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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."

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

18th March 2018

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 — Hebrews 5:7-9 — John 12:20-30

Reflection

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus," they said to Philip. It's not an unusual request. I suspect most of us have said or thought it. Often we sing in our weekend Masses, "Open my eyes Lord, help me to see your face."

I wonder, however, if the Greek visitors who came to Philip had any idea what they were asking. I wonder if we know what we are asking? It seems a simple enough request, but Jesus' response is anything but simple. I don't know what answer Philip and Andrew expected but I'll bet they did not expect to hear about death. It is probably not the answer we expect or want when we ask to see Jesus, but it is the answer Jesus gives.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Somehow death and seeing Jesus are intimately related. To see Jesus is more than looking at him. It is more than just believing the things he said and did. We follow Christ as participants not spectators. If we want to see Jesus then we must learn to die. To the degree we avoid and deny death, we refuse to see Jesus.

Seeing Jesus means dying to all the parts of our life that blind us: fear; the need to be right or to be in control; anger and resentment; the guilt and disappointments of our past; attachment to power, wealth, and reputation; the ways in which we separate ourselves from one another; our obsessions, compulsions, and emotional agendas; the ways in which we hurt one another and damage relationships. Ultimately, it means dying to our own self-sufficiency. We let go of our life to receive God's life.

This work of dying is difficult and painful. It is, as Jesus describes, soul troubling. It shakes us to the core. Dying, however, begins to clarify and heal our vision. We see a new life, and a new way of being. It looks like Jesus, and his way of living and being. As we rapidly approach Holy Week, that's what Holy Week is about.

Holy Week is a school for learning how to die and death is the window through which we see Jesus. We must be careful, however, that we do not get stuck looking at the window rather than through the window. Dying is not the end, but a means, a way of transforming who we are.

Do you want to see Jesus? Look for the ways in which and places where your life is most guarded, insulated, and isolated. Those are places of blindness, places that need to die. Each one of those is a grain of wheat containing much fruit. Let it fall into the earth and die, and you will see Jesus.

Deacon Mike

Readings for next weekend: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr B) Isaiah 50:4-7 — Philippians 2:6-11 — Mark 14:1-15:47

Chrism Mass Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen this Thursday 22nd March commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome. We can arrange to car-pool from St Peter's. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

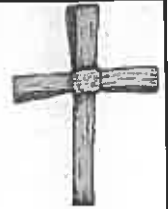


IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 19th Mar	St Joseph No Mass
TUE 20th Mar	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.30pm Communal 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
WED 21st Mar	No Mass
THU 22nd Mar	No Mass 9.30am Lenten Discussion Group 7.30pm Lenten Discussion Group
FRI 23rd Mar	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 3.15pm Easter Capers 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT 24th Mar	8.00am Making of palm crosses 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 25th Mar	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Crosses for Palm Sunday

Please come along to help fold palm crosses on Saturday 24th March at 8am, on the verandah of the church. The crosses are easy to fold, so come along, lend a hand and have fun.



Many hands make light work.

Easter Volunteers: Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors and altar servers needed for the Easter services. Please write your name on the coloured lists. We also need 8 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday night.

Easter Choir and Musicians Please come along to sing or play the music for the Easter ceremonies. Practice will be held on Monday March 26th at 7.00pm, in the Church. You are welcome to join us even if you can only attend one ceremony. For any queries please phone Liz Fort on 3341 0852. Look forward to seeing you there!

Fr Baiyi will return to us this week. His first Mass will be on Friday at 9.30am.

Children's Liturgy will not be held this Sunday 18th March due to the School-Parish Family Mass. Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday 25th March but then will break for the school holidays.

Easter Services Flyers & RCIA Flyers: Looking for volunteers who like to walk and do the Lord's work. We have Easter Services flyers and RCIA flyers that we would like to be dropped into mail boxes in the new Rochedale Estates (maps provided) to let the residents know about us. If you can help, please take a bundle or 2. There are about 50 of each flyer per bundle. We also need people to deliver the flyers into the more established areas of our parish so please take some if you are able to deliver them in your street or local area. Please mark which of these streets you are doing on the map provided.

Communal 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Lent will be held this Tuesday 20th March at 7.30pm. Fr John Gillen will be the principal celebrant. Fr Harry Chan will assist. Please come and join us for this important preparation for Easter.

Palm Sunday is next weekend. As usual we will read the Passion. Those people on Reading roster for next weekend have been emailed the Passion Readings to practice. You will read these parts as well as your other reading duties. See the roster in this newsletter to check if you are rostered and then check your emails. The booklets will be ready here next weekend.

Palm Sunday Procession: As usual we will begin our 9am Palm Sunday Mass with the Procession with palms. The 6pm Masses will also have a Liturgy of Commemoration of Jesus Solemn Entry into Jerusalem

Easter Capers Lenten Program for Primary school aged children. Last session this Friday afternoon 3.15pm to 6pm. Includes afternoon tea, scripture, fun, craft, singing, dance, drama and more. Cost \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Registration form at the back of the church. It isn't too late for your child to attend. Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878 for more info.

