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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."

Easter Sunday - Year C

27th March 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

The Lord is Risen. Luke 24:1-12 (Vigil) and John 20:1-9 (For Mass of the Day)

John Donne, the sixteenth century poet, ends his poem, *Death Be Not Proud*, in the following manner: "One short sleep past we wake eternally, And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die". This is the summary of the Easter event. Death is no more; death has died because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and Easter is primarily a feast of hope. Light has conquered darkness, truth has conquered untruth, and eternal life has conquered death. No more will death hold sway. No more will death be a threat. No more will death be something to be feared. The hope that Easter brings is that, no matter how bleak the present might look, no matter how daunting the road ahead might seem, no matter how intimidating the situation at and might be, we shall not give into despair, just run into hope, trust and believe that the Risen One is on the road with us. Remember the story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus! How the Lord walks with them, slowly befriends them, and removes the fear and despair that enshrouds them, and at the end, they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, Lord." He stayed with them, took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and hearts were ignited! This is the Easter experience that has to happen in our life as well. This is the Eucharist we celebrate, the Lord who satisfies our hunger and stays with us.

If we follow John's Gospel, on Good Friday we are left at the tomb of Jesus. And on Easter day it takes us back there. With Mary of Magdala, Peter and the disciple Jesus loved, we too discover 'very early on the first day of the week' that the tomb is empty. If the accounts of the Passion of the Christ are long with a strong storyline, and are full of vivid detail, the resurrection stories, in contrast, are relatively short and enigmatic. May be, we have to add many more details of the resurrection with our own faith and love - thus be the witnesses of the Risen Lord. I wish you all in person, and your family and friends, a great and hopeful **Blessed Easter**.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings Easter Sunday Year C

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Readings for next Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31



MAY THE RISEN CHRIST FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY,
BRING YOU NEW HOPE AND BLESS YOU WITH PEACE.
Happy Easter to you all from St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Senior's Invitation: All Seniors are invited to join with St Edward's Seniors on a day outing bus trip Friday April 15th. Bus (\$28) will leave St Edward's at Daisy Hill at 8.30am. Morning Tea (provided) at Wivenhoe Dam, lunch at the Toogoolawah Hotel (\$10). Raffles \$3. Return by approx. 3:30pm. Write your name on the form on the back table if you are interested or contact Julie in the Parish Office.

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

Living Biblically— Year of Mercy. 1st Lecture on April 20. Continuing on from last year's successful lecture series "Living Biblically in a Secular World" Archbishop Mark Coleridge will present a series of four new talks this year on the theme of *Mercy: Mercy in the Old Testament* (April 20) ; *Mercy in the Gospel of Luke* (July 20); *Mercy in the Gospel of John* (August 24); *Mercy in the Letters of Paul* (Oct 19). All sessions are free and run from 7pm—8.30pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen, with parking in the Cathedral car park available from 6pm.

Couples Evening Retreat: The Vocation Brisbane Office is holding an evening retreat for young married and dating couples on Tuesday, 12th April from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Vocation Brisbane office space, in the Cathedral of St Stephen's precinct. The purpose of this event is to provide young Catholic couples of Brisbane with a welcoming space where they can mingle, eat and converse. It is also an opportunity to receive input from another couple on a topic relating to Catholic married life and relationships. Please contact Patrick on 07 3324 3353; or for more information, email: ransomp@bne.catholic.net.au.

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team need mature committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 4th May to 23rd November from 9.00am to 3.30pm.

We require a voluntary commitment of eight hours per week on completion of the Course in the various ministries e.g. Day Centre, Hospitals and Hostels. Final date of applications is Friday 22nd April 2016.

Please apply now in writing to: Fr Jim Smith, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley 4006 or Telephone (07) 3252 5461 Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm. email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Redempta Agdon Magdayao, Pat McErlean, Grete Magiera, Alma Calabria

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Betty Settree, Cecil Allen, John Carlton, Doreen O'Neil, Robert Lynagh, Thomas Flanagan, Frank Bray, Bill Ruthven, Thomas White, Lynette Bushby-Haddon, Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana, Matthew Cogliati, Nicholas Chin, Cyril O'Brien

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Nassib Jabbour, Nicanor Tendrio, Nora Estanislao, Michael Sykes, Teodolfo Cruz, Ronald Mack, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, Ramona Cruz, John Bochniak, Terry Naughton, Debra McKenna, Terri Mills, Mary Scholes, 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 2nd & 3rd April 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mal Jensen Carl de Mello Diane Land	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Anthony Della Brooke Della	Volunteers please	
Sun 9:00am	Jo Cullen Bev de Paola Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Theresa Cruz	Volunteers please	
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Patti Camp Alan Camp Aurelie Regnard	Volunteers please	

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Jamila Padhee, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter

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

Cuppa: Sun 3rd April after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Matt Jarvis

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
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

Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878

Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

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Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcaroll580@gmail.com

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