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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."

Second Sunday of Easter - Year C

3rd April 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Divine Mercy Sunday (Second Sunday of Easter):

Mercy Upon Mercy Upon Mercy: John 20: 19-31.

Believe to Continue the Mission of Christ.

One of the most moving stories of mercy came to us on October 6, 2006, when an armed man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Nickle Mines, Pennsylvania, USA. The man chased out the little boys and lined up ten little girls in front of the blackboard. He shot all of them and killed himself. Five of these girls died. After the medics and police left, the families of the fallen carried their slain children home. They sat for a time and mourned their beloved children. After a while they walked to the home of the man who killed their children. They told the widow of the man that they forgave him and consoled her for the loss of her spouse. They buried their anger before they buried their children! What a great story to speak of on God's mercy Sunday! It is because Jesus is the face of God's mercy that we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. St Faustina of Poland, who was canonized a saint on April 30th, 2000, is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy

The readings for this Sunday are about mercy, trust and the forgiveness of sins. The first reading explains how the risen Lord continued to show his Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing, and proclaim it to others through preaching of the apostles in the early church. The faith/belief of the apostles enabled and gave them the energy to minister to the people through 'signs and wonders' from the Lord. The second one from the book of Revelation is to comfort and to bolster the Faith of the persecuted Christians by reassuring them of the presence of the merciful Lord in their sufferings. In today's Gospel, we are strongly reminded of the mercy of God - the power to forgive sins to his apostles - whose sins you forgive are forgiven them (Jn 20:23). ABC of Mercy: **A for ask for God's Mercy**, for God wants us to approach Him in faith and prayer so that God's mercy be poured out upon us and upon the whole world. **B for be merciful**, for God wants us to receive his mercy and let it flow from the hearts through our ideas words and deeds to others. **C for our total trust in Jesus**, the face of Divine Mercy, the more we trust in Jesus the more become merciful people on earth.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings Second Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16 The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Readings for next Sunday (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 4th April	The Annunciation of the Lord 8.00am Mass 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting
TUE 5th April	8.00am Mass 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 6th April	6.30am Mass
THU 7th April	St John Baptist de la Salle
FRI 8th April	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 9th April	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 10th April	3rd Sunday of Easter 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Year Of Mercy

"Any time any of us reaches out, any time we pour even a drop of love, compassion, simple human decency (no matter how small; how seemingly insignificant) into the sea of earthly existence – we are, each and every one of us, the being called Mercy."
J M DeMatteis, Mercy (1993)

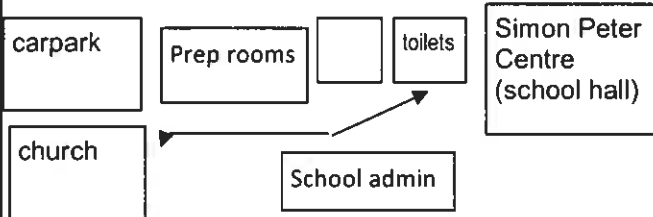


Little White Books & The Word

Among Us available. \$3.50 each. Both offer short daily reflections from Easter to Pentecost. Highly recommended.

Church Toilet Renovations have begun!

The toilets will be unable to be used for 3 to 4 weeks while work is under way. We will be able to use the school senior toilets during weekend Mass times. Parents will need to accompany children. The Parish Office meeting room toilet will be made available at other times such as weekday Masses, rosary etc. We apologise for the inconvenience.



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.

Training for Readers: Deacon Mike will hold a training session for this ministry on Thursday 14th April in the Parish Centre. Arrive 7pm for 7.15pm start. New Ministers welcome. Please write your name on the list at the back of the church.

Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa and a chat this Sunday 3rd April after the 6pm Mass and also next Sunday 10th April after the 9am Mass.



Humble Apologies to the Communion Ministers and Readers for the confusion as last weekend's newsletter roster was incorrect!



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.

Caritas: Remember Project Compassion Caritas has notified us that extra help will be given to hurricane victims in Fiji through Project Compassion. Please give generously to this worthy cause and return your donations as soon as possible so Project Compassion can be finalised for 2016. You can also donate via phone 1800 024 413 or online www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Home Communion Ministers please collect your new rosters. Starts this week!

Children's Liturgy will resume in Term 2. Leaders, please advise Jodie of any dates you are unavailable during Term 2.

Altar Servers please indicate any dates you are not available for Term 2 on the form at the back of the Church. New servers welcome.

