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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."

Sixth Sunday of Easter

6th May 2018

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

Reflection

I suspect that there are some people who seem to think that the Catholic Church is just another multi-national corporation, *Catholicism, Inc.*, with the Pope as CEO. Obviously, this view is a bit skewed, but is not totally off-base. The Church is in fact an international organization. That's actually one of the meanings of the word "*Catholic*"— this church is no small sect limited to a particular ethnic enclave. Rather, it is "*universal*," intended to reach and include people from all nations. Just look around this evening and we have evidence of that in our own parish. That's an important message of this Sunday's first reading. Jesus mission was first and foremost to the children of Israel. But notice that he never restricted his ministry to Jews alone. In fact the person he pointed out as having more faith than just about anyone else he'd met was not a Jew, but a Roman, the centurion whose servant he healed.

As with the master, so with the disciple. St Peter meets another centurion who also exhibits faith and hunger for God. Not only was he a Gentile, but he was an officer in the occupying army of the hated Romans. He hadn't gone through an RCIA program or the sacraments of initiation and what does God do? He pours out the Holy Spirit upon him and his companions! How could these enemies be denied the sacrament of the Spirit when God had not hesitated to give them a generous measure of the Spirit? I recall that someone once said that Catholicism really means "*Here comes everybody!*" In other words, the family is open to foreigners as well as countrymen, enemies as well as friends.

The Church is similar to a multi-national corporation in another respect. It has very serious business to attend to. Our second reading and the gospel sum up this business in a single word—*love*. If you put this central concept together with the message of the first reading, you get the mission statement of the Catholic Church—*Love Unlimited*. Human beings without saving grace are capable of some love, but it is always a limited sort of love. It is limited in *extension*—we love our own country, our own family, our own spouse, and our own friends. It is also usually limited in *intensity*—we often are willing to love as long as it doesn't cost too much.

But the love which is the Church's business is quite another thing. It is called *agape* or charity, a supernatural sort of love that gives itself without limit to everyone without exception. It is a love impossible for human beings without the divine power of the Holy Spirit that was poured out on many at Pentecost and upon Cornelius and company on that day in Caesarea. The first letter of John tells us that God's offering up his only Son demonstrates the nature of this mind-boggling love. John also shows us how to identify those who truly have the life-blood of God cursing through their veins – simply check to see if the same sort of love is evident in their lives.

To love in this way is an obligation for the Christian. But it is also a privilege and a joy. True spiritual joy is what every human being longs for. But without the experience of receiving and giving this divine love, this joy can never be found.

Why were St. Francis of Assisi and Saint Teresa of Calcutta so full of joy when they had nothing? Because they gave everything just like God did. To love without limit is what God does, and so living a life of love means intimate friendship with God.

When it is all said and done, that's really what it's all about. Doctrines, sacraments, canon law, customs, traditions and devotions—they are all designed to express and deepen this intimate union with God, this exciting adventure of love, that issues forth in more joy than we could ever imagine.

Deacon Mike Jones



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 7th May	No Mass Public Holiday for Labour Day: Church & Parish Office will be closed today
TUE 8th May	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 9th May	No Mass 7.00pm The Role of Deacons
THU 10th May	No Mass 9.30am The Role of Deacons
FRI 11th May	9.00am Rosary No Mass 6.30pm Trivia Night
SAT 12th May	5.00pm Sacramental Program Workshop on Communion 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 13th May	The Ascension of the Lord 9.00am Mass 10.15am Sacramental Program Workshop on Communion 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.

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.

Alpha Program "Come & See" session in the Parish Centre Tuesday 22nd May 7pm.

Readings for next weekend:

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20

Social Justice News:

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.

Many thanks to all who supported the Fair Trade event last weekend. Oxfam were most appreciative, with \$2000 in sales of ethical products. There will be a Mother's Day VIP event at their Garden City shop Thursday 10th May, with special discounts.

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.

