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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

17th April 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

John 10:27-30. Listening to the Voice of the Shepherd

During her visit to the United Nations several years ago, Mother Theresa was approached by a diplomat who said, "I am not a Catholic, Mother, but I want to know: how should I pray." The frail little nun took his burly hands to hers and spread out five of his fingers on one hand. "*When you pray*", she said, think about the many blessings you have received; then at the end of the day, count out on each finger the words spoken to you by Jesus: *you..did..this..for..me.*" The diplomat left holding up his hand as though it were a trophy and saying: *you did this for me.* In this simple prayer Mother Theresa made the risen Lord experience real. What she meant was the love and peace of the Good Shepherd is present to us in the many moments of compassion that bless our lives. In kind words, in listening ear, in holding the hands as support and love, in wiping every tear from the eyes of the other, and in generous deeds for the sake of others. Jesus is also present to us in the blessings we extend to others. The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel guides us every day in our journey with him.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and it is **the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The scripture lessons for this day concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church. The title pastor means that a shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock - responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of the shepherd proclaimed by prophets. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock. The Gospel text offers us both comfort and great challenge. The comforting message is that no one can snatch the sheep from the Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors and ministers alike should be good shepherds to those entrusted to their care. Let us be, in the words of the Acts, a light to the Gentiles, a light for those who are angry and astray, a light for those who fear, and like Paul, not to be afraid to speak boldly about our hope and our love. *Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations coincides with Good Shepherd Sunday this weekend. It's a day when we as a Church community remember the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest". (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:20) We especially pray for our youth and young people as they consider the call to Ordained, Married, Single or Religious life. You can find out more at the Vocation Brisbane website: www.vocationbrisbane.com

Readings	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Year C
First Reading:	Acts 13:14, 43-52	We are now turning to the gentiles.
Second Reading:	Revelation 7:9, 14-17	The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.
Gospel:	John 10:27-30	I give my sheep eternal life.
Readings for next Sunday (5th Sunday of Easter)		
Acts 14:21-27	Revelation 21:1-5	John 13:31-35

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IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 18th April	St Stanislaus	
	8.00am Mass	8.45am Play Group
TUE 19th April	8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting	
WED 20th April	6.30am Mass	
THU 21st April		
FRI 22nd April	9.00am Rosary	9.30am Mass
SAT 23rd April	2.30pm Wedding Jacquin-Lue 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday	
SUN 24th April	5th Sunday of Easter	
	9.00am Mass	6.00pm Mass

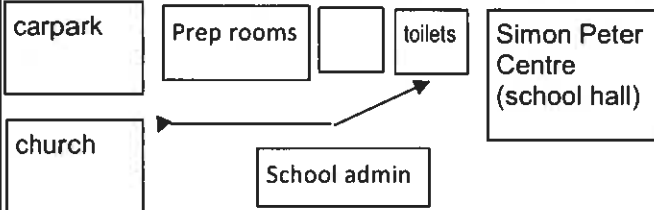
**Year Of Mercy
4th Sunday of Easter**

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in every need." - Hebrews 4:16



St Peter's Play Group meets Mondays 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 Kristy for more information on 0408 894 334

Church Toilet Renovations The toilets will be unable to be used while work is under way. We are able to use the school senior toilets during weekend Mass times. Parents will need to accompany children. The Parish Office meeting room toilet will be made available at other times such as weekday Masses, rosary etc. We apologise for the inconvenience.



Confirmation

Sacramental Program: Enrolments are being accepted for Confirmation for 2016 for children in Grade 3 and above. Contact the Parish Office or see our website for more information.

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Saturday 16th April after the 6pm Mass and also next Sunday 24th April after the 9am Mass.



Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday for Term 2. 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 collect your new rosters and materials for Term 2.

Fr Morgan Batt will be here for Masses next weekend 23rd/24th April to promote Vocations.

