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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 in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th February 2017

Pastor's Note: *Matthew 5:17-37. God's Own Rule, Golden Rule*

We tend to think of the contents of today's Gospel as a series of little pieces: a rule on this, a rule on that, a bit of spiritual or theological matters on some other point. When we take up a chop-up into sentences approach to gospels is not a good exegesis, but a type of fundamentalism, and misses the whole point of the sermon by Jesus. The central point is that the message of the gospel is greater than the sum of its parts. It is not a new rule about this, a change in the rules about something else and so forth; rather, the message is that God's love is greater than all, and we are called to respond to that love in a complete loving way. Love always must go beyond box ticking or it is not love. The first and foremost is to state that: love and faith are more than box ticking. We can keep all the rules, but if our own lives have not got that spark of love and laughter, then we are not following the God of love, 'but the great policeman in the sky'. That sparkle of love is what makes the difference between the saint and the boor. That sparkle in the heart is the ability to see beyond the rules, to glimpse a mystery that is greater than the universe, to glimpse the love of God beckoning us. We can only discover how to love by helping those in need, whether they deserve help or not. We can only discover how to love by standing with those who are oppressed even if it is dangerous to us. We can only discover how to love by asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds with wisdom.

Gospel today is the sermon on the Mount continued. Far from making life easier (we may think that way), the Sermon is even more demanding than the Old Law. This list of Jesus' sayings give an indication of what is important to him. He states the religious tradition and practice of the people when he says that he has not come to abolish the old religion, and religion must go much deeper and be an affair of the heart. He asks for forgiveness and reconciliation when he speaks about leaving a gift at the altar. He commends marriage, and faithfulness in marriage, in his views on divorce. He believes in the respect for sexuality that is shown in not using a person. The Sermon on the Mount, of which this is part, is the backdrop to much of Jesus' life and mission, a sort of vision statement for his life and mission. Much of this went against the religious practice of his people, which was centred mostly on externals. He saw the ritual and the law of religion as important if it came from the heart. Pope Francis says, "It is not enough to just respect the commandments and do nothing more. Christian life is not just an ethical life: it is an encounter with Jesus Christ" (May 9, 2016). *Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

Readings Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Readings for next weekend: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 13th February	8.00am Mass
TUE 14th February	Sts Cyril & Methodius 8.00am Mass with children
WED 15th February	6.30am Mass
THU 16th February	8.45am Play Group
FRI 17th February	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 18th February	9.30am Social Justice Group meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday Followed by Cuppa & Chat for Fr Jacob's Farewell
SUN 19th February	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass —Special Parish & School Mass for Fr Jacob's Farewell followed by Cuppa & Chat & Sausage Sizzle (Note: No Children's Liturgy) 6.00pm Mass Followed by Cuppa & Chat for Fr Jacob's Farewell

Children's Liturgy continues this weekend though it will take a break next Sunday 19th for Fr Jacob's Farewell. 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.) Leaders please collect your new rosters and materials. Any one who would like to volunteer to be part of the Children's Liturgy Program please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Procession to the Grotto will take place immediately following 6pm Saturday night Mass this weekend.

Farewell to Fr Jacob: We will be holding a special farewell celebration for Fr Jacob next Sunday 19th February at the 9am Mass which will be a Family School Mass as well. There will be a Cuppa and Chat after each Mass next weekend 18th and 19th February. Please bring a plate of food to share! Fr Jacob's last Masses with us will be the following weekend, 25th & 26th February. If anyone would like to contribute to a gift for Fr Jacob, please place in a clearly labelled envelope and put it in the collection plate, give to a Parish Councilor or you can drop it off to Julie in the Parish Office during the week. **Fr Baiyi Gong,** our new parish priest, will be joining us in time for the Tuesday morning 8am Mass with the Children on 28th February.

Fr Baiyi (*pronounced By-ye*) is also known as Fr Peter though he would prefer Fr Baiyi. Fr Baiyi has written an article about his life story to introduce himself to us. Pick up a copy of the leaflet from the back of the church.

Name Badges: We will be placing an order for Parish name badges soon. Please write your name on the relevant form near the doors if you would like to order one. Please write clearly and indicate whether you would like a magnetic or pin attachment. Wearing of name badges will help our new parish priest, Fr Baiyi to get to know us. Magnetic badges cost \$8, Pin \$6. Please pay when ordering if possible.

Play Group has a new leader and a new day!

Play Group will now meet on Thursdays during school terms from 8.45am to 9.45am in the Parish Centre. Our new leader is Cassie Catterson who is a part-time Prep teacher.

