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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."*

## Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

### 28th April 2019

Readings: Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

### Divine Mercy Sunday

This weekend the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday and we are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustina Kowalski. In 2000, it was decreed a solemnity, a high feast day, by Pope John Paul II.

Our Gospel this weekend tells the story of Doubting Thomas. We all have our moments of doubt and uncertainty - should we quit our job and try a new one? Should we marry? Should we break from an unfulfilling relationship? Trade in the old car on a newer model? Buy a new house in a more upmarket suburb? How to discipline an unruly child? How to answer the same child's baffling questions? There are a number of reasons for our uncertainty and indecision - in some instances it is simply lack of will power; at other times, it is lack of information. To counter this uncertainty, the market place is full of spin doctors, motivational speakers and gurus of every shape and colour willing, for a huge fee, naturally, to free us from these debilitating doubts that hold us back from becoming decision making dynamos.

The matter of religious faith is no different. People waver and falter - to believe or not to believe. Here, too, we have a vast assembly of experts, and not so expert. Although we live in a scientific age, faith still plays a great part in informing people. For sheer convenience, if for no other reason, a lot of our information is based on faith. We simply do not have the time or the energy to investigate everything to see if those who are informing us are, in fact deceiving us. Whilst we maintain a healthy scepticism about much of what we read and are told, only the unbalanced try to be sceptical about everything. Life simply cannot be lived that way because trusting others is built into the human condition. To live without trust implies living without truth.

This brings us to the point of this weekend's Gospel. Thomas was up against this problem - to believe or not to believe. To avoid the risk of having his leg pulled, he set fairly stringent conditions for his acceptance of the Risen Christ. These conditions were accepted; but, then, Thomas backed off, and his capitulation has left us with a formula of faith never to be surpassed - "My Lord and My God".

Practically, when we talk about religious faith, we tend to regard it is a single, cut and dried fact - we believe or we do not believe. Actually, for the great majority, it is a leap into the unknown that must be renewed frequently in life, as the implications of Christian commitment constantly unfold to one's understanding. Questioning, is an integral part of growth. All the great names in religious history - Moses, David, Peter, to mention but three - were challenged in their faith, and, for the majority, the challenge resulted in a strengthened acceptance.

Thomas, a saint of the Church, was one of the Jesus' apostles. When Jesus arose from the dead, he didn't believe it. Jesus directed him to touch his crucifixion wounds to help him believe. Jesus doesn't chastise Thomas for his disbelief, which is considered an act of mercy. Neither will he chastise us when we sin but rather he will meet us with loving and divine mercy.

*Deacon Mike*

**Readings for next weekend: Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

<b>IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:</b>	
<b>MON 29th Apr</b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena</b>
<b>TUE 30th Apr</b>	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED 1st May</b>	
<b>THU 2nd May</b>	<b>Saint Athanasius</b> 7.30pm Care and Concern Meeting
<b>FRI 3rd May</b>	<b>Saints Philip and James</b> 9.00am Rosary
<b>SAT 4th May</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 5th May</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Fair Work/Fair Trade Sunday</b> 9.00am Mass 10.00am Mother's Day Morning Tea 6.00pm Mass

**From Fr Baiyi:** My dear parishioners, my brother passed away on Wednesday 17th April. After a lot of consideration, I have decided to take the suggestion of our Parish Pastoral Council, to stay at home to be with my family at this very difficult time. So, with the approval, support and understanding of the Archdiocese, I have decided to take my annual leave now. I will be back to the parish on 13th May. In this case, I will be able to not only be here for my brother's funeral but also attend the wedding of my sister's son held on 30th April. With the help of the Archdiocese, our parish staff will find enough supply priests for weekends and special occasions. Thank you very much for your understanding and for your prayers for my brother, my family and myself. *Fr Baiyi*

**NOTE:** There will be no weekday Masses until Fr Baiyi returns. Liturgy of the Word with the Children will be held on Tuesdays at 8am.

**Sri Lanka Tragedy:** We, the parishioners of St Peter's, express our deepest sympathy to the beautiful people of Sri Lanka in this time of deep sadness. We pray for those who have lost their lives and those who have been injured. We pray for the nation and the many families and friends who mourn the loss of their loved ones. To those in our parish community of Sri Lankan origin, we embrace you with love and ask God to be your tower of strength as you grieve the mindless loss of life and the destruction in your beautiful country. *St Peter's community*

**Care & Concern Morning Tea:** An early MOTHER'S DAY morning tea will be hosted by Care & Concern on Sunday 5/5/19 following the 9am Mass. Please join us on the veranda for a little indulgence. All Welcome.

**New roster for Mass Co-ordinators, Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:** The next roster for Mass co-ordinators, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Readers will cover the months of June to August inclusive. Please indicate on the slips on the table near the main doors, any dates you know that you will be unavailable or any changes for the next roster and pop them in the Peter's Post box just inside the main doors. We will start drawing up the new roster this week. New Ministers welcome.