Care and Concern are looking for volunteers who could help with visitations especially to the Freedom Aged Care Facility (formerly Tall Trees) or maybe to people's homes. It may only be once a month or every two months. Please see Jo Cullen if you are able to spend a little time to share with some of the elderly or home bound. Contact Jo on 0419733878

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. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items during April and again in August. A collection box will be placed at the back of the church from next weekend. Please contribute to this worthy cause.

St Peter's School 40th Anniversary Cookbook: submissions of recipes for the cookbook can be made online using the website publishedauthors.com.au and following the instructions. Pick up a leaflet today.

Entertainment Books for 2016/17 arriving soon!



Vinnies News: Thank you all for your generous support of our Easter egg raffle. A special thanks to Carmel Northey for helping with ticket sales. Together we raised \$219.00. The winners were- 1st. Prize Marilyn Mills (Easter Eggs Basket)- 2nd. Prize Helen Graczyk (Wine). We, in Vinnies, are still looking for some volunteers who could help some of our needy clients with small lawn mowing jobs, from time to time.

St Vincent de Paul Conference, Rochedale, is looking for new members. Please contact us if you are interested.

See the Noticeboard for more information on these invitations.

Senior's Invitation: All Seniors are invited to join with St Edward's Seniors on a day outing bus trip Friday April 15th. Bus (\$28) will leave St Edward's at Daisy Hill at 8.30am. Morning Tea (provided) at Wivenhoe Dam, lunch at the Toogoolawah Hotel (\$10). Raffles \$3. Return by approx. 3:30pm. Write your name on the form on the back table if you are interested or contact Julie in the Parish Office.

Living Biblically—Year of Mercy. 1st Lecture Wed April 20. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will present a series of four new talks this year on the theme of *Mercy: Mercy in the Old Testament* (April 20) ; *Mercy in the Gospel of Luke* (July 20); *Mercy in the Gospel of John* (August 24); *Mercy in the Letters of Paul* (Oct 19). All sessions are free and run from 7pm—8.30pm in the Cathedral of St Stephen.

Year of Mercy Parish Seminar with noted Missiologist Fr Stephan Bevans SVD. Sat 30 April 9am-1pm at the Aspinall Centre, St Bernard's Parish Hall, 4 Klumpp Rd Upper Mt. Gravatt. No cost, morning tea provided. **RSVP:** ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au by Tuesday 26 April. Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane

Stages of Faith Presentation and Workshop: Skilled presenter Passionist priest Fr Ray Sanchez explores the different types of prayer in our tradition. Saturday 16th April 9am-12:30pm at St Patrick's Church, Beenleigh. Tea, coffee will be provided, BYO morning tea. Cost: Paper Donation is suggested to cover costs. More information: Contact Denise 0423 207 662

The Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Team need mature committed Catholics with an ability to relate pastorally to those who are suffering a mental illness. The training course is held at the Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Centre each Wednesday from 4th May to 23rd November from 9am to 3.30pm. Final date of applications is Friday 22nd April 2016.

menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast - 7am to 9am **Thursday 14th April** hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at Tattersall's Club, Brisbane. You can hear Denis Wagner tell his story of "Being Concretely Catholic". Cost is \$45 per person. For more details visit www.menalive.org.au For bookings email des@menalive.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Julia Healan (Kevin's sister), Stephen Symes (Cynthia Bowler's brother), Redempta Agdon Magdayao, Pat McErlean, Grete Magiera

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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, Kevin Thorley, Kerry Routledge, Lyn Murray, Thomas Ray, Seiuli Foutanu, Alice Mitchell

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Nassib Jabbour, Nicanor Tendrio, Nora Estanislao, Michael Sykes, Teodolfo Cruz, Ronald Mack, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, Ramona Cruz, John Bochniak, Terry Naughton, Debra McKenna, Terri Mills, Mary Scholes, 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 9th & 10th April 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land Faith Coyer John Coyer	C 1 2	Fiorenzo Matarazzo Joyce Lyster Neil Ballment	Volunteers please	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour Kieran Lenihan	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Kath Seymour Megan Seymour	Volunteers please	Madden Family & Tongan choir
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Vicki Routledge Rosemary Moore Helen Graczyk	Volunteers please	Rita

Church Cleaning: 8 Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy & Paul Heenan

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

Cuppa: Sun 10th April after 9am Mass: Tongan community

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
Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent
Family Groups: Alan & Kristy Scanlon
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

Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878

Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcaroll580@gmail.com

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