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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."*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Year C

### 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

#### From the Pastor's Desk

#### **John 8:1-11. Put the Past Behind and Look to a Bright Future.**

Some years ago a lady wrote to the famous advice columnist Ann Landers and asked this question: Do all men cheat on their wives? I have been suspicious of my husband for some time. I even hired a private detective to trail him, but he couldn't come up with a thing. I went to a lawyer. He told me to grow up and accept the fact that all husbands fool around. Do they?" Ann Landers very wisely replied, "No. There are plenty of married men who never cheat, and your husband could be one of them. The only thing you can be fairly sure of is that your lawyer cheats on his wife." Cheating on one's wife or husband is called adultery in the Bible. And it is prohibited by the Sixth Commandment. Today's Gospel story from John is a story of a woman caught in adultery (but the man is not brought in!) and Jesus is not condemning her, but sends her away with, "go away and sin no more." What a great story to listen to as we are nearing to the finish of our Lenten journey during this Year of Mercy!

There is very definitely a theme running through all of our readings today which might be proclaimed as: Forget what has happened in the past and look to the future. When Jesus has managed to dismiss all the naysayers who wanted to kill the woman caught in adultery, he is left alone with her. In a confessional moment, Jesus, the Face of God's Mercy, forgives her past and has prompted her to look to the future: Go and sin no more. In the reading of Isaiah, God is speaking and is telling his people not to bother even remembering the exodus from Egypt and the miracles in the desert because *in the future God is going to do even more remarkable things for them*. Put the past behind them and look to a bright future. Paul too says that he does only one thing: he forgets what lies behind and strains forward to what lies ahead. And we have our Lenten Reconciliation Rite on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, and it is a very positive moment for all of us learning to follow the Lord Jesus as best we can, always relying on his love and forgiveness.

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

#### **Readings**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

#### **Year C**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:16-21 I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:8-14 Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11 Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

#### **Readings for Next Weekend: Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

**IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:**

<b>MON 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 7.30pm Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
<b>TUE 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.00am Mass with Children
<b>WED 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30am Mass 7.00pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group (final)
<b>THU 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Patrick</b>
<b>FRI 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Stations of the Cross (final)
<b>SAT 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Joseph</b> 8.00am Decorating the Church and making palm crosses for Palm Sunday 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday
<b>SUN 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> 9.00am Mass—beginning with Palm Procession 6:00pm Mass

**Year Of Mercy**  
"Together let us pray to the Virgin Mary that she helps us ... to walk in faith and charity, ever trusting in the Lord's mercy; He always awaits us, loves us, has pardoned us with His Blood and pardons us every time we go to Him to ask His forgiveness. Let us trust in His mercy!"  
--Pope Francis  
(Regina Caeli on *Divine Mercy Sunday*, April 7, 2013)



**Easter Volunteers:** Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists.

We also need **8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night** as well as **readers for the Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill on Good Friday.**

**Lenten Discussion Group Wednesday**

**7.30pm: *Being Lost...Being Found...***

Last session of prayer, scripture, reflection and discussion. Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the Parish Office meeting room. Even attending one session is a wonderful preparation for Easter.

**Easter Choir/ Musicians:** All singers and musicians are invited to come to a music practice for the Easter ceremonies on Monday March 21 at 7:30pm in the Church. We would love to have many singers and musicians to help us make wonderful music this Easter so please come along. Please phone Liz Fort 3341 0852 for any further details. Thank you!

**Training for Readers** which was to have been held on Thursday has been **postponed** to a future date to be advised, after Easter.

Deacon Mike will be travelling to Townsville on Thursday for Bishop Ray Benjamin's funeral.

**Caritas: Remember Project Compassion this Lent.** Caritas has notified us that extra help will be given to hurricane victims in Fiji through Project Compassion. 1800 024 413 [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

**Crosses for Palm Sunday**

Please come along to help fold palm crosses on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8am, on the veranda of the church. The crosses are easy to fold, so come along, lend a hand and have fun. Many hands make light work.



**Decorating the Church**

**for Palm Sunday:** We will be decorating the church for Palm Sunday at the same time: 8am this

Saturday 19th March. If you can help please come along.

**Palm Sunday Procession:**

As usual we will begin our 9am Palm Sunday Mass with the Procession with palms.



**Times for Easter Services:**

**Communal 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

**Stations of the Cross** (final for Lent 2016)

Friday 18th March 7.30pm

**Holy Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

**Good Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill

3pm Passion at St Peter's

**Easter Vigil 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm** (NOTE later time!!)

**Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am only**

**Chrism Mass:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday 16th March commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

**Thanks to all who contributed to last weekend's retiring collection** for the City of Joy in Zambia & the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. We raised \$1309 so far. Any further donations will be very welcome. We will split the money evenly between the 2 charities. Thank you for your generosity.

**Care and Concern** are looking for volunteers who could help with visitations especially to the Freedom Aged Care Facility( formerly Tall Trees) or maybe to people's homes.

We are slowly becoming low of people make visits. It may only be once a month or every two months. Please see Jo Cullen if you are able to spend a little time to share with some of the elderly or home bound. Contact Jo on 0419733878

**Children's Liturgy** continues this weekend and next and then will take a break for the school holidays. 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.) Leaders, please advise Jodie of any dates you are unavailable during Term 2.

**Cuppa:** Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 13th March after the 9am Mass and next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March after the 6pm Mass.



**Senior's Invitation:** All Seniors are invited to join with St Edward's Seniors on a day outing bus trip Friday April 15th. Bus (\$28) will leave St Edward's at Daisy Hill at 8.30am. Morning Tea (provided) at Wivenhoe Dam, lunch at the Toogoolawah Hotel (\$10). Raffles \$3. Return by approx. 3:30pm. Write your name on the form on the back table if you are interested or contact Julie in the Parish Office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Grete Magiera, Alma Calabria, Betty Clifford

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Florence Chia, Dominic Chin, Nicholas Chin, James Leong, Terrence Powis, Douglas Littlefield, Pat McDonnell, Veronica Smith, Paul Ruthven, Margaret Evans, Marie Kerslake, John Laughren, Mary Hunter, John McKenna, Agnes Kluck, Bernard Campbell, Regina Fernando, Lorna McNulty, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Nassib Jabbour, Teodolfo Cruz, Ronald Mack, Bella Agnas, Ramona Cruz, John Bochniak, Terry Naughton, Patricia Stanfield, Debra McKenna, Terri Mills, Mary Scholes, 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 19th & 20th March 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mal Jensen Carl de Mello Diane Land	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Anthony Della Brooke Della	Clive D'Silva Angelina D'Silva	Madden Family
Sun 9:00am	Jo Cullen Bev de Paola Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Theresa Cruz	Zac Whittaker	Rita
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Patti Camp Alan Camp Aurelie Regnard	Chevonne Mone	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 5 Mary Andrew, Narelle Garland, Mark Connolly, Shane D'Silva

**Children's Liturgy:** Anne Flood    **This week: Linen:** Jo Lavington    **Counting:** Anthony's team

**Cuppa:** Sat 19th March after 6pm Mass: Peta Grandin, Ann Maree Collier

## 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  
**Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent  
**Family Groups:** Alan & Kristy Scanlon  
**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

Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878

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