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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."

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th February 2017

Pastor's Note: Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus Directs Us As His Disciples

This Sunday's gospel reading is taken from the section in known as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew's Chapters 5-7). Matthew summarizes the teaching of Jesus on a variety of life issues such as anger, adultery, retaliation, alms-giving, prayer, money, judging others, offering sacrifices, and discipleship or following Jesus. We all like our friends and family members and we want to remember their birthdays and other special occasions. If they need our help, most of the time we are glad to be able to lend a hand, offer a listening ear, share our time or give some useful advice. In contrast, we are not quite so kind to the people we dislike. If we really dislike them, to the point of hatred, then we may be tempted to treat them unjustly or, at least, damage their character by slandering them and gossiping about them. For us Christians this type of behaviour is not welcome precisely because Jesus in the Gospel explicitly forbade it. Jesus teaches us how to respond to those who do us evil. He tells us to love them, and to pray for those who persecute us. If we live in the wisdom of Jesus, we can be certain that we are children of the heavenly Father because love is the nature of divine life. It means to love one another simply because we are begotten of God, and God is love.

I had been writing From the Pastor's Desk for past three years (even during my holidays in India). It was my way of sharing my faith and love of God revealed in the Word. The Word has to take flesh in our words and deeds, in our heart and soul. One more weekend, and I finish my way of incarnating the Word in our midst. Thank you all who have been reading them and benefiting in your life. It was my spiritual food as well, reading the word, reflecting and sharing it with you.

Very Personal Note: I leave from your parish on Sunday 26th after the evening Mass. But return to India only on 15th of March. I thank you all for allowing me to serve you as your parish priest for three years and two months. Goodbye friends!!! You can keep in touch with me by many ways:

My address in India (By the end of May 2017 onward) is:

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Readings Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48 Love your enemies.

Readings for next weekend: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:14-15 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34



Vinnies News: We would like to thank the St. Peter's Care & Concern Group for their most generous donation, which will greatly assist us in our daily work with needy families in the area. Our Conference has since January, helped 24 families (100 persons) with items such as food, furniture and clothing.

In addition to our normal "hand up" visits, we have been very busy assisting with back to school essentials, uniforms, and other requisites necessary for the start of the new year.

Affirmation: " It is one thing to give charity....it is another thing entirely to give a sense of humanity and dignity and personhood. If the person you care for, leaves your care feeling more of a person than before you came along, you have succeeded. ONLY THEN (*St Vincent de Paul*)

CRI in State Schools: Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own backyard?! Why not consider going back to school this year? Christian Religious Instruction teams in your area need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible with students and share the gospel message clearly. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, blue card and a letter from your church minister. Teaching curriculum and training are provided. Please contact us if you would like some more information.

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Celebrate the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes at St Stephen's Cathedral Elizabeth St Brisbane City on Saturday 25th February. 10.30am Rosary Bouquet then 11.30am Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge
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 28th February 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: Kathryn Ann Woodhead, Raymond Naughton, Joselito Umali, Bella Aguas

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Mohan Varghese, Tom (Joe) Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards, Mark Christensen, Anthony Young, Evelyn Clancy, Pauline Macartney, Gabriel Hong, Gloria Enright, Noreen Hanlan, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S McNaughton

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ann Mendoza, 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 25th & 26th February 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Faith Coyer John Coyer	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Geoff Hondroudakis	Jade	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Del Reynolds Alan Scanlon June Wilson	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahan	Zac	Madden family
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Volunteers please	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 26th Feb after the 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 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
Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103
- 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

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