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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."*

## Third Sunday of Easter

### 30th April 2017

(Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35)

### ***They recognized Him at the breaking of bread***

Some may think that the two disciples in today's Gospel were very lucky that they met Jesus himself on their way to Emmaus. And Jesus personally explained the scriptures to them. At the end, Jesus went into the village and celebrated Eucharist with them. If Jesus, personally, had explained the scriptures to us, celebrated liturgies with us, then we would be as good as the two disciples were. So, what we don't have is luck.

Actually, this is not the case. The disciples were not just lucky. They recognized Jesus at the breaking of bread, before which, they had already been extraordinary. Firstly, they had had unforgettable faith-filled experiences: they had played a part in Jesus' Passion, walking with the suffering Messiah. Secondly, they had familiarized themselves with Moses and the Prophets: please notice that Jesus just explained the scriptures to them, He did not have to teach them the content. Thirdly, two of them had successfully formed a small faith community and shared with each other the particular faith experiences they had: "They were talking together about all that had happened". Fourthly, they had open minds: when Jesus, as a stranger, came up and walked by their side, trying to explain to them everything that had happened, they didn't refuse to listen to Him. Last, but not least, they had a loving heart: it got dark and they didn't have the heart to let Jesus continue His way alone. "They pressed Him to stay with them" and shared their food with Jesus. After all of this, the timing was right that they recognized Jesus.

In fact, if we do the same things as these two disciples did, it is assured that we will walk, live and share food with Jesus. Accordingly, we ought to do the following. Firstly, to have deep faith experiences, walking with the suffering Jesus. The way to do this is, by following the footprints of Jesus, to love our neighbours, help the needy, forgive others and be courageous to face and accept persecution for the sake of righteousness. Secondly, to familiarize ourselves with the Holy Scriptures: we should learn the content of the Bible first, then Jesus will help us comprehend it in some way. Thirdly, to form small ministry groups, sharing with one another our different faith experiences while serving our local community. To serve is the means, not the end. The real aim of ministry is to make spiritual growth and maturity of each other by serving one another. Fourthly, to keep an open mind, being humble and listening to others, even strangers. Finally, to have a loving heart, being happy to share food and wealth with others. Otherwise, though Jesus had been walking and talking with us for a long time, we wouldn't finish the last step, sharing meals with Him and recognizing His identity.

Dear friends, Jesus has done everything he could for our salvation, now it is up to us to do our part. Mind you, we will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven unless we try really hard. There are no shortcuts for it. No pain, no gain. By following the footsteps of these two disciples, with loving heart and humility, relying on the strength of the Word and being in the community, let us walk towards Jesus and meet Him in our daily lives.

Fr Baiyi

#### **Readings for next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 36-41

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 1st May</b>	8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting <i>Labour Day Public Holiday: Parish Office closed</i>
<b>TUE 2nd May</b>	<b>St Athanasius</b> 8.00am Mass with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
<b>WED 3rd May</b>	<b>Sts Philip &amp; James</b> 6.30am Mass
<b>THU 4th May</b>	8.45am Play Group
<b>FRI 5th May</b>	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
<b>SAT 6th May</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 5.00pm First Communion Workshop 1 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 7th May</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.00am Mass 10.15am First Communion Workshop 1 6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will be not be held this Sunday 30th April due to the Rite of Commitment for the First Communion class. Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday 7th May at the 9am Mass. Leaders please collect your rosters and materials.

**Sacramental Program:** the children will prepare this term to receive their First Holy Communion on June 3rd and 4th (Pentecost Sunday). The first step in the program is a Rite of Commitment this weekend. Next weekend 6/7 May they will have their first workshops. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

**No Parking:** Please don't park down the driveway between the Memorial Wall and the grass area.

**First Friday** Adoration and Healing Mass this week.

**Installation Mass:** All parishioners are invited to the Official Installation of Fr Baiyi as our Parish Priest at Mass on Friday 12th May commencing at 6.30pm. We will be serving a light supper after the Mass so we are asking parishioners if they could bring along a plate of food to share. We are also looking for people who might be able to make a large hot pot: either international food/curry/casserole. For more details please call Jo Cullen to confirm 0419733878

**Little White Books & Five Minutes with the Word:** Unfortunately there was a mix up with our order for the books from Easter to Pentecost and they have only now arrived. The Word Among Us is unavailable and 5 Minutes with the Word has been substituted. It has the same reflections as Break Open the Word but not the articles. There is only 5 of each book and we only ask \$2 per book as they are so late.