Sacramental Program: Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion. They will have 2 workshops over the next 2 weekends (12th/13th & 19th/20th May) during which the children will learn about the Mass and Eucharist. First Holy Communion will be held on 2nd and 3rd June, appropriately the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

Altar Servers Albs: We are urgently in need of someone to sew a couple of very simple white albs for the Altar Servers Ministry group. Please contact Jo Cullen or the Parish Office if you know anyone or can help.

Ministry Expo: Thank you to all the Ministries that set up beautiful tables with information for the Ministry weekend. This was such a great way to showcase the ministry and volunteers at St Peter's. Once forms have been collated and Ministry co-ordinators return their Summary of the Expo I will be able to report back.
Jo Cullen

Share the Dignity : Thank you to all who generously donated sanitary items to help homeless and at risk women and girls. We have a good quantity of sanitary products that will be collected this week by a representative from Share the Dignity.

St Peter's Card Group: all welcome to come along and join in a friendly game of cards in the Parish Centre every Monday at 10am. (except public holidays)

Baptismal Team: Anyone interested in joining the Baptismal Team in welcoming parents to this wonderful Sacrament please contact the Parish Office. There will be a team Meeting on 21st May.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018 "The Lord has loved me so much. We must love everyone, we must be compassionate."

Saint Josephine Bakhita

Sudanese religious sister Suffered slavery at age 8

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 commenced 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.

Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents..... praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong. Prayer. *Pope Francis*

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: The 2018 St Vincent Winter Appeal launches this month. The concept for this year's Winter Appeal is 'Give people in need another choice', with a focus on the impossible choices people are forced to make every day - families who face hunger and homelessness because of family breakdowns. These are the people whom we assist each and every day. Our Parish SVDP Winter Appeal fundraiser will be on Sunday 24th June. This fun morning is vital to our fundraising efforts and we ask you to give it your full support. Does anyone have a coffee machine capable of making cappuccinos, lattes etc that we could use on the 24th? Also, 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

Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

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

San Sisto College Open Day – Sunday 20 May from 1 pm until 4 pm. Enjoy guided tours, student performances, faculty demonstrations and displays at Open Day 2018. To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/OpenDay2018. For more information about San Sisto College, visit www.sansisto.qld.edu.au

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

Past Gregory Terrace Mothers' Mass: 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. See the flyer on the noticeboard.

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

Enrichment Seminar for married couples—The 5 Love Languages- the secret to love that lasts: 9am-5 pm, Saturday 9 June 2018 at the Our Lady of Mt Carmel primary school hall, Coorparoo. Cost: \$60 per couple (includes course materials, lunch and morning & afternoon cuppa). More information and booking: <https://trybooking.com/TWXC>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Gary Twyford, Stephen Chin, Josie Gorrie, Peter English, Rose Wakeham

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Patti Bistagne, David Northey, Elsie Bishop, Eunice Carter, James Hayward, Gordon Giles, Phyllis Beliveau, Ruth Rosso, Clara McKivett, Marie Maloney, Dennis Mitchell, Betty Wormald, Maree Hooiveld, Allen Thrower, Monica Kirchner, Fr Frank Clancy, Lorraine Clark, Hume Maynard, Dennis Marrinan, Jim Cook, Alan Mason, Mollie Ewart, Simon Bakker, John Bochniak, Josephine Ellway, Mary Malone, Leong Ah Kaw, Margaret Gibbon

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, 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 12th & 13th May 2018

Co-ordinator		Readers	Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joyce Lyster	C 1 Joyce Lyster 2 Neil Ballment Shelagh Ballment	Deacon Mike Jones Natalie Hadde Steve Danudibrotto	Layla Talia Rene	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Grace Tuazon	C 1 Bev de Paola Kath Seymour 2 Monica O'Leary	Shane S Marilyn Mills Joan D'Netto Diane McKeone	Del Reynolds Stephanie L Julie H Zac Jada	Tim
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy	C 1 Anne Fry Helen Graczyk 2 Vickie Routledge	Kevin Fry Matt Jarvis Kate Guy	Chevonne Eza	Liz

Church Cleaning: 5 Mark & Gabrielle Connolly, Narelle & Frank Garland, Shane D'Silva

Children's Liturgy: Angela Thomas **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: Sunday 13th May after 9am Mass: Care & Concern

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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