ANZAC Day Mass: Please join us to celebrate Anzac Day with Mass at 8.00am Monday 25th April. Please bring some morning tea to share after Mass



Picnic in the Park: The Members of St Peter's Rochedale Care and Concern cordially invite **everyone** who is young or young at heart to **A Picnic in The Park at Underwood Park on Friday 29**

April after 9.30am Mass. This was a great success last time with parishioners, some family members and a group of people from Freedom (formerly Tall Trees) sharing a pleasant morning together. Transport can be arranged so don't miss out on a relaxing time enjoying a **morning tea of fine finger food, with fellowship and friendship in pleasant parkland.** For more information, to arrange transport or to register for this event, please contact the Parish Office or Josephine Cullen on 0419733878. RSVP by 24 April please.

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit ww.caritas.org.au to make your donation online or call 1800 024 413

Altar Servers please collect your Term 2 rosters **Little White Books & The Word Among Us**

Still available. \$3.50 each. Both offer short daily reflections from Easter to Pentecost.

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.

Invitation to Parishioners: Bibles for Year 6 Students at Rochedale SS Each year, the

Cooperative Religious Instruction group at Rochedale SS presents students in their final year of primary schooling with their own Bible. This is to use during that year and to take with them as they enter high school. This weekend, we invite members of St Peter's Parish to write a **message of encouragement on a sticker** for a Year 6 student on their faith journey. The stickers will be placed in the children's bibles for distribution next term. As well as writing inspirational messages, you could also participate by offering a **small donation** to cover the cost of providing these bibles to the children. Our parish is always so supportive of this project and we thank you in advance.



Vinnies News: Date Claimer: Sunday 29 May SVDP Winter Appeal Launch

Our Conference work since January until April (so far) 2016:

We have called on 108 people (adults and families) and have helped them with Food, Clothing, Furniture and other items to the value of \$5298.

Thank you all so much for your continuing help and donations which allow us to assist the needy families in our areas of Rochedale, Springwood and Underwood. God Bless you all in this special year of Mercy and Compassion.

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. 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.

See the Noticeboard for more information on the following invitations:

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, May 29th this year will start at St Stephen's Cathedral at 2pm and go through the streets of Brisbane City.

Living Biblically—Year of Mercy. 1st Lecture Wed April 20. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will present a series of four new talks this year on the theme of *Mercy: Mercy in the Old Testament* (April 20); *Mercy in the Gospel of Luke* (July 20); *Mercy in the Gospel of John* (August 24); *Mercy in the Letters of Paul* (Oct 19). All sessions are free and run from 7pm—8.30pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen.

We're on the move – are you? A Conversation with Peoples of the Pacific about Climate Change Induced Relocation. Hosted by the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in collaboration with Friends of the Earth. At the Aspinal Centre, St Bernard's Catholic Parish, Upper Mt Gravatt, on Thursday 21 April, 7 – 8.30 PM. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by Mon 18 April to lawrencep@bne.catholic.net.au or on 3324 3451.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team need mature committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 4th May to 23rd November from 9am to 3.30pm. Final date of applications is Friday 22nd April 2016.

Year of Mercy Parish Seminar with noted Missiologist Fr Stephan Bevans SVD. Sat 30 April 9am-1pm at the Aspinal Centre, St Bernard's Parish Hall, 4 Klumpp Rd Upper Mt. Gravatt. No cost, morning tea provided. **RSVP:** ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au by Tuesday 26 April. Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Kevin O'Donoghue (Gloria's husband), Arcadia Reyes, Julia Healan (Kevin's sister), Stephen Symes (Cynthia Bowler's brother), Redempta Agdon Magdayao

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Rosamma Varghese, 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, Anne Smith, Eileen O'Mara

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, Nicolas Tendrio, Nora Estanislao, Michael Sykes, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, John Bochniak, Terry Naughton, 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 23rd & 24th April 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Kevin Healan Jo Cullen	C 1 2	Geoff Hondroudakis Joyce Lyster Neil Ballment	Clive D'Silva Angelina D'Silva	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones June Wilson Joan D'Netto	C 1 2	Lydia Chew Arthur Leow Del Reynolds	Volunteers please	Madden family
Sun 6:00pm	Anne Fry Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Patti Camp Alan Camp John Blake	Nathaniel Baigent	Liz

Church Cleaning: 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak, Cecilia Morandini

Children's Liturgy: Elise Fort **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sun 24th April after 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon



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.

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
Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878
- 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
- St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:**
John Blake

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