**Share the Dignity:** this is the last weekend to donate sanitary items for homeless women. The collection box will be at the back of the church until Monday. Please contribute to this worthy cause. We will participate in the collection again in August.

**Entertainment Books** are now available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. Still only \$65. Remember that now, as well as the traditional book you can choose a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at [www.entbook.com.au/2224e97](http://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.

### **Thank You from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal. Please bring back your donations asap or donate at [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413

### **Mal Jensen is riding in the Sydney to Surfers**

**Charity Ride** in support of Fr Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets. The ride commences Saturday 29 April and concludes on Friday 5 May.

You can support Mal in the ride with your prayers and by donating directly to the charity via this link: <https://sydneytosurfers2017.everydayhero.com/au/mal-jensen>. If you want to contact Mal please call him on 0411 641 312

**Social Justice News:** \*The Good Shepherd Sisters will be with us on the 6/7 May at all Masses. Their beautiful products will make ideal Mother's Day gifts.

There will also be a raffle: two baskets filled with Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate. The proceeds will go to the Girls in The City of Joy.

\*We have received an invitation from Father Gerry Hefferan, the parish priest of Bracken Ridge, to pray for Syria. His parish has families recently arrived from Syria who have great concerns for those still trapped in the war torn country.

*"We pray across our faith traditions for genuine peace, for safe zones of protection now, for the grieving families, for medical and aid and emergency workers, for the prophetic voices for peace to be heard, for the children so traumatized. Amen"*

\*Did you know? St Peter Chanel, a Frenchman and a Marist Missionary, became the first martyr in Oceania, in the New Hebrides. He worked hard with the local people, learning their language and ministering to them. He was killed in 1841 for his missionary activity, and was canonised in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. His feast day is 28th April.



**Vinnies News: A St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland Cyclone Recovery Appeal** has been launched in response to the devastation caused Cyclone Debbie. To make a donation, please:  
 \* Go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) \* Phone 13 18 12 \* Visit an Australia Post retail outlet  
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Every dollar donated goes directly to individuals affected by the disaster.

**Date Claimer:** SVDP Winter Appeal Launch will be held on Sunday 11th June after the 9am Mass on the grassed area beside the church. and 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:**

**Verse for Vinnies Concert-** Sunday April 30th 1.30pm at Mary MacKillop Centre in the St William's Church Complex, Grovely Parish, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra. Cost: \$15 (includes afternoon tea)

**Centenary of Mary Immaculate School at Annerley** 29th & 30th April. See the noticeboard for more information

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies:** The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

**Join us for Fatima Centenary Celebrations.** Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills. Saturday 13 May Adoration 4pm - overnight including 7.15pm Mass, rosary, Fatima prayers, candlelight Eucharistic procession. Visit: [facebook.com/BowenHillsParish](https://facebook.com/BowenHillsParish) ph 32522200

**Centenary of St Joseph's School Corinda** - Saturday 27 May 2017. Past pupils, parents, staff and the present community are invited to join in celebrating this event. The day begins with Mass at 10:30am followed by festivities in the school grounds: food vans, rides, open classrooms, memorabilia, entertainment by past and present students.

**2017 St. Joseph's College Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea:** All past Terrace mothers are cordially invited to attend this year's Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 28 May at 10.00 am, in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, followed by morning tea in the Founders' Room.

Cost \$20 plus booking fee. Book via the [www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events](http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events)

Contact Marianne Eadie - [Marianneeadie16@gmail.com](mailto:Marianneeadie16@gmail.com) or 0410 720 067 for more information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Joyce McCormack, Margaret Brewer, Desiree Whitton, Cruz Mujica Rocafuerte (mother of Fr Rodrigo from Loganholme), Grace Bruderer

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye & Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey, Gabriel Cosgrove, Kathleen Cook, Augustin Kosteki, 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** Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Lucy Macini, Maddie Smith, 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 6th & 7th May 2017**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Ann Maree Collier Diane Land Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Jo Cullen Mary Naughton	Jade	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Kevin Healan Stephanie Lenihan	C 1 2	Lydia Chew Arthur Leow Marilyn Mills	Jada	Rita
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Anne Fry Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Chevonne	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 8 Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

**Children's Liturgy:** Joel Lenihan      **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips      **Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** after the Sunday 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:** 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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