! So let me be very precise in my reflection of the feast. We are his people who have our eyes fixed on heaven but at the same time have our feet firm on the ground.

There is a funny story about a man, who when he was in his twenties, walking along a city street, had found a hundred dollar bill. Since then, that day the man decided to always look down expectantly as he walked on the street. By the time he reached seventy, he had gathered quite a lot of stuff: he had found hundreds of wallets with credit cards and IDs; the money he had collected would have amounted to thousands of dollars. If he had collected pins and bottle tops, they would have filled truck loads. If in our times he would have picked up some mobile phones and at least some i-pods and i-phones! But above all, he ended up having a hunch-back!

The feast today invites us to look up. To have our eyes fixed on heaven. Luke tells, "As he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven" (24:51). He goes on to add in the Acts of the Apostles, as we heard in the first reading, "As he said this, he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight." Now we are told that this is the meaning of the whole story: receive the spirit of the master and be empowered by the same Spirit to continue his mission on earth. After the parting of Jesus, Luke tells us that the disciples 'went back to Jerusalem full of joy(24:52). Then, have feet firm on the earth: looking up to heaven is to get power from on high to be expressed and executed in their/our commitment to transforming the world with the expectant hope of his second coming in glory.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings	The Ascension of the Lord	Year C
First Reading:	Acts 1:1-11	Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.
Second Reading:	Ephesians 1:17-23	He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.
Gospel:	Luke 24:46-53	While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.
Readings for next Sunday (Pentecost Sunday)		
Acts 2:1-11	Romans 8:8-17	John 14:15-16, 23-26

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 9th May	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 10th May	8.00am Mass with children
WED 11th May	6.30am Mass
THU 12th May	10.00am Funeral Service for Helen Ware
FRI 13th May	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 14th May	St Matthias 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 15th May	Pentecost Sunday 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Year Of Mercy The Ascension of the Lord

"The Son of God, made incarnate for our salvation, has given us his Mother, who joins us on our pilgrimage through this life, so that we may never be left alone, especially at times of trouble and uncertainty..."
Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, 1 January 2016



St Matthias was a companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. He was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

to all the mothers, grandmothers and all the women who fill the role of mother in our lives.

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 8th May after the 9am Mass and also next Saturday 14th May after the 6pm Mass



Confirmation

Sacramental Program: Enrolment forms are still being accepted for Confirmation for 2016 for children in Grade 3 and above.

Contact the Parish Office this week if you still wish your child to be Confirmed this year. Parent info meetings have already been held and the children will attend Masses next weekend for formal enrolment.

National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies:

During May all Catholic churches and Mass centres in Australia are undertaking a simple head count at all Masses for Census data.

Communion Ministers and Readers: Please indicate on the green form any changes or dates you will be unavailable during the next roster which begins on 4th June and will run to the end of August.

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.)

Music Liturgy: The next Music planning meeting will be held on Monday 9 May at 7:30pm, at 22 Lancelot St Rosedale South. All are welcome, please bring your copy of Break Open the Word. Contact Liz Fort (33410852) for more details.

Share the Dignity: Thanks to all who donated sanitary items to help homeless and at risk women. The Archdiocese has committed to running another donation campaign in August.

Date Claimer: St Peter's School 40th Anniversary Celebrations will take place on Sunday 12th June beginning with 9am Mass and followed by a BBQ and bush dance. See the poster on the noticeboard or pick up a flyer on the back table.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Training Workshop is being held at St Paul's, Woodridge on Sat 21st May from 9.30am to 12 noon. Any parishioners who work or volunteer with children or vulnerable adults and have not yet attended a training session, should make this a priority.

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession on

Sunday, May 29th this year will start at St Stephen's Cathedral at 2pm and go through the streets of Brisbane City. All are invited to be part of this great event and demonstration of our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. More info on the noticeboard. **The parishioners of St Peter's** will carpool at St Peter's at 12.30pm to drive to Eight Mile Plains Bus Station to get into Edward St, City and walk down to St Stephen's Cathedral. All Welcome. Call 0407 178 280 for further Information

From the Australian Catholic Bishop' Office: On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life.

