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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."*

## The Ascension of the Lord

### 13th May 2018

(Readings: Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 4:1-13

Mark 16:15-20)

### Reflection

We live in a world in which up is better than down. Singers want to be at the top of the charts, athletes want to be on top of their game, and students want to be at the top of the class. Everyone would rather have an up day than a down day. When the stock market rises we celebrate but despair when it crashes down. No one wants to be at the bottom of someone's list. We work to climb, not to descend the career ladder. We hear and read about mountain climbers but not much is said or written about valley descenders. Recently, some preschoolers delighted in showing me how high they can jump and, at least for a moment, defy gravity.

The reality is that we want to live ascended lives. We want to break free from the things that hold us down and rise above it all. There's nothing wrong with that. In fact, it is right. Something within us knows that we are more than earthbound creatures. The problem is that we have distorted what ascension and an ascended life mean. We forget, or perhaps deny, that Christ's ascension seats humanity next to God, and settle for attempted self-ascension.

That distortion has invaded our theology and understanding of God. In this distorted view God, heaven, and holiness are up there somewhere while we are stuck down here. So we spend our time jumping up and down like little children thinking if we jump hard enough, high enough, and fast enough we can touch the moon. This gets lived out in so many ways. It almost always involves comparison, competition, and judgment of some kind. We compare ourselves and our lives with other people and their lives. We compete with each other believing that for us to ascend the other has to descend or at least not jump as high as us. We are forever judging ourselves and one another. We fill our lives with busyness hoping to climb to new heights. A life of self-ascension keeps us always searching for the next high.

Our attempts at self-ascension fragment our world and our lives. They separate the creature from the creator. They destroy relationships and intimacy. Ultimately, they become the gravity that denies us the ascended life we are seeking, a life that, in reality, is already ours.

Jesus' ascension reshapes our disfigured understanding of an ascended life. His ascension is the corrective and antidote to the fragmentation and separation of self-ascension. His is the only authentic and life-giving ascension. Through him we too can live ascended lives.

*Deacon Mike Jones*

#### Readings for next weekend: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

#### New Feast: Our Lady, Mother of the Church

A new memorial has been introduced to the General Roman Calendar: the commemoration of Mary, Mother of the Church. It will be celebrated not on a fixed date but on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday—this year 21st May.

The Second Vatican Council insisted that its treatment of the Virgin Mary should be placed within its document on the Church, giving our theology of Mary a profound ecclesiological significance. Placing the new memorial beside the feast of Pentecost recalls the presence of Mary with the apostles in Pentecost day and her motherly care of the new-born Church.

The commemoration further reminds us that by water and the Spirit we are part of the Body of Christ whose Mother is Mary.

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 14th May</b>	No Mass 7.00pm Parish Finance Council meeting
<b>TUE 15th May</b>	8.00am Mass with children 7.00pm RCIA Team meeting
<b>WED 16th May</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 17th May</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 18th May</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 19th May</b>	5.00pm Sacramental Program Workshop on Communion 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 20th May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> 9.00am Mass 10.15am Sacramental Program Workshop on Communion 6.00pm Mass

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

**Children's Liturgy** continues this Sunday at the 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy takes place during the Liturgy of the Word. We require 2 adults to be present with the group so we need one parent helper per week with the leader. Thanks to those parents who have already been helping us with this.

**Music Liturgy Meeting:** The next Music Liturgy meeting is this Monday 14th May at 7:30pm. Please come along to 22 Lancelot Street Rochedale South and bring your copy of Break Open the Word. Please phone Liz Fort on 3341 0852 if you have any questions.

**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 June to August inclusive. Final weekend to 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 Peter's Post box just inside the main doors of the church. New Ministers welcome.

**Sacramental Program:** Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion. They will have 2 workshops over this weekend and next (12th/13th & 19th/20th May) during which the children will learn about the Mass and Eucharist. First Holy Communion will be held on 2nd and 3rd June, appropriately the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

**Confirmation:** Enrolment forms are still being accepted for Confirmation for 2018 for children in Grade 3 and above. Contact the Parish Office if you would like your child to be Confirmed this year (in September).

**Altar Servers Albs:** We are urgently in need of someone to sew a couple of very simple white albs for the Altar Servers Ministry group. Please contact Jo Cullen or the Parish Office if you know anyone or can help.

**St Peter's Card Group:** all welcome to come along and join in a friendly game of cards in the Parish Centre every Monday at 10am. (except public holidays)

**Baptismal Team:** Anyone interested in joining the Baptismal Team in welcoming parents to this wonderful Sacrament please contact the Parish Office. There will be a team Meeting on 21st May.

**Care & Concern Thank You:** Thank you very much to all those who supported Care & Concern 'Celebration of Motherhood Afternoon Tea' by attendance, purchase of raffle tickets, donations, provision of food, help on the day, decorations, Fr Baiyi, Mel, Julie and our wonderful committee. It was a great afternoon and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you all!  
Lynn

**Alpha "Come & See" workshop:** St Peter's is hosting the Alpha workshop on Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm in Parish Centre with other parishes also invited. Alpha is a program which presents the core of the Christian faith, in a welcoming and friendly way to help address questions and concerns for existing, new and non practicing Catholics.

We would love as many parishioners who are interested to come and see if this program could work as a renewal of our church. Soup supper provided so please place name on expressions of interest board at back of church for catering.

