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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."*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

### 1st May 2016

#### From the Pastor's Desk

**John 14:23-29: Live out the message of love and be united in Christ.**

A few years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community is debating about what makes a Christian and a disciple of Jesus. Their focus is on the external, the circumcision on the body and many other practices they borrowed from their Jewish background. They were all, including the apostles, primarily Jews observing the religious practices of their tradition. However, even as they debated they realized that this is not what Jesus had intended at all. The early Church had its problems, much as we do today. The biggest problem stemmed from the admission of the Gentile community. Since Jesus was a Jew, and almost all of the early followers, apostles and disciples were Jewish and followed all the Jewish laws and practices while still believing in Jesus the Messiah, it stood to reason that they would expect everyone to be like them. To be a follower of Jesus the Nazarene would mean that you would also follow the laws and practices of the Jewish faith as well. Maybe, many of them saw the Way of Jesus as a new turn or a reform within the Jewish faith. But Paul did not see it that way and when Paul went out converting Gentile communities to Christian faith, he did not have them follow the prescripts of the Jewish law which would involve circumcision, apparel, practices, purity regulations in food, and so on. According to the first reading today, Paul had quite a debate with the Jewish Christians, but neither side would give in. The post resurrection era is the Spiritan era, the Holy Spirit takes over and renews everything in Christ. It is the same Spirit of God working through the whole church as one who is able to influence, change and renew and create oneness in the Church as Vatican II highlights.

Jesus in the Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our teacher and the source of all peace. The passage offers a vision of hope. Jesus the Christ promises us that the Spirit sent by the Father would instruct, inspire, guide and lead the community on the way of Jesus. We are told to prepare ourselves for Pentecost, the great event in Christianity and it is to be continued at the end of every Easter season. Let us be aware of the abiding presence of God within us. And we are not alone. One of the great social and ethical problems of our time is isolation and loneliness. Jesus can always be present to us and be a friend in our life. He takes away our grief, and shares with us his joy, peace, and guides our path into light - *I am the way, truth and Life, He told Thomas in his discourse. As a parish community we allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit of God and we will surely be the light of the world and salt of the earth as Jesus wanted us to be.*

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

#### Readings

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Year C

**First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29** It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

**Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23** He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

**Gospel: John 14:23-29** The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.


#### Readings for next Sunday (6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23


Luke 24:46-53




<b>IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:</b>		<b>Year Of Mercy</b> <b>6th Sunday of</b> <b>Easter</b> "Mary is ... the Mother of mercy, because she bore in her womb the very Face of divine mercy, Jesus, Emmanuel, the Expectation of the nations, the "Prince of Peace" (Is 9:5).." <i>Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, 1 January 2016</i>	
<b>MON 2nd May</b>	<b>St Athanasius</b> 8.00am Mass		
<b>TUE 3rd May</b>	<b>Sts Philip &amp; James</b> 8.00am Mass with children 1.30pm Confirmation Program Parent meeting 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.30pm Confirmation Program Parent meeting		
<b>WED 4th May</b>	6.30am Mass		
<b>THU 5th May</b>			
<b>FRI 6th May</b>	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation 9.30am Healing Mass		
<b>SAT 7th May</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday		
<b>SUN 8th May</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> 9.00am Mass    6.00pm Mass		

**St Athanasius** attended the first ecumenical Council of Nicaea (from which we get the Nicene Creed) as a deacon and later became bishop of Alexandria in the 4th Century AD. **St Philip and St James** were 2 of Jesus' apostles.

**Church Toilet Renovations** are complete! We now have 2 unisex toilets, one of which is suitable for disabled access but is able to be used by all. They look wonderful! A big thank you to the team who did all the renovations especially Rod, Scott, Gary and Michael. Again thanks to John Donohue and the Parish Finance Council for the successful bid to the Gaming Commission for the grant money to do the renovations.

  
**Confirmation**

**Sacramental Program:** Enrolments are being accepted for Confirmation for 2016 for children in Grade 3 and above. Contact the Parish Office or see our website for more information. Parent info meetings are being held this Tuesday 2nd May 1.30pm and repeated at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Cuppa:** Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 1st May after the 6pm Mass and also next Sunday 8th May after the 9am Mass. 

**Caritas Australia** would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or call 1800 024 413

**National Count of Attendance at Mass and Sunday Assemblies:** Over the next 4 weekends, all Catholic churches and Mass centres are undertaking a simple head count at all Masses for Census data.

**Children's Liturgy** continues this Sunday. 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.)

**Share the Dignity:** Thanks to all who donated sanitary items to help homeless and at risk women. The Archdiocese has committed to running another donation campaign in August.

