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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."

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C

28th February 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 13:1-9: Questions Without Answers. In William Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*, there is a scene in which Prince Hamlet says to his friend Horatio: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy". Hamlet could well have been talking about God. No matter how much we think we know about God, He will always remain a mystery if not incomprehensible. We will know only so much and no more; there will be more to know of God and the way God encounters us. The First reading today narrates Moses' encounter with God. This encounter is one of both revelation - ***I am who I am*** - and mystery if not concealment. Moses would never be, as we are, able to understand or fully comprehend who God really is. God is revealed as one who will remain faithful, even in the face of infidelity, and one who will be eternally present to people who call upon His name.

In the Gospel too Jesus makes a similar point about the mystery of God in the sense we can never fully understand. There is no answer to the question of why the Galileans whom Pilate had killed had to die, or why it was that the specific group of eighteen on whom the Tower of Siloam fell had to be crushed under it, or any of the causalities that we encounter in our own times. The threatening tone is all but reversed by the parable that follows. The barren fig tree (a common figure of Israel in the Scriptures) is not to be cut down but nurtured in the hope it will yet bear fruit. But such patience and waiting has its limits. Further failure will bring the tree's demise. The message is clear. Already the halfway point of Lent is approaching; those who would repent have no time to lose.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year C

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Readings for Next Weekend: 4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 29th Feb	8.00am Mass
TUE 1st March	8.00am Mass with Children
WED 2nd March	6.30am Mass 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
THU 3rd March	
FRI 4th March	World Day of Prayer 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass 11.00am Ecumenical Service for the World Day of Prayer 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 5th March	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 6th March	4th Sunday of Lent (& International Women's Day) 9.00am Mass Special Family Mass with the School 6:00pm Mass

Date Claimers for Easter:

Communal 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Monday 14th March 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 24th March 7.30pm

Good Friday 25th March 10am Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill & 3pm Passion at St Peter's

Easter Vigil 26th March 7pm (NOTE later time!!)

Easter Sunday 27th March 9am only

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm. All Welcome.

Lenten Discussion Group Wednesday 7.30pm: *Being Lost...Being Found...*

Sessions of prayer, scripture, reflection and discussion. Wednesday nights at 7.30pm in the Parish Office meeting room. This is a wonderful preparation for Easter.

Easter Volunteers: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists. We also need 8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night as well as readers for the Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill on Good Friday.

Training for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Mike is running 2 training sessions suitable for existing ministers or anyone interested in joining these ministry group:

Thursday 10th March for Communion Ministers and Thursday 17th March for Readers.

For both sessions please arrive at 7pm for a 7:15pm start. High school students are welcome to join the Reading Ministry. Please write your name on the relevant form on the back table or advise Julie in the Parish Office of your attendance.

International Women's Day: Collection There will be retiring collections at all Masses on 5th and 6th March. Funds collected will go towards the needs of the City of Joy in Zambia and Hamlin Fistula Foundation, Ethiopia.

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 28th February after the 9am Mass and next Sunday 6th March after the 6pm Mass.

Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters which begin on 5th March.

Altar Servers & Church Cleaners: Please collect your new rosters. New volunteers needed for both ministries.

Children's Liturgy continues 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.)

Anyone who is interested please contact the Parish Office for further information.

New Website: As well as our new-look newsletter our new Parish Website www.stpetersrochedale.org.au is now live though is still being reviewed. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact the Parish Office.

Toilet Renovation: We have received a grant from the Gaming Commission to remodel the church toilets to provide a toilet appropriate for a Person with a Disability. Our plan is to still have 2 toilet stalls, both will be unisex and 1 will have disabled access. Thanks to John Donohue for his work in preparing and submitting the successful application to the Gaming Commission.

Project Compassion: Dominic in Papua New Guinea has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

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Chrism Mass - Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday 16th March commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

March for Life in Brisbane Saturday 5th March. Assemble at 2:45pm. March begins at 3pm sharp. Starting point is Queen's Park, corner of Elizabeth & George Streets and ending at Parliament House. Wear pink and blue for the babies. Bring a donation for the cause, hat, water, sunscreen and maybe an umbrella.

Special Communion Ministers to the Sick at Greenslopes Hospital:

Are you interested in sharing about 2 hours of your weekend time once a fortnight or once a month to be a part of this beautiful and meaningful ministry to people in hospital? Further information please contact Petra Milaudi, Coordinating Chaplain, Greenslopes Private Hospital. 3394 7733 or milaudip@ramsayhealth.com.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Alma Calabria, Betty Clifford

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Pedro Cruz, 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

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Teodolfo Cruz, Terry Naughton, Patricia Stanfield, Debra McKenna, Mick Rawlins, 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.

Rosters for 5th & 6th March

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Saturday 6:00pm	Faith Coyer John Coyer Joseph Dedigamuwa	C 1 2	Joyce Lyster Neil Ballment Geoff Hondroudakis	Saidat Irenezera SamsonFisis Nafisa Ininaha	Rita
Sunday 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Ella Simpson June Wilson	C 1 2	Walter Simpson Marilyn Mills Monica O'Leary	Samara Crawford	Carmel
Sunday 6:00pm	Anne Fry Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Kathy Muller John Blake Aurelie Regnard	Chevonne Mone	Liz

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

Children's Liturgy: none due to Family Mass

This week: Linen: Glenys Peters **Counting:** Anthony's team

Cuppa: Sun 6th March after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Matt Jarvis, Helen Graczyk

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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