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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."*

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### 1st April 2018

(Easter Sunday Readings: Acts 10:34, 36-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9)

### *He has risen, alleluia, alleluia*

I wasn't good at science at school, but I was very interested in the life cycle of butterflies. Butterflies have a short life but their life cycle comprises four different stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult insects. Caterpillars are the larvae stage and butterflies are the adult insects. As we all know, there is a complete difference in appearance between caterpillars and fully-grown butterflies. And the life styles of the two are completely different as well. Caterpillars live on the earth while butterflies fly in the sky. Caterpillars live with dust, while butterflies enjoy the fresh air. Apart from this, butterflies fly among beautiful flowers, and they are as colourful as flowers are. From caterpillars to butterflies, they have to undergo a metamorphosis, which is long-lasting and painful. However, it is worthwhile for them to undergo the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly since it means a big leap from earth to sky.

This weekend we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Perhaps, we can compare Jesus' resurrection with the life cycle of butterflies: Jesus' resurrection means that He has fully grown into adulthood from caterpillar into butterfly. Before resurrection, although He was truly divine, He shared the same appearance as us. And there was nothing different in His life style from ordinary humans, as He needed to eat, drink and sleep as we do. Apart from this, He experienced human feelings and emotions of joy and pain, happiness, and sorrow. After resurrection, closed windows and doors were no barrier to Him (John 20: 19; 26). His appearance could change at any time and sometimes even His disciples couldn't recognise Him (Luke 24:16); and He could disappear from a place in an instant (Mark 16:19). All of this didn't come from nothing. Jesus had to undergo a very difficult metamorphosis. He had to endure scourging, verbal abuses, all kinds of different insults, even the cruel torture of the cross and finally death. After all of these, he could enter into the glory of his resurrection. In the same way that caterpillars, after the painful stage of pupa, can grow fully into their adult stage as beautiful butterflies.

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection, through which we prepare for our own future resurrection. Jesus has done everything He could to bring about the metamorphosis of each of us, making us from caterpillars into beautiful butterflies. So, firstly, we should understand properly why Jesus did and underwent all of this. Secondly, we need to know how good the life of butterflies will be. Thirdly, we ought to recognise the painful process of the metamorphosis. Transformation is difficult, or as some would say, there is no free lunch in this world. Fourthly, following in the footprints of Jesus, we need to make progress on the journey of our own metamorphosis. At Easter every year, let us ask ourselves: how much progress have I made since last Easter? We could even ask this question every night before we go to bed: have I moved forward or backward on the journey of my metamorphosis today?

Dear friends, I believe that each of us would like to become a beautiful butterfly at the end of our earthly life. For us as Christians, we can only achieve this by following Jesus, and every day creating increasingly the ability to love and to be loved. By this, we are moving forward to our last stage of human life in our Resurrected Lord and eventually, we believe, we will be in union with God, flying freely together with Him in the blue sky of love.

*Fr Baiyi*

### Readings for next weekend: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31





**St Vinnies News:** Our SVDP Conference continues to help families with food, clothing and furniture. We thank you for your generous donations and prayers. We wish you all God's Blessings and a Happy and Holy Easter

*A Quiet Reflection:* We must be willing to help others even if they have brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Our love and concern to help others in need must be practical.. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional.

### **Invitations from Around the Archdiocese**

**St Patrick's Beenleigh will be celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy on 8th April.** All are welcome to attend.

2:30 pm Exposition 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy Adoration & confession. 4:30pm Holy Mass

**THEOLOGY IN THE CITY LECTURE** Tuesday April 24, 2018 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 277 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. "The Church of Life- Pope Francis' response to the culture of death", presented by Dr Nigel Zimmermann. All lectures in this series have been approved by Brisbane Catholic Education as 1.5 hour PD Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School. PD Certificates will be available at the end of each lecture. Cost: \$5/person. Lectures run from 7.00pm to 8.30pm, with refreshments from 6.30pm.

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For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Phil Cullen, Johanna Whitten, Zhengchong Gong

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Lynette Bushby-Haddon, Vashti McNamara, Valentine McNamara, Pauline Earle, Hector Hewavitharana, Matthew Cogliati, Nicholas Chin, Cyril O'Brien, Dudley Maloney, Margot Vizmanos-Tovera, Jessie White, Elaine Fitzgibbons, Philomena Herrmann, George White, Ellen (Nell) Elliot, Kenneth Morris

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** 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, Sesinando 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 7th & 8th April 2018**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Joyce Lyster Joseph C Varkey	Diane Land Carl de Mello Ann Maree Collier			Rita
Sun 9:00am	Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Lydia Chew Maria Chamberlain Arthur Leow	Deacon Mike Del Reynolds Alan Scanlon Jo Cullen	Donald F Marilyn Mills Kevin Healan		Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Helen Graczyk	Ros Dawson Kate Guy Mel McKay			Liz

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

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips      **Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** after the 9am Mass on Sun 8th April: Stephanie L, Julie H, Marilyn Mills, Tongan community



**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)  
**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:**  
Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or  
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**Social Justice Group Facebook:**  
St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

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