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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."

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

16th April 2017

(Easter Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34, 36-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9)

Do not be afraid

When I first learned some basic reading skills, my parents started getting me some children's catechetical books. They encouraged, to be exact, forced, me to read them. Now I can't recall the contents of all the books but one. That book has been deeply rooted in my mind and will never go away. In a very colourful way, that book described the situation of hell. There were a lot of very vivid illustrations of demons, sinners and fires in the book. They were so terrifying. Even now, when some of the illustrations occasionally come back to my mind, I still feel scared.

When I grew a bit older, my parents required me to learn Catechism systematically for first Communion and Reconciliation. The deepest impression it made on me is that people will be punished severely and sent to hell by God if they, carelessly, drift away a second from religious responsibilities. And religious responsibilities are usually understood as observing the law strictly but outwardly, such as fasting and abstinence. Living a faithful life is just like treading on thin ice.

Is our faithful life really so terrifying? Is God really so harsh? I kept asking these questions over and over again until I got the chance to read today's Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10, Gospel reading for Easter Vigil Liturgy). In the Gospel, the phrase, "Do not be afraid", is mentioned twice. Firstly, the angel told the women that Jesus had risen. And the angel said, "there is no need for you to be afraid." Then they became the messengers of the Good News and ran to tell the disciples. They met the resurrected Lord on their way and for the second time, they were told, "Do not be afraid", this time, by the Lord.

Actually, there is no need for us to be afraid, either. Jesus loves us so much that He has died for us, then how could he be willing to make our faithful life so hard? He has conquered death. Then what else can't He conquer? Jesus is our Lord, then what do we have to be afraid of? The two women had such great love for Jesus that, though Jesus had died, it was still dark, and they were not sure if there was a future for them, they went to see Jesus at His grave. If we are like them in loving God and neighbours, we will see angels. After they heard the news of Jesus' Resurrection, they immediately left and ran to share this with others. If we are like them in sharing, we will meet the Resurrected Lord.

Dear friends, let us remember this message this Easter: as long as we follow the Lord, keep love in our hearts and try to practice that love, our faithful life will not be terrifying at all. Also, God is not as severe and harsh as some understood. He is as amiable and lovely as our parents, actually, much better than our parents. So, let us "do not be afraid" and rejoice always since faith is not a burden but a joy.

Fr Baiyi

Wishing all parishioners, their families and friends a happy, holy and safe Easter

Readings for next weekend: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 17th April	Public Holiday: Parish Office closed today No Mass
TUE 18th April	No Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 19th April	No Mass
THU 20th April	No Mass
FRI 21st April	No Rosary or Mass
SAT 22nd April	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
SUN 23rd April	Second Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

NOTE: There will be **no week day Masses** this week from Monday 17th April to Friday 21st April. **Rosary Group will not meet** this week either. **Children's Liturgy** will resume next Sunday 23rd April. Leaders please notify Jodie asap of any dates that you will be unavailable this term for the new roster. **No Parking:** Please don't park down the driveway between the Memorial Wall and the grass area.

ANZAC Day Mass: Please join us to celebrate Anzac Day with Mass at 8.00am Tuesday 25th April. Please bring some morning tea to share after Mass
Installation Mass: All parishioners are invited to the Official Installation of Fr Baiyi as our Parish Priest at Mass on Friday 12th May commencing at 6.30pm.
St Peter's Play Group meets Thursdays during school terms from 8.45am till 9.45am in the Parish Centre. All pre-school aged children with their parents or carers welcome. Contact Cassie for more information on 0400 704 876

The Trading Circle will be setting up displays of their Fair Trade Goods in the Parish Centre on the weekend of 6th & 7th May. You will be able to purchase their wonderful hand made goods after Masses that weekend. Perfect Mothers Day gifts!

Enrolments for 2018 for St Peter's Catholic Primary School are being taken now. Please contact the School Office on 3341 4800 for an enrolment pack.
Share the Dignity provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items during April and again in August. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of April. Please contribute to this worthy cause.

