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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."

Fifth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2017

(Year A Readings: Acts 6: 1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12)

He will perform even greater works

In today's Gospel, Jesus said: "Whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works". To many, it is very hard to believe: what Jesus has done is already unreachable, how could it be possible to perform even greater works? When many read this, they either don't believe it or ignore it, then skip to the next passage. Here, I would like to ask: was Jesus serious when saying this? Certainly, He was. If we really can do this, then how?

To begin with, let us have a look at what Jesus has done. Firstly, He came down from heaven and took flesh. Secondly, He chose to be a son of human parents, accepting their teaching and caring about them until His public ministry at the age of around 30. Thirdly, He tried every way possible to teach people how to love and be loved. Fourthly, He performed many miracles, through which He showed His care for the underprivileged and revealed His identity. In this way, He attracted people to follow Him on the journey of love. Fifthly, in order to reveal God's unconditional love, and to wake people up from the state of hatred and sin, He shed His blood and died. Sixthly, He rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and sat at the right hand of God the Father.

We must be stunned at all of this. We don't think we can do any of these things. Probably, when we lament with sighs at it, we forget the prerequisite that Jesus set, which is "whoever believes in me". Without this, none of these things can happen. Only when we believe in Jesus, can it be possible. So now, how should we believe in Him? Firstly, to accept His identity as the Son of God, the incarnation of love. Secondly, to listen to His words, catching the key message, love. Thirdly, to step in His footprints and practice His teaching, loving, sacrificing and dedicating without calculating worldly gain and loss. If so, we are surely relying on the "truth" about life, walking on the "way" of love, and moving forward to eternal "life".

Back to our day-to-day lives, we endeavour both personally and communally. Individually, we strive to be humble, respectful, serve others and share the Good News with others. And this just coincides with the first three items of the works done by Jesus. Communally, we are duty-bound to help the needy and care about the disadvantaged. Certainly, because of love, we also ought to sacrifice our time, money, even lives for others when necessary. Correspondingly, they are the latter three items of Jesus' works. Thus, by personal strivings and communal collaborations, we will ultimately break away from the earthly shackles and enter the kingdom of heaven.

Dear friends, we know that God can make the impossible possible. If we undoubtedly believe in Jesus and strive to follow His way, then what He has said in today's Gospel will absolutely be fulfilled in us: we will not only perform His works, but also the greater ones. Namely, the mission for which Jesus came down from heaven will be fully completed: together, the whole of humankind will leave the wandering life and go back to our original home, the kingdom of God.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 15th May	8.00am Mass
TUE 16th May	8.00am Mass with children
WED 17th May	6.30am Mass
THU 18th May	8.45am Play Group
FRI 19th May	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 20th May	9.30am Social Justice meeting 5.00pm First Holy Communion workshop 2 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 21st May	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.00am School & Parish Family Mass 10.15am First Holy Communion workshop 2 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday 14th May at the 9am Mass but not next Sunday 21st May due to the Family Mass with the Parish and School. Parents please note that we require at least one parent to stay with the Children's Liturgy group each week so that there are 2 adults present. Thanks to those parents who have already been helping us!

Nuala Towland RIP: The funeral of Nuala Towland will be held at St Paul's, Woodridge on Tuesday 16th May at 11.30am.

Thank You from all at Caritas Australia! Please bring back your donations asap or donate on-line or phone 1800 024 413

Sacramental Program: Next weekend 20th & 21st May the children have the second workshops to prepare for their First Holy Communion on the weekend of 3rd & 4th June. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

We are now taking enrolments for **Confirmation** (to be held on 4th August) to start a new group of children on the Sacramental Program. If you have a child in Grade 3 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please pick up an enrolment form from the back of the church or from the Parish Office during the week.

Social Justice News: Dear friends, thank you to the members of the Social Justice Group who worked very hard to make the Fair Trade weekend happen. Thanks to Genevieve from the Trading Circle who gave up her weekend to be with us.

Thank you to all of you for your great generosity and support in the continuing work to empower women and girls and for embracing the Circle of Hope.

The takings were \$2284. This includes 13 bags for the Circle of Hope. Genevieve also received \$177 in donations for the Circle of Hope. She also wishes to thank Father Baiyi for his support, welcome and help while packing up on Sunday night.

Father Baiyi, Genevieve wishes you all the best for your installation and your work at St. Peter's.

The raffle netted \$300 and the baskets were won by Wendy Hilan, Kath McLaughlin and Nancy Brown.

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.

Volunteer Book-keeper needed: Would you be able to volunteer a couple of hours per week to help keep the Parish Accounting in order? If you can help please contact Fr Baiyi or Julie for more information.

Helpers needed on the church cleaning roster! We have lost some volunteers from our Church Cleaning Roster so desperately need some new volunteers. You will be rostered once every 8 weeks for a couple of hours usually early on a Saturday morning where your team will vacuum, sweep, dust, clean the church

toilets etc. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help!

Little White Books & Five Minutes with the Word: Only \$2 per book

Overnight Retreat: Expressions of interest for Reflection retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, from Friday 15 Sept 4.30 pm to Saturday 16 Sept finishing 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 contact Jo Cullen if interested or need more information on 0419733878. Green slips provided for Expressions of Interest. Use the red box at the back of the church.

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 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.

Visiting Hospital: Parishioners, if you or one of your family are being admitted to hospital and you wish to have a visit from a chaplain or wish to receive communion whilst in hospital, please be sure to mark this on your admission form or speak to the person admitting you to make sure your wishes are known and documented.

Please do not assume that because you have listed your faith that you will automatically receive a visit. You must give permission for a visit.



Vinnies News: 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:

Circles of Life - Women's Forum 17: Wednesday May 17th 7pm at the Good Samaritan Centre, Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne. Tickets \$20. Tickets will be available at the door or you can purchase online via <http://charitydos.com.au/?eventid=17139> or by contacting us on 0481365343 or via circlesoflifeqld@gmail.com.
Thirtieth Anniversary of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care and the Annual St Dymphna's Day Celebrations to be held this year on Saturday 27th May, 2017 commencing with Healing Mass at 10am in St Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley. There will also be raffles, lucky wheel — variety of prizes, cake stall and BBQ lunch
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: 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
 Contact Marianne Eadie – 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.
Catholic Mission Movie Night: see the new DC movie *Wonder Woman* at Palace Barracks Cinemas on Thurs 1st June at 6.45pm. Funds raised will support the work of a real Wonder Woman, St Mary Goretti. Tickets \$30 each. Book tickets online by May 22nd <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wonder-woman-premiere-tickets-34451637776>
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: Nuala Towland, Patti Naughton, Ghader Al-Sammak, Robert Murray, Joyce McCormack, Margaret Brewer

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, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryn McGarvey, Colin Towne, Megan Rejfek, Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin

Please pray for those who are sick, especially 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 20th & 21st May 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Ann Maree Collier Les O'Gorman	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Mal Jensen	Monika	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Marilyn Mills Alan Scanlon June Wilson	C 1 2	Megan Seymour Kath Seymour Monica O'Leary	Zac	Carmel
Sun 6:00pm	Malcolm Carroll Volunteer needed	C 1 2	Vickie Routledge Aurelie Regnard Cora Gatabnton	Volunteers please	Rita

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak. Help needed!

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: after the Saturday 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: Les O'Gorman 334 1 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)
 Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
 Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com
 Social Justice Group Facebook:
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