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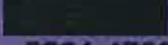
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"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."

The Ascension of the Lord

28th May 2017

(Year A Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20)

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations

The most fitting description of the Church is the "community of disciples". Disciples are students who are **growing** to love God and love others as Jesus taught us. So, discipleship is about conversion and then ongoing conversion. A disciple willingly sets out on a path of more and more dying to sin and selfishness so that Christ may live in him or her. And that involves action.

Firstly, disciples love God. Jesus said, "you shall love the Lord your God." What we worship shapes our thinking, feeling, and living. So, a disciple should be set on displacing the idols of false worship—money, power, pleasure, sex—and restoring God to His proper place. By this, our thinking, feeling, and being will be more and more engaged in a relationship with Him.

As Catholics, the Eucharist is "the source and summit" of our Christian life and worship because it is Christ himself. Disciples bring a "full, active participation" to the Eucharistic celebration. But "source" and "summit" necessarily mean there has got to be something in between. Disciples match worship in church with daily quiet time. Disciples are growing in the love of God's word in scripture. Liturgical celebrations and regular disciplines of **meditation, giving and fasting** can be serious tools for the mature disciple. Perhaps, a few minutes alone with God each day can be a great place to start.

Secondly, disciples love people. Jesus also commanded, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". To love your neighbour as yourself, you've got to *love* yourself. Disciples love themselves not by indulging themselves, but rather by taking care of themselves.

Jesus invested time in His own self-care. Sometimes, He withdrew from the crowds. That's the example disciples should follow. Disciples must preserve margin in their schedules. It is in the margins that rest and refreshment are found and relationships happen. Also, disciples ought to build the energy and resources they need. Physical exercise and good nutrition are part of the process. A weaning away from self-defeating habits like alcohol abuse, and bad behaviours like pornography, are what disciples do, too. Actually, what we're talking about is a lifestyle change.

Our self-care is preparatory to loving one another. Disciples love others beginning with those closest to them: their families, co-workers, and friends. Their love also finds expression in their local parish where **they make a commitment and stick to it**. Therefore, loving one another is about patience, kindness, and gentleness as well as care for others that takes the form of ministry. Eventually their love reaches out to everybody they meet, and it finds expression in service and mission.

Thirdly, disciples make disciples. From the beginning, the whole pattern for being a disciple is making disciples. When Jesus called the first disciples, He made a single promise to them: they'd be disciple makers. That's what they did and that's what disciples always do. The Church is in the disciple making business, because we live our faith and grow in our faith by sharing our faith.

Dear friends, in today's gospel, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations". Let us listen to Jesus and try to be good disciples of Him, loving God by loving one another and making disciples.

<An adaption by Fr Baiyi from: Michael White and Tom Corcoran, *Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter* (Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, 2013), 67-71 >

Readings for next weekend: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 29th May	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Finance Council meeting
TUE 30th May	8.00am Mass with children 4.00pm First Communion Practice 7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
WED 31st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6.30am Mass
THU 1st June	St Justin 8.45am Play Group
FRI 2nd June	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday—First Holy Communion
SUN 4th June	Pentecost Sunday 9.00am Mass—First Holy Communion 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday 28th May but will not be held next Sunday 4th June due to First Holy Communion. Parents please note that we require at least one parent to stay with the Children's Liturgy group each week so that there are 2 adults present. Thanks to those parents who have already been helping us!

Cuppa & Chat: As of next week-end we will officially be in winter so the Cuppa and Chat will not be held after the 6pm Masses again until September. We can all still enjoy them after the 9am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

RIP Paul O'Brien: the funeral of Paul O'Brien will be held at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, 312 Cavendish Rd, Coorparoo on Thursday 1st June commencing at 11am.

Sacramental Program: congratulations to the 32 children making their First Holy Communion next week-end. Children and parents, please remember the practice this Tuesday 30th May at 4.00pm!

We are now taking enrolments for **Confirmation** (to be held on 4th August) to start a new group of children on the Sacramental Program. If you have a child in Grade 3 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please pick up an enrolment form from the back of the church or from the Parish Office during the week.

Bibles for Year 6 Students at Rochedale State

School: Each year, the Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) group at Rochedale SS presents students in their final year of primary schooling with their own Bible. This is to use during that year and to take with them as they enter high school. This weekend, we invite members of St Peter's Parish to write a message of encouragement on a sticker for a Year 6 student on their faith journey. The stickers will be placed in the children's bibles for distribution next term.

As well as writing inspirational messages, you could also participate by offering a small donation to cover the cost of providing workbooks for the Year 1 children, as we had to change their program this year. Our parish is always so supportive of CRI and we thank you in advance. We have no way of knowing how your message or donation might affect a child but it could mean the difference between a good and a bad choice some time in their future.

Social Justice News: On 10/11 June we will be celebrating World Environment with the theme "Refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle". Keeping in harmony with the theme we would like each of you to bring **one item of good quality to exchange or donate** to Mass on this weekend. It can be a book, a piece of clothing, crockery, jewellery etc..... Thank you so much. Erika

Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters for June to August.

