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Second Sunday in Ordinary time Year A

15th January 2017

**Pastor's Note: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: John 29-34.
We Have a Mission and a Role in its Fulfillment**

The Lectionary remains with the Christmas theme for one more week. It is as if the church is still enjoying Christmas and is reluctant to move on to Ordinary Time and the mission of Jesus. We are free to identify with either: to celebrate times when *some John the Baptist (a person, a word, or an event)* invites us to take a fresh look at Jesus coming towards us; to celebrate our mission as parents, teachers, friends, community leaders, spiritual guides to proclaim to the world - and often to ourselves - that *those in our care are sacred* and respect them and love them as God has shown His love towards us. John points out two aspects of Jesus: *He is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.* We say these same words at every Holy Mass and we have become so accustomed to them that they no longer strike us. So we can take the opportunity of this Sunday's Gospel to let them come alive for us. Secondly the words help us *to appreciate those who have been for us 'lamb of God'* who took away the sin of our community, people who have touched our lives, and help us to understand in life-situations the words.

The second part of the saying, *he takes away the sins of the world*, states the purpose of the first, so we start with it. It clearly tells us that *Jesus is an activist*; he does not merely oppose sin in theory, *he takes it away*. He does not accept sin as inevitable (as most of us see it), but he wages war against it. As individuals and as a church, we have tended to water down the aspect of Jesus' (and our) mission. We resign ourselves to accepting evil on the ground that it is inevitable, and in any case, we are powerless to do anything about it; we say to ourselves (and to others) that *this is how life is* and we must conform with it. We *spiritualise* sin, saying things like *'we must hate sin but love the sinner'*, *we pray for sinners and their conversion*, and *we all are sinners in our own way*, etc. These are important and very Christian sentiments, but in practice they are used all too often to cover up the fact that *we are not taking away some evil in the community*. Of course, we celebrate the times and seasons when some John the Baptist (a person, an event, a scripture passage) challenged us to look again at Jesus' *taking away* the sin of the world. See, Jesus has a distinctive way of taking away sin. He does it by being a lamb of God. It means an activist against evil in the community, in the world.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: **Isaiah 49:3, 5-6** I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:1-3** The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Gospel: **John 1:29-34** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Readings for next weekend: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23

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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."



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 16th January	8.00am Mass
TUE 17th January	St Anthony 8.00am Mass
WED 18th January	6.30am Mass
THU 19th January	7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
FRI 20th January	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 21st January	St Agnes 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 22nd January	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Rosters for collection: New Church Cleaners rosters (plus Volunteer Data Forms for those who have not already completed these) are ready for you to collect. Church Cleaning Groups please note you will be advised if we get some volunteers to fill the gaps! There are still some rosters for collection for **Readers and Communion Ministers**.

Tuesday 17th January

is the feast day of St Anthony

Born in 251 in upper Egypt. Died in 356. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude in the desert. Yet he remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. The account of his life by Saint Athanasius (2 May) was extremely influential in the development and spread of monasticism. Remembered as the father of monasticism.

Saturday 21st January

is the feast day of St Agnes

Died at Rome, perhaps in the early fourth century. One of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. According to early accounts, she gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

RIP John O'Brien. Long time parishioner John O'Brien, who was a regular at the Saturday night Mass for many years, passed away last Sunday 8th January, John's funeral was held at St Bernard's, Upper Mt Gravatt on Thursday.

Advertising in our Newsletter: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our newsletter in 2017 please contact austnews either by phone on 1800 245 077 or email: advertising.austnews.net.au

Volunteers needed: Our parish Ministry groups are serviced by a large number of parishioners who volunteer in various ways to keep our parish functioning. We currently have vacancies on our church cleaning teams. We have 8 teams so you will only be cleaning the church once every 2 months. Cleaning is done usually early on a Saturday morning. We ideally like to have 4 or 5 people on a team. Some of our teams are down to 3 and one has only 2 members left!! Please volunteer if you think you could help out.

We are also in need of someone who could **wash and iron the Church linen** once a month. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated.

