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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."

Fifth Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018

(Readings: Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8)

Reflection

This weekend's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

This weekend's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

There are many people in our parish who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. They feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. During last weekend's Ministry Expo, we were all challenged to get involved in the various parish ministry groups and become like those who are ministering to their neighbour. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name. If you didn't volunteer last weekend, it is not too late to do so this weekend.

Deacon Mike Jones

Readings for next weekend: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 30th April	No Mass
TUE 1st May	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children
WED 2nd May	St Athansius No Mass
THU 3rd May	Sts Philip & James No Mass
FRI 4th May	9.00am Rosary No Mass
SAT 5th May	2.00pm 'Celebration of Motherhood' Afternoon Tea 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 6th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday at the 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy takes place during the Liturgy of the Word. We require 2 adults to be present with the group so we need one parent helper per week with the leader. Thanks to those parents who have already been helping us with this.

No Weekday Masses: We apologise but there will be no Masses on weekdays until Tuesday 15th May

Deacons: An understanding of why there are Deacons and their role in the Church. A brief glance at the history of the diaconate from New Testament times to its reintroduction as part of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. Presented by Deacon Mike **Wednesday 9th May 7.00pm** and **Thursday 10th May at 9.30am** in the Parish Centre.

Celebration of Motherhood Afternoon Tea: Come along and join in this special celebration on Saturday 5th May from 2—3.30pm for an afternoon of Christian fellowship, delicious treats, fun, music, trivia, and prizes. Cost \$10(includes \$5 in raffle tickets). Hosted by Care & Concern. All are Welcome! To purchase your tickets or note your names down, see the C&C ladies at the rear of the church after Mass. RSVP by 29 April. Contact Mel for further information 0419726957.

Sacramental Program: the children will prepare this term to receive their First Holy Communion on June 2nd and 3rd. The first step in the program is a Rite of Commitment this weekend. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

Social Justice News:

This weekend we will be exploring the issues of **Fair Work and Fairtrade**.

The social teachings of the church have always upheld the dignity of the worker and the dignity of work. In the past 25 years there have been radical changes to the Australian labour market. Job permanence was often replaced by short-term contracts and casual, part-time employment. This has affected young and old. Workers involved in casual or part time jobs suffer a substantial deficit in their rights and benefits, compared to full time workers. Wages have also stagnated in recent years. For many working families the wages have not kept pace with the rising cost of living. Many families fall into the category of the working poor. It is our duty to respond with action and advocacy to address the failings of our current economic policy settings.

Fairtrade brings benefits to people across the globe. Fairtrade matters. It addresses exploitation of the vulnerable and powerless farmers and producers in developing countries. Purchasing Fairtrade products is one small step to make a difference to struggling communities. The people from Oxfam will display fair trade products for you in the parish centre. You might find a suitable Mother's Day gift.

Trivia Night: On Friday 11th May, at 6.30pm, we will have a Trivia Night at the "Simon Peter Centre", at St Peter's School. The proceeds will go to the Hamlin Fistula Foundation and the "City of Joy" in Zambia. Please get together with your friends and set up tables of 6. We would like to see all of you there. Thank you in anticipation of a great response.

Erika on behalf of the SJG

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. This is the last week-end for donations. Please contribute to this worthy cause by placing your donated items in the labelled wooden box near the main doors of the church.

New roster for Mass Co-ordinators, Readers & Extraordinary Minister 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 Peter's Post box just inside the main doors of the church. New Ministers welcome.

Entertainment Book for 2018-19 full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities valid to 1st June 2019. Cost \$70 but the value is thousands of dollars in savings. Choose a traditional book or a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office. Money Magazine Australia has done a review of the Entertainment Book. <http://moneymag.com.au/entertainment-book/>

Want to support the work of FR. CHRIS RILEY'S YOUTH OFF THE STREETS? Then you could help the fundraising efforts of Parishioner Mal Jensen who's cycling 1,000 kilometres over a week as part of the annual Sydney to Surfers Charity Ride. The ride commences in Sydney on Saturday 5 May and concludes at Surfers on Friday 11 May. All donations raised go direct and in full to the Youth Off The Streets charity. You can donate by going to the following web page <https://sydneytosurfers2018.everydayhero.com/au/mal> or by ringing Mal 0411 641 312. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support.

