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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."



# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A 26th February 2017

Pastor's Note: Do not Worry About Your Life.. Discover Goodness in the Most Unexpected Places.

Some years ago, while still in the New York area I had been preaching on a Mission Sunday on missionary work and gospel witnessing in India. After the Mass, I had been greeting the people, and after a while, some five or six people together came to me and asked, "So, Fr Jacob, we listened to your words, and we are curious how you became a Catholic. Hope you were taken by some priests to an orphanage run by them. And these priests were in charge of you and other children there, and they made you Catholics by baptizing you." I really was so shocked that I couldn't even speak a word; a kind of dumbfounded I stood there. Slowly I overcame it, and I then told the group that we trace our Christianity to the Apostle Thomas, and I am a member of the St Thomas Christians or Syrian Catholic Community in India. This time they were greatly shocked and told me apologetically, "We thought India has no Christians, but only Hindus. That is why we asked you that way. We are really sorry for asking you such things".

I think faith enables us to discover goodness in the most unexpected places. Read this story about a boy and his experience: "I discovered this when, as a little boy, I went with my mother to visit an aunt. I soon discovered that I was not interested in their conversation and gossiping, so I began walking around and soon discovered my aunt's flower bed. I admired its beauty and noticed how carefully it was cared for. Suddenly my jaw dropped as I noticed in the centre of the flower bed a very large specimen of wild carrot. As a farm boy, I recognized it immediately as a nasty weed. About that time my mother and aunt came along and I was dumbfounded to hear my aunt point to my 'weed' and say to my mother, "I want you to notice in particular this wonderful specimen of Queen Ann's Lace" My weed just happened to have two names!" Jesus tells us that the gift of faith enables us to find beautiful flowers where we thought there were only weeds.

It is said that *Pope John XXIII*, when visiting a group of seminarians in Rome and knowing that he was dying from cancer, said to them," My dear students, every day is a good day... a good day for living and a good day of dying!" He could never have said that dying was a good day if he had not blest every day in his long life, and by now have discovered that he can no longer change this habit. The implication is that one must take time in the easy and pleasing days to bless the goodness of God's world so that when the dark days come one can scarcely know anything so clearly as the blessing of another good day. I say *Goodbye* to my Sunday Reflections. Hope you enjoyed it, and, at least, benefited from it. Bless you and Bless God! (*Fr Jacob Manampurath Chacko, MCBS*)

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>First Reading:</u> Isaiah 49:14-15 Even these may forget, says the Lord God, yet I will not forget you.

<u>Second Reading:</u> 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34 Do not worry about tomorrow.

Readings for next weekend: First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12, 17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:							
MON 27th Februa	ary NO Mass						
TUE 28th Febru	8.00am Mass with children						
WED 1st March	Ash Wednesday 6.30am Mass 9.30am Whole School Mass—all Welcome						
THU 2nd March	8.45am Play Group						
FRI 3rd March	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Mass Car-pool to St Mark's Anglican Church, Daisy Hill for 10.00am Ecumenical Service - World Day of Prayer 7.30pm Stations of the Cross						
SAT 4th March	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday						
SUN 5th March	First Sunday of Lent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass						

Children's Liturgy resumes this weekend. 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.) Children's Liturgy will take a 2 week break 12th and 19th March due to the Sacrament of Reconciliation class needing to use the room for their workshops. Little Books for Lent available for purchase now: \$4 each. Black for Adults and Purple for children. The Word Among Us has now arrived and it costs \$5 per copy. On the table near the main doors.

<u>Farewell Fr Jacob:</u> Thanks to everyone for making the celebrations last weekend wonderful. Fr Jacob celebrates his last Masses with us this weekend. We thank Fr Jacob for his time with us and wish him well for the future.

<u>Fr Baiyi Gong,</u> our new Parish Priest, will be joining us in time for this week's Tuesday morning 8am Mass with the Children. Please note there will be **no Mass on Monday.** 

Fr Baiyi (pronounced By-yee) is also known as Fr Peter though he would prefer Fr Baiyi. Fr Baiyi has written an article about his life story to introduce himself to us. Pick up a copy of the leaflet from the back of the church if you haven't already done so.

Ash Wednesday 1st March: Mass at 6.30am then another at 9.30am which the school children will attend though all are welcome to attend either Mass. For those who work in the city, Mass times are: St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley – 7.00am Cathedral of St Stephen – 8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; 5.30pm. (Cathedral Car park will be available for the 5.30pm Mass only)

Lenten Program: there will be 3 Lenten Discussion Groups. Tuesday evening at 7.30pm here in the Parish Centre, Wednesday evening at Mary Naughton's house, Thursday morning at 10am here at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining a Discussion Group please write your name on sheet at the back of the church under the group time you would like to attend.