The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home> If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website. The printed book form of *Amoris Laetitia* is now available for purchase from St Paul's Book Centre for \$12.95

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. 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 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.



Vinnies News: We received a letter from SVDP Matha Church, Navalkadu India (our twin conference). They wish to thank all of St. Peter's Parish for their continuing financial help and prayers of support, during their terrible drought.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Launch is on Sunday, 29 May, after the 9am Mass. It will be held on the grass area in front of the Parish Office, and everyone is invited to come along to lend your support and to enjoy the occasion. We are having a Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, Music, Dancing, a "Best Scarf" competition, a cake stall and lucky dips, and even a raffle. Parishioners are invited to take part by donating a scarf or blanket to go to needy families. You are also invited to bake and donate a cake, biscuits etc for the cake stall.

See the Noticeboard for more information on the following invitations:

School Open Days: All Hallows: Sunday 29th May 11am. To register please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au
Clairvaux MacKillop College Wed 25th May 6.30pm to 8pm. Contact 3347 9223 or email gomf@cvxmck.edu.au
Our Lady's College, Annerley Sat 14th May 10am—1pm. Contact 3426 8000 or www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au
St Thomas More College, Sunnybank Tuesday 17th May 9.15am & 4.15pm. Register attendance 3323 4600

<p>Veni Sancte Spiritus – 'Come Holy Spirit' We extend a warm invitation for everyone to join our community for Veni Sancte Spiritus, our weekly Tuesday praise and worship evenings. 7pm St Francis of Assisi Hall 47 Dornoch Tce West End Deepen your faith walk, develop an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, soak in the praise and worship, meditation and healing.</p>	<p>Centenary School Fete—Sts Peter & Paul Primary School, Bulimba 10.00am until 8.00pm on Saturday May 21 at the Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, 33 Alexandra Street, Balmoral. Gregory Terrace Old Boys Assoc Annual Gathering Fri May 27th 6.30pm. Primary Quad. To book: go to www.terrace.qld.edu.au, click on About Us / College Events / GTOBA Annual Reunion.</p>
<p>2016 Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Gathering Mass at 10 am, Sunday, 12 June 2016, in the Chapel of the Holy Family, followed by High Tea in The Founders' Room, St. Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. \$20 per head. To book: go to www.terrace.qld.edu.au, click on About Us, and then click College Events. Bookings close 8 June.</p>	<p>St Benedict's Church East Brisbane will be celebrating its centenary on the 12th August 2017. We would like to invite anyone who has been part of this journey to help us with our celebrations. We are currently searching for photos or any memorabilia from St Benedict's church or the school. If you can assist, please contact Catherine Goldsworthy on 3391 4633.</p>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Helen Ware, Marby Obeyesekere, Valda Temple, Kevin O'Donoghue (Gloria's husband),

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Clara McKivett, Marie Maloney, Dennis Mitchell, Betty Wormald, Maree Hooiveld, Allen Thrower, Monica Kirchner, Fr Frank Clancy, Lorraine Clark, Hume Maynard, Dennis Marrinan, Jim Cook, Alan Mason, Mollie Ewart, Simon Bakker, John Bochniak, Josephine Ellway, Mary Malone, Leong Ah Kaw, Margaret Gibbon, Clara Tronchini, Audrey Wren, Rita van der Haar, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Ronald Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, NicolasTendrio, Nora Estanislao, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, 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 14th & 15th May 2016					
Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land Faith Coyer John Coyer	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Michael Claridge Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Clive D'Silva Angelina D'Silva	
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones June Wilson Joan D'Netto	C 1 2	Theresa Cruz Bev de Paola Monica O'Leary	Zac Whittaker	
Sun 6:00pm	Patti Camp Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Alan Camp John Blake	Nathaniel Baigent	
Church Cleaning: 5 Mary Andrew, Mark Connolly, Narelle Garland, Shane D'Silva					
Children's Liturgy: Anne Flood This week: Linen: Jo Lavington Counting: Anthony's team					
Cuppa: Sat 14th May after 9am Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin					



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.

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 Jo Cullen 0419733878
- 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
- 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 mcaroll580@gmail.com

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