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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."*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

### 24th April 2016

#### From the Pastor's Desk

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

Today's readings are about 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's Office:** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Year C**

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

**Second Reading:** 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





**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](http://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 Klump Rd Upper Mt. Gravatt. No cost, morning tea provided.  
**RSVP:** eadmin@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:**

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

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** 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

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Bonnie Dematillar, Ron Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, Nicolas Tendrio, 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<br>6:00pm | Lyndal Bray-Claridge<br>Lydia Chew<br>Carl de Mello | C<br>1<br>2 | Michael Claridge<br>Anthony Della<br>Brooke Della    | Saidat Irenezera<br>Samson Fisis<br>Nafisa Ininaha | Carmel    |
| Sun<br>9:00am | Bev de Paola<br>Del Reynolds<br>Marilyn Mills       | C<br>1<br>2 | Maria Chamberlain<br>Kevin McMahon<br>Romana Langdon | Zac Whittaker                                      | Rita      |
| Sun<br>6:00pm | Helen Graczyk<br>?                                  | C<br>1<br>2 | Lynn White<br>Rosemary Moore<br>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



**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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