**Congratulations** to Amanda-Jane Revelo and Rashelle Johnson on your Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil! We warmly welcome

**Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes:** Let's complete our Lenten Journey together as a community. We are asking everyone to return their boxes and envelopes at the Mass on the 4th and 5th of May. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal!

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you into full communion with the Catholic Church. It has been a joy to accompany you and watch your growth in faith. As a community, we continue to pray that you will always remain faithful to God throughout your life.

**St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands:** From 4th-19th September 2020 interested parishioners will be undertaking a 16 day pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel with Magi Pilgrimages. Fr Baiyi will accompany us. Indicative price based on 25 people is \$6490 AUD. There is also the option to add on a 5 day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi (indicative cost based on 15 people \$3790 AUD). An information night is being held by the director of Magi in the parish centre on **Friday 17th May 2019 at 7pm**. A show of interest sheet will be at the back of the church to enable us to obtain an idea of numbers. Please put your name on the sheet if you are interested in the pilgrimage. If you would like a copy of the itinerary emailed to you, please contact Stephanie Lenihan: salenihan@hotmail.com or phone 0413 268 860

**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. Please support this charity by donating sanitary items during April Last week for donations!!

**Sacramental Program:** The children who were Confirmed last year will now begin the next part of their Sacramental Journey. Parent Information meetings are planned for Wednesday 8th May at 4pm and again at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parents are asked to please attend one of these meetings.



**The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy of the Brisbane Archdiocese states:**

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14*

"Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded."

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is **Malcolm Carroll**. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

**Planned Giving via Direct Bank Transfer:** If you would like to direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

**Sri-Lankan Memorial Mass** at the Cathedral of St Stephen this Sunday 28th April at 8am. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the Mass. All welcome.

**Federal Election 2019—Catholic Bishop's Statement:** The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au).

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies:** The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

**POSTPONEMENT of JEFF CAVINS AUSTRALIAN BIBLE TOUR** due to the death of Jeff's mother-in-law (Alice). Organizers will be at St. James Church (Coorparoo) from 12.00pm to 3.00pm for prayers and showing of Jeff's DVDs. Enquiries Ph Sonny - 0421437752

**You are called to Mission:** Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2

years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Come for Global Mission Info:

Sunday May 19th @ 3:30pm in the Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George St, BRISBANE



**All Hallows' School Open Day**—Sunday 26 May 2019 from 11:00am. We warmly invite the extended community to our 2019 Open Day commencing at 11:00am on Sunday 26 May. The day includes a welcome from our Principal, Mrs Catherine O'Kane at 11:30am and 12:30pm as well as the opportunity to view displays, meet our staff, enjoy performances, view academic and co-curricular displays and tour the School. The day concludes at 2:00pm. Limited car parking will be available in the School's car park accessed from Dodge Lane, in the surrounding streets and nearby public car parks. To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit [www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au). We look forward to welcoming you and your family on this day.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Zhiding Gong (*Fr Baiyi's brother*), Benny Toal (*Anna Carver's brother*), Jim Nunan

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Betty Armstrong, Elizabeth McCall, Hilda Laing, Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye Leishman, Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey, Gabriel Cosgrove, Augustin Kosteki, Carmel Caldwell, Gerrit Severein, Peter Viola, Clare Lynch, Bobbie Richmond, Patti, Bistage, David Northey, Elsie Bishop

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Velma Ghouse, Rex Bowen, Terry Naughton, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Rory Bakker, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Baby Poynter, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Don Bechly, Marcos Mendoza, Margaret Drummond, Gwen Green, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Fabio Viola, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, 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.*

4th & 5th May	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Natalie & Steve	Lydia Chew	Anne Fry
<b>AV Operators</b>	John Donohue	Michael Denton	Kate Guy
<b>Readers</b>	C. Joyce Lyster 1. David Crowley 2. Joseph Varkey	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. Romana Langdon 2. Jonathan Vigor	C. Margaret Connors 1. Charisse Mone 2. Shane Sweeney
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Deacon Mike Jones Natalie Hadde Steve Danudibroto	Bernard Langdon Marilyn Mills Lydia Chew Stephanie Lenihan	Del Reynolds Donald Fernando Joan D'Netto
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Angelina, Rene	Jada, Amber	Finn, Jerome, Chevonne
<b>Musicians</b>	Liz	Tim	Carmel

**Church Cleaning:** 8 Basil's Cleaners

**Children's Liturgy:** Kristy Scanlon      **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's Team

**Cuppa:** Sunday 5th May after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Malcolm Carroll

**Are you new to our Parish? WELCOME!!** 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 Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.

**Other Parish Contacts:**  
**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412 267 337  
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103  
**Family Group Facebook:** St Peters Rochedale Family Groups  
**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Mal Jensen 0411641312  
**St Vincent de Paul:** New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
**Representative:** Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or [sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)  
**Social Justice Group Facebook:**  
 St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group  
**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

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