**Bibles - Thank You:** Once again St Peters parishioners have very generously supported the Bibles project for students at Rochedale State School. We had 44 stickers signed and donations of \$105.35. Thank you so much.

**Social Justice News:** Check out the 2 certificates of Appreciation from the Salesian sisters and Hamlin Fistula Foundation. We have also received some lovely photos of the girls at the City of Joy in Zambia. Check out the pin-board.

**Date Claimer:** St Peter's School 40th Anniversary Celebrations will take place on Sunday 12th June beginning with 9am Mass and followed by a BBQ and bush dance. See the poster on the noticeboard or pick up a flyer on the back table.

**Altar Servers** please collect your Term 2 rosters  
**Entertainment Books** are now available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. 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.

**From the Australian Catholic Bishop's Office:** On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Pope Francis published a new papal document called, *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family' at the Vatican in Rome. It is about marriage and family life. The papal document is also known as an 'Apostolic Exhortation'. It is available to read and download on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/home> If you don't have time to read all 256 pages of the Exhortation, you can access a summary on the bishops conference website.

The printed book form of *Amoris Laetitia* will soon be available for purchase from St Paul's Book Centre for \$12.95



**Vinnies News:** St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Launch is on Sunday, 29 May, after the 9am Mass. It will be held on the grass area in front of the Parish Office, and everyone is invited to come along to lend your support and to enjoy the occasion. We are having a Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, Music, Dancing, a "Best Scarf" competition, a cake stall and lucky dips, and even a raffle.

Parishioners are invited to take part by donating a scarf or blanket to go to needy families. You are also invited to bake and donate a cake, biscuits etc for the cake stall. It should be a Parish Fun Event which will provide help for needy families with winter fast approaching. Please mark this date, 29 May, in your diaries or on your calendar.

**See the Noticeboard for more information on the following invitations:**

**The Annual Corpus Christi Procession** on Sunday, May 29th this year will start at St Stephen's Cathedral at 2pm and go through the streets of Brisbane City. All are invited to be part of this great event and demonstration of our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**Hear Top Catechist Professor Thomas Groome** Thurs May 12th 5.30pm at the O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale St Wilston. The Brisbane Catholic Parents and Friends Assoc invites all interested to an evening with Professor Groome, Professor of Theology & Religious Education at Boston College. His topic for discussion will be "Catholic Schools and a Parent Perspective: Education From and For Faith" Free event. Light meal provided. RSVP Fri 6th May for catering

**Veni Sancte Spiritus – 'Come Holy Spirit'**  
We extend a warm invitation for everyone to join our community for **Veni Sancte Spiritus**, our weekly Tuesday praise and worship evenings.  
7pm St Francis of Assisi Hall 47 Dornoch Tce West End  
Deepen your faith walk, develop an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, soak in the praise and worship, meditation and healing.

**Centenary for St Joseph's Primary School Nundah & Sisters of St Joseph Convent, Nundah**  
Sunday May 1, 2016 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.  
Commences with Mass in Corpus Christi Church, 65 Bage Street, Nundah with Archbishop Coleridge and then a Fun Day in the school precinct.(16 Leslie Street)

**Centenary School Fete—Sts Peter & Paul Primary School, Bulimba**  
A Bulimba Institution—the Centenary School Fete, will be celebrated from 10.00am until 8.00pm on Saturday May 21 at the Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, 33 Alexandra Street, Balmoral.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Marby Obeyesekere, Valda Temple, Kevin O'Donoghue (Gloria's husband), Arcadia Reyes

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye & Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming, Edmond Casey, Gabriel Cosgrove, Kathleen Cook, Augustin Kosteci, Carmel Caldwell, Gerrit Severin, Peter Viola, Clare Lynch, Bobbie Richmond, Patti Bistagne, David Northey, Elsie Bishop, Eunice Carter, James Hayward, Gordon Giles, Phyllis Beliveau, Ruth Rosso, Clara McKivett, Marie Maloney, Dennis Mitchell, Betty Wormald

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Ronald Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, NicolasTendrio, Nora Estanislao, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, 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 7th & 8th May 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Mal Jensen	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Joyce Lyster Mary Naughton	Jade Perina Monica Svarc	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour Diane McKeone	C 1 2	Kieran Lenihan Kath Seymour Megan Seymour	Jada Nathan	Carmel
Sun 6:00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Kathy Muller Vicki Routledge Cora Gatbonton	Chevonne Mone	Anne

**Church Cleaning:** 4 Jo Lavington, Murray Wickman, Efren & Grace Tuazon

**Children's Liturgy:** Elizabeth Mura      **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** Sun 8th May after 9am Mass: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Jo Cullen, Malcolm Carroll



**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 Jacob.

**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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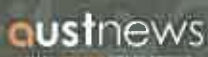


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