2 Minute Homily by Deacon Mike (online): Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension Sunday – Two-Minute Homily: Rev.Dcn Mike Jones <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/seventh-sunday-easter-two-minute-homily-dcn-mike-jones/>

Helpers needed on the church cleaning roster! We have lost some volunteers from our Church Cleaning Roster so desperately need some new volunteers. You will be rostered once every 8 weeks for a couple of hours usually early on a Saturday morning where your team will vacuum, sweep, dust, clean the church toilets etc. Thanks to those people who have already volunteered. We need more!! Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help!

Altar Servers: Info session for children and their parents, as well as any adults interested in altar serving or perhaps supporting this valuable ministry. Come along for casual session, pizza and chat 3.30pm Sunday 11th June. Please RSVP Fr Baiyi, parish office or see Jo Cullen for catering.

Overnight Retreat: Expressions of interest for Reflection retreat at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, from Friday 15 Sept 4.30 pm to Saturday 16 Sept finishing 3.30 pm. Cost is \$150. This includes all meals, morning and afternoon tea, private rooms and facilitator for the weekend program. All rooms come with private ensuite. If a couple would like to come it is \$245 for the room. This is open to all parishioners or friends who may enjoy some quiet reflective time away. Please contact Jo Cullen if interested or need more information on 0419733878. Slips of green paper provided for Expressions of Interest. Pop them in the red box at the back of the church.

Entertainment Books 2017/18 are available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. \$65. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

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 Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.



Vinnies News: SVDP Winter Appeal Launch will be held on Sunday 11th June after the 9am Mass on the grassed area beside the church. Everyone is invited to come along to lend your support and to enjoy the occasion. We will be having a Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, Music, a cake stall and lucky dips, and even a raffle. Donations of items that could be used as raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see Carmel Northey-Cherrett or Julie in the Parish Office. **Donations of craft and sewing materials etc.** for SVDP sewing classes at Woodridge, would be graciously accepted, and can be left at the back of the church or at the Parish Office.

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:

All Hallows' School Open Day : Sunday 28 May 2017 from 11.00am. please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au.

Catholic Mission is organising a ride through the rice-fields and villages of Cambodia, from November 15-26. Along with the 9 participants already confirmed, including Wilcannia-Forbes Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, you will have a chance to not only see the beauty of Cambodia, and meet its people, for yourself but also to encounter some of the life-changing work being supported by the Catholic Church. Call our Brisbane office on (07) 3336 9239 for details

Catholic Man Breakfast Series—Thurs June 8th The Catholic Man Breakfast Series is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. www.menalive.org.au. Hear Archbishop Mark Coleridge speak on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen Street, Brisbane. 7am –9am. RSVP: 2nd June Cost: \$45 per person (credit card and eft available) Dress Code: Long-sleeved button-up shirt & trousers (no jeans, shorts or sneakers) For bookings email des@menalive.org.au or mail@menalive.org.au

Corpus Christi Procession— Sunday 18th June. This year's Corpus Christi Procession will be starting at 2pm at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, with procession through the city streets, led by Archbishop Coleridge.

The Logan Deanery has been allocated 2 buses to help with transport. They will be leaving from the carpark at St Paul's, Woodridge at 12.45pm sharp (arrive by 12.30pm). Cost \$5 per person or \$12 per family. You will need to book with Gary Cox ph 0413 625 521

Pregnancy Crisis Inc Fundraising Lunch July 1st: Don't miss this unique event with very special guest speaker Bishop Eugene Hurley. Prices are \$60 per ticket; \$45 Concession & Special Family Prices (please call 1300 777 777 for details) Please RSVP: 23 June.

menALIVE Conference: MAX17-A National Catholic Event for Men. 14-16th July at St Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane. Contact Peter Carrigan on 0404 496 405 or Mike Hardy 0459 992 228. see menalive.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Paul O'Brien, Benson Yip, Victor Stone (Jenny Norynberg's father), Robyn Gray, Nuala Towland, Patti Naughton, Ghader Al-Sammak, Robert Murray

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Terry Ahern, Brigid Lohmeier, John Mulherin, Walter Blattman, Richard Gallagher, Dorothy Wilson, Moreen McMahon, Richard Elmer, Thora Lee, Jim Ward, Elizabeth Rice, Richard Balshaw, May Gladys Thorley, Br Brian Hanlan, Eileen Connors, Patrick Madden, Kevin Connors, James Phelan, Roy Moore, Elise Flanagan, John Kennedy, Lorna Campbell, Kathleen Lamberth, Liam Lavin, Greta McLaren, Mervyn Ballment, Margaret Lowe, William Holmes

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Charles Adamson, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Ann Mendoza, 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 lectern.

Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 3rd & 4th June 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Michael Claridge Geoff Hondroudakis	Monika	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Anne Scanlon Joan d'Netto Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Stephanie Lenihan Monica O'Leary	Jada	Tim
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante	C 1 2	Lynn white Fiorenzo Matarazzo Aurelie REgnard	Chevonne	Anne

Church Cleaning: 4 Murray Wickman, Efren & Grace Tuazon. Helpers needed!

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

Cuppa: no cuppa next week. Next one 11th June after the 9am Mass

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103
Family Group Facebook:
 St Peters Rochedale Family Groups
Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
 Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com
Social Justice Group Facebook:
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