

# St Peter's Catholic Parish

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

22nd January 2017

#### Pastor's Note:

#### Matthew 4: 12-23. Kingdom Has Come in Jesus and Follow Him

Terry Anderson, a journalist for the Associated Press, was seized and held hostage in Lebanon for seven years; blindfolded almost all of the times, Anderson described his experience in this way: "*Deepest darkness, fumbings, uncertainties are frightening. More frightening is the darkness of the mind, when outside light makes no impression and inner lights go dim.*" In Today's Gospel we see that John is arrested and in prison, Jesus heard about it, and he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth, and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been told by Isaiah (as we heard in the first reading) might be fulfilled. "*... the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen*". From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'. A very beautiful, and so precise, way to narrate the ministry of Jesus to us the readers of the Gospel! It clearly states that Jesus has brought us from darkness of sin into the light by calling us to repentance, and the acceptance of Gods reign. Be in Christ and then you walk in light, that is the way to discipleship.

Jesus devoted his public ministry to preaching about the nearness of the kingdom heaven and to inviting people to become his disciples. His lifestyle was completely organized by God's design and he challenged his listeners to accept God and His design in their lives (and ours) by turning away from sin and being faithful to his teaching. As we reflect on the Gospel today, the most important message is repentance for our sins. In other words, Jesus challenges us to turn away from the darkness of sin so that we can live in the light of God's loving presence. Repentance demands humility and a fundamental change of heart. And this is the only way we can be true disciples/followers of Christ. To be sorry means to be sorrowful or saddened. Saying that we are sorry for having caused offence and hurt acknowledges that we are saddened because of the wrong that we have done and the hurt we have caused. Not only we have offended God but another person or others, and thus we have diminished our own human dignity as people made in the image and likeness of God. Repentance is central to our lives as Jesus' disciples. We pray: *help us always, through repentance, to return to your love by changing the direction of our lives and being faithful to your Son's teaching.*

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

#### Readings Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 8:23—9:3 In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23 He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

#### **Readings for next weekend: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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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:

<b>MON 23rd January</b>	No Mass
<b>TUE 24th January</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales</b> No Mass 7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED 25th January</b>	<b>The Conversion of St Paul</b> No Mass
<b>THU 26th January</b>	<b>Australia Day</b> 8.00am Mass followed by Morning Tea <i>Public Holiday: Parish Office closed today</i>
<b>FRI 27th January</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 28th January</b>	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 29th January</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**Next Healing Mass:** Mass on the first Friday of February (Friday 3rd February) will be a school Mass to celebrate the start of the new school year. All Parishioners are most welcome to attend. **Rosary group** will meet in the Parish Office meeting room at 9am as usual on that day. **Healing Mass and Adoration** will be held the following Friday **10th February** commencing with Rosary at 8.30am, then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am and Healing Mass at 9.30am. Reconciliation is available during Adoration. **Altar Servers** please indicate on the form near the doors if you wish to continue to serve at Masses this year. New Altar Servers welcome.

**Please Note: There will be no Masses** held this Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th January. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**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.



**Name Badges:** We will be placing an order for Parish name badges soon. Please write your name on the relevant form near the doors if you would like to order one. Please write clearly and indicate whether you would like a magnetic or pin attachment. Wearing of name badges will help our new parish priest, Fr Baiyi to get to know us. Magnetic badges cost \$8, Pin \$6. Please pay when ordering if possible.

**Music Ministry meeting** Monday 30th January at 7.30pm at Liz's house. Please bring along your copy of *Break Open the Word*.

### **Date Claimer: 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.

**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](mailto:advertising.austnews.net.au)

**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**.

**Children's Liturgy Leaders:** Please notify Jodie about any dates you are unavailable for Term 1 as the new roster will be drawn up soon.

### **Volunteers needed for Church Cleaning,**

### **Bereavement Group and washing the Church**

**Linen:** Please contact Julie in the Parish office if you would like to volunteer in any of our vacant ministries.

**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 of the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to Julie or John. Thank You

### **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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**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! Last days for sale! Any books unsold by the end of January will be returned.



**Vinnies News:** Thanks to everyone, once again, for their very generous support during Christmas Time. The hampers were a huge success and were happily received.

Each hamper was made up of one washing basket and two to three boxes packed with food, gifts, clothing and festive fare. In addition we enclosed a Woollies or IGA gift card in each Vinnies Christmas card, thus assisting our families to purchase hot food or fuel if desired"

We at SVDP St. Peter's Rochedale wish everyone a wonderful new year filled with good health, happiness and everything that is good.



Reach out. Give life.

**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, 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.



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**Are you a parent, looking to raise your children in the Catholic faith?** Do you work among non-Christians? Are you involved in a ministry in this parish? If you answered 'yes', to any of these questions, then Catholic Mission would love to see you join us at a conference in Sydney from May 15-17. *Mission: One Heart, Many Voices* will offer practical tips and insights, as well as inspiration on "going forth boldly". To find out more, visit [www.mohmv.com.au](http://www.mohmv.com.au) 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 21<sup>st</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Christopher Harding, Muriel Tonneli, Wayne Webb, John Moy, Sharron McKenna, Brian Christensen, Daisy Bucklar, Robert Irwin, Ron Tasker, Derek Sharp, Paula Mulderry, Vince Dibello, Julie Apted, Kathleen Slattery, Alan D'Mello, Pauline Maczkowiack, Peter Maczkowiack, Sheila O'Neil

**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 28th & 29th January 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Michael Claridge Neil Ballment	Volunteers please	Madden family
Sun 9:00am	Diane McKeone Shane Seymour Bev de Paola	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Monica O'Leary	Volunteers please	Tim
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Vicki Routledge Cora Gatbonton Anne Fry	Volunteers please	Rita

**Church Cleaning:** 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak. Help needed.

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters      **Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** No cuppa next weekend—5th Sunday of the month. Next Cuppa & Chat Sun 5th Feb after 6pm Mass



**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

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