Communion Ministers and Readers please advise any changes or days unavailable during the next roster which covers March, April and May. This roster period includes Easter when a special roster will be drawn up. Complete the white slips and place them in the box.

Lenten Program: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 1st March this year. Expression of interest slips are

on the back table for Lenten Discussion Groups. If you are interested in joining a Discussion Group please write your name on the blue slips and indicate your preference of day or evening and which days you would be available. Please place your completed slips in the red box. Groups will be prepared from this data.

Ash Wednesday 1st March: As usual we will have two Masses: one at 6.30am then another at 9.30am which the school children will attend though all are welcome to attend either Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the Fridays during Lent at 7.30pm. 2 volunteers needed each week to lead Stations. Please help out Fr Baiyi and volunteer. Sign up sheet available today.

Volunteers needed for Church Cleaning and washing the Church Linen: Please contact Julie in the Parish office if you could help out in these roles. Please consider volunteering as these are vital roles. Linen roster calls for the purifiers etc to be washed once per month. Church cleaning once every 8 weeks.

Planned Giving: another vital component of our functioning parish is the Planned Giving Program. This is our main source of revenue and we can't pay the bills without it. Please consider if you can join the Planned Giving Program either through the envelope system or credit card or direct debit. Please see Julie

Break Open the Word: we recommend all Readers buy a copy of Break Open the Word. It provides useful preparation on the Readings of the day. \$18.

Advertising in our Newsletter: If you would like to advertise your business on the back of our newsletter in 2017 please contact austnews either by phone on 1800 245 077 or email: advertising.austnews.net.au. Applications close 20th February.

World Day of Prayer Locally, St Marks' Anglican Church at Daisy Hill is hosting this annual Ecumenical Service on **Friday 3rd March** at 10am. This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Philippines with a theme of "Am I Being Unfair to you?" All are most welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Social Justice News: Thank you to everyone who attended our first Social Justice meeting for 2017. We were delighted to welcome a new member. At present we have 14 members, more than we have ever had in the past 20 years. If you would like to join us or have any issues you would like to discuss, please contact us. We had a special guest at our meeting, Lenore from the "Rescue Mission for Children." The Mission is in Chiang Rai, in Thailand. Lenore spoke with great passion about this project. If you are interested to learn more, there are brochures at the back of the church. *Erika*

CRI in State Schools: Do you have a heart for local missions – reaching those in literally our own backyard?! Why not consider going back to school this year? Christian Religious Instruction teams in your area need volunteers to help continue this amazing ministry. As a CRI teacher or helper, you can read the Bible with students and share the gospel message clearly. All that is needed is 30 minutes a week to teach, some time to prepare, blue card and a letter from your church minister. Teaching curriculum and training are provided. Please contact us if you would like some more information.

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Griffith University Chaplaincy Service:

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AWAKEN: Together in Christ

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Special Healing Evening

Tuesday 14th February

All are welcome!

Hosted by St Mary's and Dutton Park Parishes

Parishioners have been receiving amazing healings in their lives, come along and receive God's Graces in your life and circumstances this week

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Kathryn Ann Woodhead, Raymond Naughton, Josehito Umali, Bella Aguas

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Alexander Irvine, Bernard Sullivan, Alicia Marco, Robina Collins, Michelle Matthews, Pearl Parker, Reg Rixon, Dean Anderson, Allan Hopkins, Mary Gredden, Edna Mildren, Cyril Lamberth, M Luszczyk, Steve Hooiveld, Ken Chapman, Les Dawson, Josephine Cooney, George Hardy, Ricci Stein, Luke Timbs, Mohan Varghese, Tom (Joe) Doyle, Tom Shoring, Phil Ruthven, Vonnie Edwards

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ann Mendoza, Peter Holzknecht, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Michael Ah Koy, 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 18th & 19th February 2017

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Shelagh Ballment Joyce Lyster	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Michael Claridge Neil Ballment	Clive D'Silva Angelina D'Silva	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Diane McKeone Bev de Paola Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Kath Seymour School child School child	Jada	Combined group
Sun 6.00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Anne Fry Vicki Routledge John Blake	Chevonne Mone	Anne

Church Cleaning: 5 Mary Andrew, Mark Connolly, Narelle Garland, Shane D'Silva

Children's Liturgy: none

This week: Linen: Celine Phillips

Counting: Bob's team

Cuppa: all Masses next weekend: Helpers needed. Please bring a plate of food to share to make it special!



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 or to one of the Parish Councillors.

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 Lynn White 0403 051103
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
 Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group
St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:
 John Blake

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

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