**Church Cleaners:** New people needed to join the Church Cleaning Ministry. Contact the Parish Office if you can help once every 8 weeks!

### **LOGAN DEANERY YOUTH SPORTS DAY 2018**

Date: Saturday 26th May 2018

Time: 9:00am- 3:00pm

Venue: St Bernardine's Catholic School Oval  
25 Vergulde Rd, Regents Park.

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Contact Jo Cullen for more information.

**Bus to Corpus Christi Procession:** Woodridge parish has organised a bus to take people to the Corpus Christi Procession. Bus leaves St. Paul's Woodridge 12:15 pm for 2pm start on Sunday 3rd June and returns back 4.30-5pm. Cost of the bus \$5.00 per Person for the return trip. Contact Gary Cox on mob. 0413 625 521 or email

gary\_50@optusnet.com.au. All participants should wear a hat and have comfortable walking shoes.

### **YEAR OF YOUTH 2018**

"Often a single word, a friendly smile, is enough to give a depressed or lonely soul fresh life."

- Saint Therese Lisieux 24 years old French nun in the 1880s

**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.

**Bequests and Endowments:** Have you considered leaving a bequest or endowment to the parish in your will? Contact the Parish Office for more information.



**St Vinnies News:** The 2018 St Vincent Winter Appeal launches this month. The concept for this year's Winter Appeal is 'Give people in need another choice', with a focus on the impossible choices people are forced to make every day - families who face hunger and homelessness because of family breakdowns. These are the people whom we assist each and every day. Our **Parish SVDP Winter Appeal fundraiser** will be on Sunday 24th June. This fun morning is vital to our fundraising efforts and we ask you to give it your full support. Does anyone have a **coffee machine** capable of making cappuccinos, lattes etc that we could use on the 24th? Please phone Carmel if you can help on 0417 213 702.

Also, Vinnies needs the services of a small carrier for deliveries of furniture from time to time. Delivery charges to be negotiated. If you are involved with, or know of, a local carrier, please call Brian on 0419992294

### **Invitations from Around the Archdiocese**

**San Sisto College Open Day** – Sunday 20 May from 1 pm until 4 pm. Enjoy guided tours, student performances, faculty demonstrations and displays at Open Day 2018. To register, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/OpenDay2018](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OpenDay2018). For more information about San Sisto College, visit [www.sansisto.qld.edu.au](http://www.sansisto.qld.edu.au)

**Pentecost Celebrations:** Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane will be conducting *The Grace of Baptism* seminar at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Cecil Road, Bardon commencing Friday 18th May, 7pm to 9pm and Saturday, 19th May - 9.30am to 4pm. Discover how precious you are in Christ and experience what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. The seminar is open to anyone and is free of charge. A love offering will be taken up. BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon teas provided.

There will also be the traditional Pentecost celebration with CCR Brisbane and CCR Bardon on Sunday night, 20th May at the same Church starting at 7.30pm with guest speaker Peter Pellicaan, Private Secretary to the Archbishop. After having spent over ten years as an ordained Protestant Minister, Peter came in to the Catholic Church with a fresh enthusiasm for the beauty, goodness and truth found in the Holy Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome

**Past Gregory Terrace Mothers' Mass:** Sunday May 27, 10am at the Chapel of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's, Gregory Terrace with morning tea following with a cost of \$20 per person. See the flyer on the noticeboard.

**Corpus Christi Procession 3rd June:** The Corpus Christi committee are looking for a representative from our parish who will liaise with the committee to promote the Corpus Christi procession within your parish. This will bring awareness to the procession hence boosting attendance. Please call Roy 0402408786 or email [rpires05@gmail.com](mailto:rpires05@gmail.com) for more information.

**Enrichment Seminar for married couples—The 5 Love Languages- the secret to love that lasts:** 9am-5 pm, Saturday 9 June 2018 at the Our Lady of Mt Carmel primary school hall, Coorparoo. Cost: \$60 per couple (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon cuppa). More information and booking: [tps://trybooking.com/TWXC](https://trybooking.com/TWXC)

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

**Those who have died:** Cecil Britto, Peter Harris, Gary Twyford, Stephen Chin, Josie Gorrie, Peter English, Rose Wakeham

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** 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, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryn McGarvey, Colin Towne, Megan Rejfeek, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Esme Jensen, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, 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 19th & 20th May 2018**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Peta Grandin David Crowley Clive D'Silva	Diane Land Ann Maree Collier Joseph C Varkey		Luna Chevonne	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Theresa Cruz Julie Hondroudakis Marilyn Mills	Deacon Mike Lydia Chew Kevin Healan Jo Cullen	Stephanie L Julie H Diane McK	Finn Leo Jada	Anne
Sun 6.00pm	Aurelie Regnard	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Daniel Twidale Margaret Connors	Mel McKay Cesarina Gigante Ros Dawson		Eza Angelina	Carmel

**Church Cleaning:** 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Michael Porter, Dona Thomas, Julie Hondroudakis

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

**Cuppa:** Saturday 19th May after 6pm Mass: Romana Langdon, Helen Viola



**Other Parish Contacts**

**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337  
Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

**Family Group Facebook:**  
St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Mal Jensen 0411641312

**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)  
All Welcome!

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:**  
Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or  
mcarroll580@gmail.com

**Social Justice Group Facebook:**  
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

**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.



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