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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."*

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year A

### 9th July 2017

(Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8:9,11-13 Matthew 11:25-30)

## Come to Me and I will Give You Rest

We live in a world that is full of noise and distractions. Each day we are burdened by the demands of our everyday lives, which sometimes trap us in an endless routine – a routine that ultimately centres on 'me'. In the little spare time that we might have, the need to be constantly connected through technology such as social media seems to have completely taken over our lives. Of course, our relationships tend to suffer as a consequence to these noises and distractions.

Christianity is first and foremost a relationship with a God who loves us and continue to be present with us. As we know, for relationships to grow and sustain, it must be nurtured. How often do we find quality time to spend with God in our busy lives? If we are not careful, our personal prayer and attending liturgical celebrations can easily turn into a mere routine.

Our Christian lives demand a great deal – serving the poor, evangelization and social justice are just some of the tasks we as Christians are called to embrace. As important as these are, we should not forget our primary call to contemplate the face of Christ through silence and prayer. It is in the silence we experience deeply the presence and the transforming power of God; it is in the silence, we find rest in God's embrace.

Are you tired from your daily burdens? Do you find life just too hard sometimes? Today's Gospel sends a strong message to each of us. God is waiting for us, waiting to receive our burdens, anxieties and troubles, and find rest in him.

In this coming week, let us try and spend some quality time with God each day, handing over our burdens and troubles, so we can find rest in his love. An old hymn sums this up perfectly:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come onto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.

(Author: Horatius Bonar, 1846. Composer: John B. Dykes, 1868)

*Jack Ho, Seminarian, Archdiocese of Brisbane*

**Readings for next weekend: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-9

**An invitation to young women who may be interested in discerning a religious vocation** to join Bishop Ken Howell for an evening meal and informal discussion at Wynberg. The meal will be at 790 Brunswick Street, New Farm, on Thursday, 20 July 2017 beginning at 6.30pm. Contact Fr Baiyi if you are interested in attending.



## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 10th July</b>	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Altar Server Leaders meeting
<b>TUE 11th July</b>	<b>St Benedict</b> 8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm RCIA Team meeting
<b>WED 12th July</b>	6.30am Mass
<b>THU 13th July</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 14th July</b>	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 15th July</b>	<b>St Bonaventure</b> 5.00pm Sacramental Program Confirmation Workshop 1 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 16th July</b>	<b>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 10.15am Sacramental Program Confirmation Workshop 1 6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will recommence next Sunday during the 9am Mass. Leaders please contact Jodie to let her know any dates you will be unavailable for the new roster.

**Altar Servers:** New roster available now for Term 3. New altar servers still welcome to join the roster. Please talk to Fr Baiyi or contact Julie in the Parish Office.

**Parishioner would like a lift** to 9am Mass on Sundays. Rochedale Estates area. Phone 3341 4408

**Wanted:** Child's A-frame white-board to be used for advertising Tuesday morning Mass. Please phone Steph Lenihan 0413268860

**Date Claimer:** Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Training for all parish Volunteers in August: Wed 9th 6pm, Fri 11th 10.30am or Sun 13th 10am.

**Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday:** Every year, in July, right across Australia, people observe NAIDOC week. (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee)  
Indigenous people, together with all Australians, celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival and their contribution to the life of our nation.  
This year we are commemorating three very special events in the history of the struggle and advancement of our indigenous people.

On 27/May we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Around 90% of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth special powers to make laws for indigenous people and to recognize them in the census.

25 years ago the Mabo Decision was handed down by the High Court of Australia. The Court reversed the principle of Terra Nullius (the doctrine that the land belonged to no one before white settlement) and recognized native title. This led to sweeping changes in the relationship between indigenous people, landholders, industry and government.

This year also marks the 20th Anniversary of the release of the report on The Stolen Generation. "Our Languages Matter" is the theme for NAIDOC week 2017. Many indigenous languages have died out. This is a great, painful loss. The theme will shine a spotlight on the grass root movements of people who are working hard to recapture their languages as a means of recapturing their culture. We wish our indigenous brothers and sisters every success in this endeavor.

We would like to introduce to you a special artist, Gurrumul Yunupingu, who sings in English but also in his own language, Yolngu. This singer from Elcho Island off the coast off Arnhem Land, was the 2016 Naidoc Week Artist of the Year. His music is pure, deeply moving and powerful. Check out his song "Jesu" on You tube. *The Social Justice Group*

**Care & Concern** Winter Warmers Lunch 22nd July 12noon until 2.30pm. All Welcome. Cost \$10 See flyer on church door for details.