Project Compassion boxes & envelopes available

today! Help Caritas help those in need this Lent.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. 2 volunteers needed each week to lead Stations. Please help out Fr Baiyi and volunteer. Sign up sheet available today.

Social Justice News: Dear friends, on 11/12 March we will be celebrating International Women's Day. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the needs of the Girls in the City of Joy and the Hamlin Foundation. Every dollar helps the girls and the women lead a more dignified existence and achieve their full, God given potential. Thank you in advance

for your generosity.

World Day of Prayer Locally, St Marks' Anglican Church at Daisy Hill is hosting this annual Ecumenical Service this Friday 3rd March at 10am. This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines with a theme of "Am I Being Unfair to you?" All are most welcome. NOTE: We will be varying Friday Mass times and offering car-pooling so people can attend. Friday 3rd March: Rosary 8.30am & Mass at 9am then car-pool to St Mark's for the WDP service. Readers needed for the WDP service. Please contact Mary Naughton on 0413 224 339 if you will be attending the service and also if you would be willing to help out with a short reading. Next Healing Mass: Friday 10th March: Rosary 8.30am, Adoration 9.00am, Healing Mass 9.30am.

On Sunday 5th March the leaders of churches throughout Australia invite all people to join in prayer and fasting for refugees and asylum seekers. In this way we join in solidarity with those who have fled their homes and seek safety for themselves and their families. May we start the first Sunday of Lent with prayer and fasting for this worthy cause. Communion Ministers and Readers please collect your new rosters covering March to May from the back table. Thank you for your continued participation in these Ministries. Some people will find Volunteer Data Forms with their rosters if the Parish Office does not already hold your completed form.

Name Badges: have arrived for those who placed an order. Please pay before you collect your badge. If anyone would still like to order a Parish Name badge please write your name on the sheet and we will place a new order in a couple of weeks.

Enrolments for 2018 for St Peter's Catholic
Primary School are being taken now. Please contact
the School Office on 3341 4800 for an enrolment pack.
Volunteers needed for Church Cleaning and
washing the Church Linen: Please contact the Parish Office if you could help out in these roles.

<u>CRI in State Schools:</u> Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own back-yard?! 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.

Sonia Kenny soniajkenny@gmail.com 38413583 or Kerri-Ann Caswell evkezcaz@bigpond.com 3219 7435 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 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

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Mass for the Deaf: An AUSLAN-SUPPORTED Mass will be held at St Michael's Catholic Church, 250 Banks Street Dorrington/Ashgrove, on Sunday 5 March at 8.30am.

Mass in French: The first Mass of the year celebrated in the French language will be held at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba on Sunday March 5 at 3.00pm. For inquiries please contact Aline on 3205 4614.

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

Our annual 40 day, 24 hour prayer vigil at Bowen Hills starts on Ash Wednesday 1 March and we need prayer volunteers like you! If you can spare a few hours over Lent to pray for the lives of unborn children, please email us at 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com or visit us at 40dfl.net on how to be involved!

Theology in the City 2017—Tues Feb 28, 7pm
"When violence is done in the name of religion".
Religion is often blamed for violence, but what if violence is really to blame for religion? Or what if we can't define religion at all?

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Queensland. Cost: \$5/person When: Lectures run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, with refreshments from 6.30pm. See noticeboard for more info

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Samy Tokatly, Kathryn Ann Woodhead

<u>Book of Life & Mass Requests:</u> Noreen Hanlan, Veronica Caligari, Nancy Brown, S McNaughton, Cyril Scott, Evelyne Orr, Gus Mitchell jnr, June Payne, Andrew Neilsen, John Brady, Jonathan Kinsella, Bill Chidgey, Eileen O'Doherty, Sr Agnes Rita, Jean-Christophe Couvreaux, Bette Davis, James Jensen

<u>Please pray for those who are sick, especially</u> 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 lectem. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 4th & 5th March 2017							
Communion			Readers	Altar Servers	Musicians		
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land Mal Jensen Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Mary Naughton Jo Cullen	Monika	Liz		
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Joan D'Netto Anne Scanlon	C 1 2	Lydia Chew Arthur Leow Stephanie Lenihan	Zac	Anne		
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Lynn White Helen Graczyk Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Chevonne	Tim		

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter. Help needed!

Children's Liturgy: Kristy Scanlon This week: Linen: Glenys Peters Counting: Bob's team

Cuppa: Sun 5th March after the 6pm Mass: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White



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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