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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."*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

12th May 2019

Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30

## Mother's Day

by Deacon Mike Jones

This Sunday we celebrate our mothers, and rightly so. For the care and love our mothers have given us is beyond measure. Of course, our earthly parents are not perfect. Sometimes, quite far from it. But any love we have known from them is a likeness of the love God has for us. A religious icon is made of mere wood and paint, but can be a window to heavenly realities. In the same way, we can see through our parents' love a glimpse of God.

Most of us have more memories of our mothers than we could count, but I would like to take you back to a time and place about which you have no clear memories; your mother's womb. You were nourished and matured within her. Never far from her heart or mind. You existed within her, connected to her at the center of your being. She fed you with her very self. Apart from her, you could do nothing. You remained in her and found rest within her.

At this earliest stage of our lives, our minds did not comprehend much, but what if you understood everything that your mother was doing for you? Surely you would have directed your thoughts to her often and turned to her to bask in her love for you. What if you could've talked with her from the womb? Would you not speak with her? Thanked her daily out of a deep gratitude? Let her know how much you love her? Whoever would refuse or neglect to express such love and thanks would continue to live, at least functionally or biologically, but they would not be fully alive without this relationship with their mother.

As you and your mother would continue to talk, she would eventually present you with a frightening prospect: "My child, soon you are going to begin a new stage of your life, departing from the life you know. Then, you will experience a whole world of people and things you have never known before I realize this is scary for you, but trust me when I say that it is better that you go. In fact, soon you will look back and think it silly to be again as you are now. This transition is going to hurt a little bit...trust me, I know...but when the time comes, I will be right here with you. Do not be afraid. It will be alright!"

Today, we reflect on this time in the womb because our life, in our mothers, is like our life in Christ. You are nourished and grow within Him. Never far from His heart or mind. You exist within Him, connected to Him at the center of your being. He feeds you with His very self. Apart from Him, you can do nothing. You remain in Him and find rest in Him.

Knowing and believing this, should not we direct our thoughts to Him often? Should not we turn to Him with the eyes of our hearts to bask in His love for us? We have the ability to talk with Jesus Christ, in prayer, whenever we wish. Who would not speak with Him? Thank Him daily out of deepest gratitude? Let Him know each day how much we love Him? Whoever would refuse or neglect to speak with Him, would continue to live, at least functionally or biologically, but they will not be fully alive without this relationship with Christ. We need to pray every day if we want to remain in Him and bear much fruit.

We are in no hurry to die and that's perfectly natural. But Jesus says to us, "Soon, you are going to begin a new stage of life. You will be departing from the life you know, and then experience a whole world of people and things you have never known before. I realize this is scary for you, but trust me when I say that it is better that you go. In fact, someday soon you will look back and think it silly to be as you are now once again. This transition is going to hurt a little bit trust me, I know...but when the appointed time comes, I will be right there with you. Do not be afraid. It's going to be alright!" Today, let us thank God for the life, love, and tender care we have received from our mothers and through Jesus Christ. God bless our mums and praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever, Amen!

**Readings for next weekend: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5

John:31-35

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 13th May	No Mass
TUE 14th May	<b>Saint Matthias</b> 8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children
WED 15th May	8.00am Mass
THU 16th May	No Mass
FRI 17th May	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Pilgrimage Meeting
SAT 18th May	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday, Rite of Enrolment
SUN 19th May	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.00am Mass, Rite of Enrolment 6.00pm Mass

**Letter of Thanks:** On Tuesday, our parish received a compassionate and prayerful letter from the Congregation at the Kuraby Mosque. They prayerfully "stand together with the people of Sri Lanka and with our fellow Christian brethren and in deep sympathies at the violation of life and in prayer for all affected". The letter was signed by 301 members of their congregation. It is on the Notice Board for you to read.

**New Roster: LAST WEEKEND:** Attention Mass Co-ordinators, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion! This is the last week to let us know if you'll be unavailable between June and August, so please fill in the slips near the main doors.

**Parish Reflection Day:** Sunday May 26 (9am-4pm). For more details or to register, contact the parish office.

**Rite of Enrolment for First Communion:** Will take place at mass on May 18, 6pm and May 19, 9am.

**Transport:** I am looking for 4-5 men who would be willing to bring an elderly gentleman from Arcare Springwood, to the Sunday 9am Mass once a month. He has his own wheelchair. If you can help, please contact me for more information. Thank you. Mary Naughton 0413 224 339.

**Mystagogia:** Our newly baptised adults are at the end of their supported journey of faith and are in the period of *Mystagogia*. This is a time for them to reflect on what it really means to be Catholic and the importance of the Eucharist in their lives. You, the community, now have a big role in making them feel part of our worshipping community, to befriend them and make them welcome - Sunday 26th at 6pm Mass and Sunday 2nd June at 9am Mass. Please continue to pray for these ladies.

**RCIA Inquiry Night:** Thursday May 30, 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. RCIA are holding a night for those wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith. If you know anyone interested please invite them to come and talk to us, or contact Mary on 0413 224 339.

**Safeguarding Children Vulnerable Adults Training:** Next sessions June 20, 10am at Sunnybank Paloma

We have received a receipt from the Hamlin Fistula Foundation for the \$400 you have donated on International Women's Day. There was also a message:

*Dear St. Peter's Parish, Thank you! Your support means women can be treated for debilitating child birth injuries. We could not do this without your support. Love, Team Hamlin*

The receipt and message are in the display cabinet.

