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"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."



From the Pastor's Desk

John 13:31-35, Love One Another As I Have Loved You.

Today's readings are abut new things, the New Jerusalem, a new Heaven, and a new earth, and a new commandment! The background to the verses to the Gospel text is the episode in which Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. It is a gesture that is not merely symbolic, or a lesson in humility, but a prophetic gesture Jesus is showing in this act not what his disciples are expected to do but what they are expected to be. Jesus wanted that their actions as his followers (and ours as well) to stem from their very being. It is in the context and even in the midst of impending betrayal and deceitfulness - Judas decided not to be what Jesus expects him to be - that Jesus gives a new command. It is not new and is part of the Torah in the Old Testament. What is new about it is that the commandment to love has its roots in the incarnation. God's love for the world was great that God could only send the Son as a perfect manifestation of that love. God dwells with humans and manifests his love to them in wiping away their tears and taking away their mourning and pain. The disciples are commanded to enter into that same quality of love. It is a sure and tangible sign of disciples abiding in Jesus their Master.

In the beautiful book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, there is a story about a man who came out of his house one Christmas morning and found a little boy from a nearby project looking with great admiration at the man's new vehicle. "Does this car belong to you?" asked the boy to the man. 'Yes, it is, in fact my brother gave it to me for Christmas, and I have just gotten it", said the man. With that the little boy's eyes widened, and asked, "You mean to say that your brother gave it to you and you don't have to pay anything for it? " And the man said, "That is right, my brother gave it to me as the Christmas gift". The little boy let out a long sigh and then said, "Boy, I would really like..." The man expected the boy to say, 'I would like to have a brother like that, who would give me such a great car!'. But instead the man was amazed when the boy said, "Wow! I would like to be that kind of brother. I would like to give that kind of car to my little brother". This little boy and his story tells us the secret of new commandment of love, love one another as I have loved you".

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

From the Australian Catholic Bishop' Office: On Friday 8th April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome.

It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'.

It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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<u>First Reading:</u> Acts 14:21-27 They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

<u>Second Reading:</u> Revelation 21:1-5 He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13:31-35 I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Readings for next Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:						
MON	25th April	ANZAC Day 8.00am Mass followed by morning tea				
TUE	26th April	8.00am Mass with children				
WED	27th April	6.30am Mass				
THU	28th April	7.15pm Baptism Information meeting				
FRI	29th April	9.00am Rosary 9 10.15am Picnic in the Park	9.30am Mass			
SAT	30th April	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunda	у			
SUN	1st May	6th Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass				

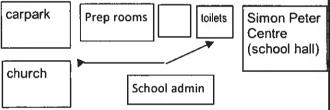
Year Of Mercy
5th Sunday of Easter
"Mercy is not a virtue
that you choose to put
on one day. Mercy has
to be your deepest way
of seeing, a generosity
of spirit that draws from
your identity, your
deepest dignity, which is
love. It is basically a worldview of
abundance, wherein I do not have to
withhold, protect, or hoard myself."

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation:

<u>Altar Servers</u> please collect your Term 2 rosters

Everything Is Grace, 5 February 2016

Church Toilet Renovations should be completed by next weekend. Until then 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.



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. Parent info

meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May 1.30pm and repeated at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 24th April after the 9am Mass and also next Sunday 1st May after the 6pm Mass.

Fr Morgan Batt will be here for Masses this 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 this 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 call 1800 024 413

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday. 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.

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. Thank you to those who have donated items already!! The collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of the week.

Bibles - Thank You: Once again St Peters parishioners have very generously supported the Bibles project for students at Rochedale State School. We had 44 stickers signed and donations of \$105.35. Thank you so much.

Social Justice News: Check out the 2 certificates of Appreciation from the Salesian sisters and Hamlin Fistula Foundation. We have also received some lovely photos of the girls at the City of Joy in Zambia. Check out the pin-board.

<u>Date Claimer:</u> St Peter's School 40th Anniversary Celebrations will take place on Sunday 12th June beginning with 9am mass and followed by a BBQ and bush dance. See the poster on the noticeboard or pick up a flyer on the back table.

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.

<u>Entertainment Books</u> 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.

Year of Mercy Parish Seminar with noted Missiologist Fr Stephan Bevans SVD. Sat 30 April 9am-1pm at the Aspinall 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

Hear Top Catechist Professor Thomas Groome Thurs May 12th 5.30pm at the O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale St Wilston. The Brisbane Catholic Parents and Friends Assoc invites all interested to an evening with Professor Groome, Professor of Theology & Religious Education at Boston College. His topic for discussion will be "Catholic Schools and a Parent Perspective: Education From and For Faith" Free event. Light meal provided. RSVP Fri 6th May for catering

Centenary for St Joseph's Primary School Nundah & Sisters of St Joseph Convent, Nundah

Sunday May 1, 2016 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Commences with Mass in Corpus Christi Church,
65 Bage Street, Nundah with Archbishop Coleridge and then a Fun Day in the school precinct.(16 Leslie Street)

Centenary School Fete—Sts Peter & Paul Primary School, Bulimba

A Bulimba Institution—the Centenary School Fete, will be celebrated from 10.00am until 8.00pm on Saturday May 21 at the Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, 33 Alexandra Street, Balmoral.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

<u>Those who have died:</u> Valda Temple, Kevin O'Donoghue (Gloria's husband), Arcadia Reyes, Julia Healan (Kevin's sister), Stephen Symes (Cynthia Bowler's brother)

<u>Book of Life & Mass Requests:</u> Jill Bayliss, Betty Cloherty, Anne Smith, Eileen O'Mara, Robert Finn, Benito Vicenzino, Alice Gillen, Arthur Young, Betty Armstrong, Elizabeth McCall, Hilda Laing, Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye & Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey

<u>Please pray for those who are sick, especially</u> Bonnie Dematillar, Ron Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, NicolasTendrio, Nora Estanislao, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, 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 30th April & 1st May 2016							
Communion			Readers	Altar Servers	Musicians		
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Lydia Chew Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Michael Claridge Anthony Della Brooke Della	Saidat Irenezera Samson Fisis Nafisa Ininaha	Carmel		
Sun 9:00am	Bev de Paola Del Reynolds Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahon Romana Langdon	Zac Whittaker	Rita		
Sun 6:00pm	Helen Graczyk ?	C 1 2	Lynn White Rosemary Moore Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Volunteers please	Liz		

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

Children's Liturgy: Joel Lenihan This week: Linen: Glenys Peters Counting: Anthony's team

Cuppa: Sun 1st May after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Matt Jarvis. Helen Graczyk



* Yer 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' Pravers: 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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