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.

Bequests and Endowments: Have you considered leaving a bequest or endowment to the parish in your will? Contact the Parish Office for more information.



St Vinnies News: Our SVDP Conference continues to help needy families, with food, clothing and furniture in our area. We thank you for all your prayers and support in recent months. Vinnies needs the services of a small carrier for deliveries of furniture from time to time. Delivery charges to be negotiated. If you are involved with, or know of, a local carrier, please call Brian on 0419992294

TAKE A QUIET MOMENT TO REFLECT..... You only have to forgive once. To resent, you have to do it all day, every day, all the time. You have to keep remembering the bad things over and over.

Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

Light and Presence Prayer Vigil: Every Tuesday at 7pm, St Bernardine's Church, 25 Vergulde Rd, Regents Park
Clairvaux MacKillop College Tour: Friday, 11th May 2018: 9.00am – 11.00am

Presentation in the Auditorium followed by a College tour with our Student Leaders.

There is an opportunity to meet with our Principal and members of the Leadership Team. Bookings recommended. To book a space, please contact our Enrolment Secretary – ph. 3347 9223 or email: enrolments@cvxmck.edu.au

Be a volunteer OUT THERE: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Come to the Palms Info Session: Saturday 12 May 3:30pm in the Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George Street, Brisbane.

Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

A Decade of Decades Trivia Night—Saturday May 12th. Presented by the Brisbane East Deanery at Our Lady of Graces, Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina Time: 7pm for a 7.15pm

Start Price: \$15/person BYO Alcohol & Food; Soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night
 Come dressed as your favourite decade. There will be a prize for the best dressed table!

Past Terrace Mothers Mass: The Terrace Ladies Group of St. Josephs College, Gregory Terrace invites all mothers of former Terrace gentlemen to a Past Mothers' Mass to be held on Sunday May 27, 10am at the Chapel of the Holy Family, St. Joseph's, Gregory Terrace with morning tea following with a cost of \$20 per person.

Pentecost Retreat—"Moved by the Spirit" - led by the Spirit Led by Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap and Steffanie Le
 Sunday 20 May 2018 from 11.00am - 10.00pm. Held at St Francis Hall ,47 Dornoch Tce, West End
 Cost \$50 (Food and refreshment included) Registration by 8th May to iana.cheng@optusnet.com.au

Corpus Christi Procession 3rd June: The Corpus Christi committee are looking for a representative from our parish who will liaise with the committee to promote the Corpus Christi procession within your parish. This will bring awareness to the procession hence boosting attendance. Please call Roy 0402408786 or email rpires05@gmail.com for more information

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Stephen Chin, Josie Gorrie, Peter English, Rose Wakeham, Barbara Mildren

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Hilda Laing, Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye & Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey, Gabriel Cosgrove, Kathleen Cook, Augustin Kostecky, Carmel Caldwell, Gerrit Severein, Peter Viola, Clare Lynch, Bobbie Richmond, Patti Bistagne, David Northey, Elsie Bishop, Eunice Carter, James Hayward, Gordon Giles, Phyllis Beliveau, Ruth Rosso

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Esme Jensen, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, Dot McLennan, John Green, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, 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.

Roster 5th & 6th May 2018

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mark Connelly	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman David Crowley Geoff Hondroudakis	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Joseph C Varkey		Jada	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Efren Tuazon	C 1 2	Stephanie Lenihan Romana Langdon Alan Vigor	Lydia Chew Joan D'Netto Mel McKay Donald Fernando	Anne Scanlon Cesarina G Marilyn Mills	Luna	Rita
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Daniel Twidale Aurelie Regnard Margaret Connors	Deacon Mike Jones Malcolm Carroll Cora Gatabnton		Chevonne	Liz

Church Cleaning: 4 Basil's Cleaners

Children's Liturgy: Angela Thomas **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sunday 6th May after 6pm Mass: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337
Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:
St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Mal Jensen 0411641312

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)
All Welcome!

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:
Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or
mcarroll580@gmail.com

Social Justice Group Facebook:
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

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.



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