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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."



Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st May 2017

(Year A Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21)

If you love me, you will keep my commandments

There are always some special people in our lives. They are our loved ones and we try our best to love them. For example, we buy our children new clothes, dressing them up like princes or princesses; or cook for them, and watch them eating happily. We visit our elderly parents, walking and chatting with them, making their latter years contented. We try to be always there for our friends. When they are in need, they've got some people to rely on; when they are sorrowful, they have some people to talk to. Also, we make some special romantic times for our other halves, buying them flowers or other gifts, making them feel happy. In summary, in our world, when we love somebody, we always try to do or sacrifice something for them. In this way, the one whom we love will have a better and happier life.

We know that Jesus has loved us to death. Not only that, He has been with us always, especially under the sacramental form. His love for us has never stopped. Because of that, we are happy to follow Him, trying to love Him back. Then, how should we love Him?

In today's Gospel, Jesus has already told us that, saying, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". Then what are His commandments? In His conversation with a scribe, Jesus condensed all the Laws and Prophets as "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "love your neighbour as yourself" (cf. Matt 22:34-40). So, "love God and neighbour" has become His commandments. Apart from this, He has also given us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). In one word, Jesus' commandment is "to love": our love for Jesus is carried out and completed by loving one another.

Therefore, the way that we love Jesus is different from the way that we love people. When we love people, we do or sacrifice something for them, but when we love Jesus, we do or sacrifice something for ourselves. In this world, the way we love is to make those who are loved by us have a better and happier life. However, the way we love Jesus is to make those who love, namely, ourselves, have a better and fuller life. Why is this? Because Jesus is God and God is already perfect. God can't be better or fuller. The reason that He requires us to love Him is to make our lives better and fuller.

Dear friends, please know that we don't need to do anything FOR God. For example, it's not that we do sacrifices FOR God. We don't need to accompany God for a whole night, or travel a long distance to visit Him. God doesn't need any of that at all. WE DO ALL OF THAT FOR OUR OWN SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY. What we need to do is that, in His name and by following His example, we love one another, serve one another, and bear one another. Through this, the love in our hearts will get stronger and deeper. Then we will get closer and closer to Him and our human nature will get fuller and fuller. If we make this circle happen over and over again, we will eventually meet our God face-to-face and be with Him eternally, completing the last step of the unity of God and human.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 22nd May	8.00am Mass
TUE 23rd May	8.00am Mass with children
WED 24th May	Our Lady Help of Christians 6.30am Mass
THU 25th May	8.45am Play Group
FRI 26th May	St Phillip Neri 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 27th May	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 28th May	The Ascension of the Lord 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will not be held this Sunday 21st May due to the Family Mass with the Parish and School but will be held again next Sunday 28th May. 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! **Mary Help of Christians** is one of Australia's patrons, and we were the first nation to claim Mary as patron under this title. During Australia's early days as a colony, with no priests, the rosary and devotion to Mary were significant for Catholics to nourish and maintain their faith. The title Mary Help of Christians has a long history, much of it relating to prayers for the defence of the Church in against non-Christians. Today, there are many Christians still suffering for their faith in non-Christian countries. Let us pray to Mary Help of Christians to intercede for our brothers and sisters in faith. Her Feast Day is 24th May.

Sacramental Program: This 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: On 27/5/1967 the People of Australia voted to amend the Constitution and include indigenous people in the census and allow the Commonwealth to create laws for them.

To remember this anniversary Logan Central Library at 26 Wilbur St, Logan Central, is hosting two events.

1. Remembering The Anniversary. Keynote speaker: Dr. Chelsea Bond - Sat 27th May at 9.30 am
2. A conversation with Nova Peris, the first indigenous person to win an Olympic Gold Medal and a former Senator for the Northern Territory. Wed 31st May at 9.30 - 11 am. Bookings essential for both events. Phone 3412 4100

Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters for June to August.

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. Thanks to the couple who volunteered last weekend!!!! Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help!

Spotlight on Ministry: Altar Servers

This is a wonderful ministry, not just serving but to join with Fr Baiyi to celebrate the Eucharist as a church family. Altar servers must have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion. Rosters are done each school term. Robes are provided. There will be a training session with pizza—date to be advised. Please see Fr Baiyi if your child is interested in altar serving.

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.

St Peter's School is holding a "Ladies Market Night" in the Simon Peter Centre (hall) next Saturday 27th May from 6 to 9pm. \$15 entry. Pick up a flyer from the back table.

Corpus Christi Procession— Sunday 18th June. This year's Corpus Christi Procession will be starting at 2pm at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, with procession through the city streets, led by Archbishop Coleridge.

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. 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:

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. Book via www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events Contact Marianne Eadie – Marianneeadie16@gmail.com or 0410 720 067

All Hallows' School Open Day : Sunday 28 May 2017 from 11.00am. please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au.

Catholic Mission is organising a ride through the rice-fields and villages of Cambodia, from November 15-26. Along with the 9 participants already confirmed, including Wilcannia-Forbes Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, you will have a chance to not only see the beauty of Cambodia, and meet its people, for yourself but also to encounter some of the life-changing work being supported by the Catholic Church. Call our Brisbane office on (07) 3336 9239 for details

Catholic Man Breakfast Series—Thurs June 8th The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. www.menalive.org.au. Hear Archbishop Mark Coleridge speak on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane. 7am –9am. RSVP: 2nd June Cost: \$45 per person (credit card and eft available) Dress Code: Long-sleeved button-up shirt & trousers (no jeans, shorts or sneakers) For bookings email des@menalive.org.au or mail@menalive.org.au

Pregnancy Crisis Inc Fundraising Lunch July 1st: Don't miss this unique event with very special guest speaker Bishop Eugene Hurley. Prices are \$60 per ticket; \$45 Concession & Special Family Prices (please call 1300 777 777 for details) Please RSVP: 23 June.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Victor Stone (Jenny Norynberg's father), Robyn Gray, Nuala Towland, Patti Naughton, Ghader Al-Sammak, Robert Murray, Joyce McCormack

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Evelyn Jean Bishop, Joyce Lynagh, Beatrice Jones, Jeffrey Martin, Carl Becker, Dulcie Johns, Ken Kearney, Joyce Booth, Ruby Brownlee, Nidya Vellido, Sandra Chapman, Fr Michael Carew, Ken Thorley, Joshua Duffy, William More Campbell, Bernard Gibbs, Terry Ahern, Brigid Lohmeier, John Mulherin, Walter Blattman, Richard Gallagher, Dorothy Wilson, Moreen McMahan

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, 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 27th & 28th May 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Faith Coyer John Coyer Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Shelagh Ballment Jo Cullen Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Jade	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Kevin Healan Stephanie Lenihan	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahan	Zac	Liz
Sun 6.00pm	Kevin Fry Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Anne Fry	Volunteers please	Liz

Church Cleaning: 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

Children's Liturgy: Anne Flood **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: after the Sunday 9am Mass 28th May: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Jo Cullen, Malcolm Carroll

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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