Final Stations of the Cross for Lent 2018 this Friday at 7.30pm. We still need 2 volunteers to lead. If you can help please write your name on the sign up sheet. Resources provided.

Lenten Reflection Groups: This week the Lenten Groups will run only on Thursday at 9.30am and 7.30pm. Due to the Reconciliation the Tuesday group will be postponed till the following week 27th March. People who usually attend on Tuesday are welcome to attend either of the Thursday groups if they prefer.

Thank You: Dear friends, thank you so much for your great generosity. Two weeks ago you donated \$1,552,10 for the needs of the 7 Tamil asylum seeker families. Last weekend you gave \$1,100 for the Girls in the City of Joy and The Hamlin Fistula Foundation. The money for Africa will be split equally between the two projects. Your generosity will have many positive ripple effects in our community and around the world. Thanks again. *The Social Justice Group*

Times for Easter Services:

Communal 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 20th March 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 29th March 7.30pm

Good Friday 30th March

10am Way of the Cross at Daisy Hill

3pm Passion at St Peter's

Easter Vigil 31st March 7pm (NOTE later time!!)

Easter Sunday 1st April 9am only

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

"Jesus marked out the path for me, and now I am walking in it." – *Blessed Marcel Callo 24 years old French Young Christian Worker*

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.



Project Compassion Resources: Envelopes and boxes still available from the back of the church. Remember that almsgiving is one of the main pillars of our Lenten journey each year.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Ditosa in Mozambique is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, aged 12, thanks to Caritas Australia's support, Ditosa has now graduated from school with plans for university.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future.



A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Invitations from Around the Archdiocese

March for Life 2018 Sunday 18 March: Queens Park, Cnr Elizabeth & George Sts, Brisbane. 1:30 gather, 2 pm march, 4: 00 pm conclude. Join us for the most important March for Life in Queensland's history to let our Government know we do not want abortion on demand. (wear white if possible to represent the innocent unborn)

PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation 12 – 14 July 2018

Early Bird Registrations and Group Discounts for 5 or more **now available**

To find out more visit www.proclaimconference.com.au and register at our early bird rate.

Easter Passion Play turns 60—The Iona Passion Play at the IPAC Theatre, Iona College, LINDUM

Matineés: Sat Mar 24 & Sun Mar 25 at 2pm. Evenings: Sat Mar 24 & Good Friday Mar 30 at 7pm

Tickets: Early Bird: \$15-\$19 At the Door: \$20-\$22 . Children (5-14) \$7 Children (under 5) Free on laps.

Group discounts available.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop—2018 National Pilgrimage: The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3rd November 2018.

COST EX BRISBANE: \$3,360.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals).

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Johanna Whitten, Zhengchong Gong, Adrianus (Arie) Breed

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Ghader Al-Sammak, Lorna McNulty, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Clara van Bekkum, Dominic Chin, Thelma Ruthven, William Enright, John Field, Elizabeth Stanyon, Joyce Dwyer, John Fitz-Gibbon, Robbie Movick, May Neilsen, Siglinde Luszczek, Henk Peeters, John Knuth, Dennis Zandona

Please pray for those who are sick, especially 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 24th & 25th March 2018

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Mark Connolly	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Geoff Hondroudakis David Crowley	Shelagh Ballment Natalie Hadde Steve Danudibroto		Layla Monika Talia	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Grace Tuazon	C 1 2	Marilyn Mills Kathy Seymour Alan Vigor	Shane Seymour Julie H Anne Scanton Jo Cullen	Bev de Paola Joan D'Netto Steph L	Jada Finn Leo	Rita
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Aurelie Regnard Daniel Twidale Margaret Connors	Deacon Mike Jones Malcolm Carroll Cora Gatbonton		Chevonne	Liz

Church Cleaning: 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Dona Thomas, Julie Hondroudakis

Children's Liturgy: Steph Lenihan **This week: Linen:** Mel McKay **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 25th March: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Jo Cullen

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)

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:

Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

Social Justice Group Facebook:

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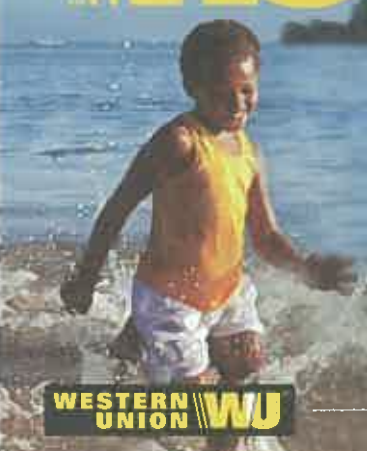
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