Entertainment Books are now 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.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. You are helping to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Social Justice News: This month of April we commemorate the great social justice encyclical, *Pacem in Terris*. It is one of the great Catholic social justice encyclicals and was promulgated by Pope John XXIII on 11th April, 1963, just two months before his death. The encyclical was written against the background of the Cold War and the nuclear arms race. In 2013, Pope Francis spoke of this writing as remaining "extremely contemporary". In our world today, we still very much need this guide to peace-building. It was noteworthy for being the first encyclical to be addressed, not just to Catholics, but to "all men of good will". It reminds us that the basis of peace-making exists in our "divine origin" and thus everyone, from individuals and families to society and States are called to "build peace, on the example of Jesus Christ... by promoting and practicing justice with truth and love... (and) contributing...to integral human development" through solidarity.

Pacem in Terris reminds us that there can be no real peace and harmony unless we work for a more just and jointly supportive society.

Priestly Vocation? Any young men who may be interested in discerning a priestly vocation are invited to a dinner with the Archbishop on Thursday 20th April. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy of the Brisbane Archdiocese states:

Children are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded from harm by all.

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





Vinnies News: Our parish SVDP Conference would like to thank all the parishioners who bought tickets in our Easter Raffle which was drawn after Mass on Palm Sunday.

The Raffle winners were Joyce Lyster - the basket of Easter Chocolates, and Kate Guy - the Easter wine. Congratulations! The raffle raised \$308 and the money will go towards helping the needy families in our area. Well done once again our parishioners.

We have also been given a TV for one of our struggling families, kindly donated by one of our parishioners. We do have a round dinner table to give away, if anyone knows a family who is in need of one. Please contact a member of our SVDP Conference after Mass.

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.

A Happy and Holy Easter to one and all.

Invitations from around the Logan Deanery: See the noticeboard for more information

From St Patrick's, Beenleigh to all St Peter's parishioners to attend the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on 23rd April commencing at 2.30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Mass. 24 Tobruk St, Beenleigh.

From St Matthew's at Loganholme: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane is holding a seminar on Baptism at St Matthew's Parish Hall on Saturday 29 April, 9am – 6pm and Sunday 30 April 2017, 11am – 1.30pm

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

Verse for Vinnies Concert- Sunday April 30th 1.30pm at Mary MacKillop Centre in the St William's Church Complex, Grovely Parish, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra. Amongst the poets for April 30 are Australian, State and Festival champions so not only will you receive professional performances but a great variety of both modern and traditional Australian poetry. Please set this Sunday aside for Vinnies. Cost: \$15 (includes afternoon tea)

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies: The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Centenary of Mary Immaculate School at Annerley 29th & 30th April. See the noticeboard for more information

2017 St. Joseph's College Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea: All past Terrace mothers are cordially invited to attend this year's Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea on 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Desiree Whitton, Cruz Mujica Rocafuerte (*mother of Fr Rodrigo from Loganholme*), Grace Bruderer, Peter Howard

Book of Life & Mass Requests: John Moy, Lynn Robinson, Peta Power, Ray Naughton, Nita Atkins, Elizabeth Traquair, Denis Flanagan, Colin Bishop, Joan Potent, Mary Ann Morris, Roma Murray, Jill Bayliss, Betty Cloherty

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Andrew Briskey, Lucy Macini, Margaret Brewer, 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 22nd & 23rd April 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Les O'Gorman	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Geoff Hondroudakis	Clive Angelina	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Diane McKeone Bev de Paola Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Monica O'Leary	Zac	Tim
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Lynn White Vickie Routledge	Chevonne	Liz

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

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent

This week: Linen: Elizabeth Wang

Counting: Carl's team

Cuppa: Sun 23rd April after the 9am Mass: Care & Concern

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 3341 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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