Social Justice Group

**St Peter's Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands:** From 4th-19th September 2020 interested parishioners will be undertaking a 16 day pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel with Magi Pilgrimages. Fr Baiyi will accompany us. Indicative price based on 25 people is \$6490 AUD. There is also the option to add on a 5 day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi (indicative cost based on 15 people \$3790 AUD). An information



night is being held by the director of Magi in the Church on Friday 17th May 2019 at 7pm. A show of interest sheet will be at the back of the church to enable us to obtain

an idea of numbers. Please put your name on the sheet if you are interested in the pilgrimage. If you would like a copy of the itinerary emailed to you, please contact Stephanie Lenihan: salenihan@hotmail.com or phone 0413 268 860

Centre and June 25, 6pm at St Agnes, Holland Park.

**Welcome to St Peter's new Youth Coordinator**

**Olivia Brown!** She can be contacted at:

youth.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

**Rosedale Youth LAUNCH EVENT:** Saturday June 1st after 6pm Mass. Parents and youth welcome.



**The Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy of the Brisbane Archdiocese states:**

*...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14*

"Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded."

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is **Malcolm Carroll**. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0410 193 569 or [sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au)

**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.

**Federal Election 2019—Catholic Bishop's Statement:** The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au).

**You are called to Mission:** Sunday May 19, 3:30pm. Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Come for Global Mission Info: Sunday May 19th @ 3:30pm in the Brisbane Square Library Community Meeting Room, 266 George St, BRISBANE



**All Hallows' School Open Day:** Sunday May 26, 11am. Go to [www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au) for more details

**St Thomas More College Visitor's Day:** Tuesday May 21st and Tuesday August 20th at 9:15am and 4:15pm. To register call 3323 4600 or visit [www.DoMoreBeMore.trueau.com](http://www.DoMoreBeMore.trueau.com)

**Mother's Day Gift Idea:** Give mum the VIP treatment with an Entertainment book! Packed with thousands of valuable offers across dining, retail attractions and travel, an Entertainment Membership is the gift she can enjoy all year round. Contact the parish office for more information.

**Who Celebrates The Liturgy?** June 26th, 7pm. A public lecture by Professor Tom O'Loughlin that explores the meaning of the Vatican II liturgical principle, the role of the priest in the liturgy and how we should celebrate Sunday Mass. His presentation will help us rethink ministry and Christian life for the present age. Tickets cost \$10. For full details, go to <https://liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/tom-oloughlin.html>

**Orientation to Mental Health Pastoral Care:** Thursday August 18, 9am, at the Chermside Kedron Community Church. A workshop for people who assist or advocate for others and who are interested in learning more about mental health and pastoral care. Keynote speaker is Dave Andrews. For more information, contact the parish office.

**Awaken Pentecost Retreat:** Sunday June 9th, 10.30am at the Greek Orthodox Memorial Hall. Come and be transformed and renewed in the Holy Spirit and come together for Holy Mass, praise & worship, quiet prayers, talks and miraculous healing. Led by Stephanie Le and Fr Lam with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. RSVP required. Contact the parish office for more details.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Zhiding Gong (Fr Baiyi's brother), Don Bechly, Benny Toal

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Hume Maynard, Dennis Marrianan, Jim Cook, Alan Mason, Mollie Ewart, Simon Bakker, John Bochniak, Josephine Ellway, Mary Malone, Leong Ah Kaw, Margaret Gibbon, Audrey Wren, Clara Tronchini, Rita van der Harr, Dora Saldanha, Francis Lamberth, Sid Edwards, May Young, Murty King, Bev Handy, Herbert Ruthven, Bryn McGarvey, Colin Towne

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Sue Power, Rebecca Power, Vilma Ghouse, Rex Bowen, Terry Naughton, Catherine Nystrom, Kevin Hargrave, Joyce Byrne, Rory Bakker, Simon Hinton, Ray Parker, June Richards, Brad Richards, Baby Poynter, Barrie Martin, Irene Hughes, Marcos Mendoza, Gwen Green, Margaret Drummond, Esme Jensen, Michael Harkin, David Richardson, Vickie Routledge, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, John Drew, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Trevor Parker, Fabio Viola, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Sandra Murphy, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kozur, Monica Ah Koy, Johnny Summers, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, Kevin Kelly

*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.*

18th&19th May	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Carl De Mello	Marilyn Mills	Helen Gracykz
<b>AV Operators</b>	Steve Danudibroto	Michael Denton	Kate Guy
<b>Readers</b>	C. Shelagh Ballment 1. Peta Grandin 2. Clive D'Silva	C. Alan Vigor 1. Megan Philpott 2. Bev de Paola	C. Anne Fry 1. Malcolm Carroll 2. Jo Cullen
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Monika Svarc (Snr) Carl De Mello	Anne Scanlon Bernard Langdon Marilyn Mills Del Reynolds	Deacon Mike Jones Helen Gracykz Cesarina Gigante
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Angelina	Jada, Agnes, Angela	Eza, Chevonne
<b>Musicians</b>	Liz	Carmel	Rita

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

**Children's Liturgy:** Angela Thomas **This week: Sacristan:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's Team

**Cuppa:** Saturday 18th May after 6pm Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin, Mike Jarvis

**Are you new to our Parish?** WELCOME!! 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.

**Other Parish Contacts:**  
**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412 267 337  
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103  
**Family Group Facebook:** St Peters Rochedale Family Groups  
**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Mal Jensen 0411641312  
**St Vincent de Paul:** New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**  
**Representative:** Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or  
 sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Social Justice Group Facebook:**  
 St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group  
**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)

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