**Thank you for your support of the annual Propagation of the Faith appeal last weekend**



There is a strong note of gratitude in the Gospel reading from Matthew this weekend. Jesus is giving thanks to God for what He has revealed and shared with others, especially those considered naïve or innocent in the eyes of the world. That "attitude of gratitude" was very much evident when Catholic Mission recently hosted a visit by the face of our mission appeal campaign, Sr Mary Goretti, and a Ugandan priest, Fr Philip. Both were very thankful for the support they knew was forthcoming from the Church in Australia and both wanted to extend their prayers and gratitude to people like each of you, for what you contributed last weekend. It is with a note of thanks, as heard in the Gospel introduction, that we then move to actually impacting lives and easing the burden on those less fortunate. This is what the second part of the Gospel reminds us – if we are thankful, others will, in turn, be blessed and their souls will be at rest.

*David McGovern, Director, Brisbane & Toowoomba Diocese*

**If you have brought your donations this weekend or you were away last weekend**, we have more envelopes. Please simply place the envelope with your donation on the plate at either collection this weekend.

**Church Cleaning:** New rosters available.

**No Evening Cuppa & Chat in winter** but we can all still enjoy them after the 9am Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

**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.



**Vinnies News:** Donations would be welcome of new or good quality second hand blankets and towels. Also, donations of sewing materials are still welcome to help the St Vinnies' sewing group at Woodridge.

**Entertainment Books 2017/18** are available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. \$65. 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.

**Blue Cards:** We really appreciate the wonderful parish involvement in following the Blue Card Regulations. However, please remember to personally hand in your application to the parish office, as we need to sight the supporting documentation before it is sent. Also if you are renewing your Blue Card, please ensure that you give the parish a copy of your letter when you receive your new/renewed Blue Card, so we can keep a copy and update our records. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish Office.

***Invitations from around the Archdiocese:***

**menALIVE Conference:** MAX17-A National Catholic Event for Men. 14-16th July at St Leo's Catholic College, Uni of Qld, St Lucia, Brisbane. Contact Peter Carrigan on 0404 496 405 see [menalive.org.au](http://menalive.org.au)

**Evening Retreat at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish,** Macarthy Rd, Marsden on Friday 21st July 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Praise & worship, preaching of the Word, Healing Mass. Conducted by Fr Rony and Fr Joby from the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby NSW. Contact the parish on 3803 0862 or email [marsden@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:marsden@bne.catholic.net.au)

**The Oratory Winter Ball:** Fundraising for the education of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation's four seminarians – Saturday 22 July 2017, 6:30pm, Level 2 Portside Wharf, Hamilton. All are invited to join us for an evening of live music and dancing by the river. Tickets and further details available at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=258077&>.

**Women of the Way Annual Retreat**— 25-27 Aug 2017 at Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin, Brisbane  
Theme: Live Alive -No Longer a Slave to Fear; I am a Child of God (Gal 4:7, Ezek 34:27)

Presenters: David & Natalie Tensen Resident Priest: Fr Chima Ofor  
Contact: ph 0402 316 288 or email [wowqld@gmail.com](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com) RSVP: Aug 14

**Date Claimer: St Ignatius Parish Toowong's Annual Women's Night of Spirituality**—Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm - Stuartholme School Chapel. St Ignatius Parish Toowong is very pleased to be able to continue to hold this annual event as a legacy of the work of Fr Peter Quin sj.

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

**Those who have died:** Michael Ah Koy, Ken Murphy, Dionisio Tuazon, Jeremy Wardlaw, Annie Mah, Melba Connole, Sharon David

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** John Carroll, Maureen Rosso, Olga Mahony, Maurice Machin, Mark Goodwin, Perc Feeney, Mary Warnaminde, Theo Bakker, Winifred Harris, Maria Gardner, Cathy Breed, John Neilsen, Rhondda Poulton, Olive Dwyer, Les Larsen, Joseph Van Den Boom, Pam O'Brien, Arthur Louis, Mary Hogan, James Airens, Kathleen Stitt, Ross Bray, Herbert Hussey, Damian Bartlett

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, Cora Gatbonton, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Ann Mendoza, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, 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 15th & 16th July 2017**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Anthony Della Brooke Della	Diane Land Faith Coyer John Coyer	Monika Talia	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Grace Tuazon	C 1 2	Kevin McMahon Marilyn Mills Maria Chamberlain	Stephanie Lenihan Alan Scanlon Del Reynolds	Zac	Rita
Sun 6.00pm	Kate Guy	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns John Blake	Deacon Mike Jones Cesarina Gigante	Chevonne	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Waisa Beak, Efren & Grace Tuazon

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

**Cuppa:** Sunday 23rd July after the 9am Mass: Joan D'Netto, Anna Carver, Anne Scanlon

## 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:  
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