The **Bereavement group** is also seeking volunteers. The Bereavement group has 2 roles. The first of these roles is to send cards: One person is rostered each month to send sympathy cards to recently bereaved parishioners and anniversary cards to those people marking the first anniversary of the death of a loved one. The second role is to form the team to organize the Memorial Mass for All Souls Day to which all who have lost a loved one in the past 12 months are specially invited. This is a lovely ceremony that those who attend say is a beautiful experience. Please contact Julie in the Parish office if you would like to volunteer in any of our vacant ministries.

Please Note: There will be no Masses held on Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th January

Date Claimers: 1. Mass for Australia Day

Thursday 26th January 8am Mass followed by an "Aussie" morning tea. Please bring damper or other plate of food to share.

2. Our Lady of Lourdes Procession

This year Our Lady of Lourdes' Feast Day, 11th February, will fall on a Saturday. The Saturday night Mass at 6pm will still be the Vigil Mass for Sunday with the liturgy for the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time but will be followed by a rosary procession to Our Lady's Grotto to mark the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. This Rosary Procession and prayer service is a beautiful way to honour Our Lady.

Planned Giving Envelopes: Some envelopes for 2017 are still to be collected. Thank you to all who give to our Planned Giving Program either through envelopes, Direct Debit or Credit Card or even direct bank transfer. Your assistance keeps the Parish functioning.

We have more envelope packs so if your set is not there or should you wish to contribute or change your current contribution please contact the Parish Office or complete a Pledge Card at the back or the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to Julie or John. Thank You

God's Word 2017—Daily Reflections is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day and even space to note down important events and reflections of the day. only \$10!

Break Open the Word 2017: Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry to prepare your readings.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history?

Do we have an opportunity for you!

Talk with us about becoming a **volunteer welcomer and/or guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen**. The commitment is three hours per month on roster; booked tours according to your availability Monday to Fridays and bi-monthly meetings. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. Everyone you meet, greet and guide will become an ambassador for this historic architectural gem which is the mother church of the archdiocese. Volunteering is a sure way to find friends that you didn't even know you had. An information session will be held on Wednesday 1 February 2016 at 10.30. A comprehensive five day training program will begin on Thursday 9 February 2017 and continue weekly until completion on 16 March with a celebration to follow on 23 March. Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by Friday 27 January if you'd like to share in this mission!

Would you like to cycle through Cambodia? If you still have room on your list of new year resolutions, why not consider an overseas trip with a difference? At the end of this year,



Reach out. Give life.

Catholic Mission is offering you the chance to visit some of the vital work it supports in Cambodia, while experiencing the countryside... on a push-bike.

From Wednesday 15 November – Sunday 26 November 2017, you could be part of a group of up to 20 people who will cycle through the cities and countryside of Cambodia, as well as participate in activities such as cooking classes and visit historical venues like Angkor Wat and a

floating village, including a Catholic Church. **To take part, you have to register and cover your own travel costs, as well as fundraise \$3,500 for**

Catholic Mission. For more information, visit <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/catholicmission-cambodia-2017/> or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on (07) 3336 9239.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr George Joseph MCBS, is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 21st May - 3rd June 2017. This pilgrimage is being organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem.

This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500 prior to 31st January 2017. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats contact Mr. Rajesh George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages Ph: 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 561. info@magiholidays.com.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: John O'Brien, Mary Menso

Book of Life & Mass Requests: David Evans, Paul Lavington, Patrick Doolan, Valda Long, Stan O'Gorman, Rita Poynting, Brendan Fagan, Thelma Armstrong, Thomas Hamill, Alfred Warwas, Clara Heckelman, Marie Spinks, Donald Irwin, Mary Clive, Charlotte Campbell, Bill Hawkins, Pamela Brown, Jessie Bess, Bert Flanagan, Hilary Maloney, Sr Agnes Lyng, Elso Ghidella, Tim O'Neill, Mary Bakker, Christopher Harding, Muriel Tonneli, Wayne Webb, John Moy, Sharron McKenna

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Peter Holzknecht, 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 21st & 22nd January 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land Mal Jensen Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Fiorenzo Matarazzo Les O'Gorman Mary Naughton	Volunteers please	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Joan D'Netto Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Theresa Cruz Del Reynolds	Volunteers please	Anne
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	? ? Lynn White	Volunteers please	Carmel

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

Children's Liturgy: none **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sunday 22nd January after 9am Mass: Family 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 Jacob or to one of the Parish Councillors.

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
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
Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
- 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 mcarroll580@gmail.com


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