



# St Peter's Catholic Parish

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### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### Year C

### 20th November 2016

#### **Pastor's Note:**

**The Feast of Christ the King of the Universe (Last Sunday of the Year C).  
Luke 23:35-43: Lord Thy Kingdom Come**

Way back in January we began the liturgical year by celebrating the Baptism of Jesus when a voice was heard calling him 'the beloved son'. During the year we have greeted Jesus under all the news of him we find in the gospels. Now, today, at the end we greet him with the whole-embracing title: Jesus Christ, Universal King. The Christ is the one who will gather all together at the end of time, the one who will judge the living and the dead, and then present his kingdom to the Father. In our pilgrimage of faith that kingdom of justice, truth, and peace is to be our beacon, and Christ our guide. The Gospel of Luke we have is the crucifixion scene immediately before his account of the death on the Cross, and the gospel writer wants us to have a direct vision of what kind of king he is and the nature of his kingdom. The key transition moment is verse 39: 'One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" In Mark and Matthew there are no words given to those crucified with Jesus, so the whole section verse 39-43 is found only in Luke. One of the criminals behaves exactly like the chief priests, elders and soldiers and mocks Jesus using their very words. Then there is the contrast of the other criminal, who can see both himself, his predicament, and the predicament of all three of them, and can ask for mercy. In Year C we have been reading the gospel of Luke over many Sundays and have been privileged to see how the great mystery of God's universal love and mercy is revealed in the person of Jesus. It is appropriate then on this feast to focus on Jesus on the cross granting pardon to the repentant criminal. For Luke this aspect of the kingdom of God has been central: *Jesus has come to bring the healing forgiveness of God to all who seek him.*

**A Personal Note:** My Visa status 457 is for four years and it expires by the middle of March 2017. Now either I have to process application for a new visa or leave Australia before the expiry date. Because of my prior commitments back in India, teaching in two major seminaries and being part of *Prasada: an Institute for Integral Formation in Mysore* near the big city of Bangalore, and my siblings, especially my brother, and many of the family members and friends, strongly suggest my return, I decided not to get a new visa, but to return to India before I am illegal here. **So I finish as your parish priest by the end of February 2017.** I start my 40th year of priestly ministry in March 2017 as well. I had consulted with the archbishop and my superiors before this decision was made and this is the best I could do at this time.

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

#### **Readings Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3 They anointed David king of Israel.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20 He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**Gospel:** Luke 23:35-43 Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

#### **Readings for next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

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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."*



## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00am Mass
TUE 22nd November	St Cecilia 8.00am Mass with children
WED 23rd November	6.30am Mass
THU 24th November	Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions 7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
FRI 25th November	9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 26th November	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 27th November	First Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass <i>Peter's Pence retiring Collection after all Masses</i>

**Year Of Mercy  
Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the  
Universe**



"He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy."

-St Paul in his Letter to Titus 3:5

**The Year of Mercy** concludes this weekend with the Feast of Christ the King.



St Vinnies' Christmas Hamper Appeal starts this weekend.

Place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font.

**Peter's Pence Collection:** Next weekend we will hold the annual retiring collection to support the charitable works of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters

**Care and Concern Christmas Lunch** in the Parish Centre Saturday 3rd December from 12 noon till 2.30 pm. Cost \$10. Live entertainment by guitarist and singer John Summers.

**New Communion/Readers Roster** ready for collection this weekend.

**Volunteers needed:** We still have vacancies on our church cleaning teams and now also we are in need of someone who could wash and iron the Church linen once a month. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated. **Bereavement group** is also seeking volunteers. Please contact Julie in the Parish office.

**Little Blue Books** (\$4) and **The Word Among Us** (\$5) for Advent available now.

**God's Word 2017**—is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day and even space to note down important events and reflections of the day. A great resource for yourself or it would make a fantastic Christmas gift—only \$10! - from the back table

**Break Open the Word 2017:** now available on the back table. Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group. Starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent Year A which is next weekend!

**Social Justice News:** Thank you so much for signing our Christmas mail for Africa. Your heartfelt messages will delight the girls in the City of Joy and Dr. Hamlin. We have sent 2 kilos of mail to Natalie, a young volunteer who has worked in Zambia before and is travelling there for Christmas. She will hand deliver our mail. The mail included our letters, two videos and a large puzzle about Australia. We have also sent a parcel to Dr. Hamlin. *Erika*



**Thanks** to everyone who helped out with the gardens last weekend. We were able to get lots done, and the gardens are looking better already. Thanks again for the support.

*St Peter's Gardening Group.*

**Care & Concern:** If you are aware of a sick parishioner who may appreciate a visit or a meal or requires transport to medical appointments, please contact Care and Concern via the phone number on the back of the newsletter.

**St Peter's School End of Year Mass** will be held on Friday 2nd December commencing at 11.00am. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass that day. The next **Healing Mass** will be held the following Friday 9th December.

**Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Fair:** Sunday 27th November from 8am to 1 pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. There will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, freshly homemade Christmas Cakes, sweets, savouries and handmade crafts. The Parish Council is providing FREE Tea and Coffee throughout the event. Pancakes for breakfast and a good Aussie Sausage Sizzle will be available in the duration of the Fair. Come in the spirit of Advent and enjoy festive music.

**Welcomers sought by the Cathedral of St Stephen:**

Do you enjoy meeting people? Do you love your Cathedral? Do you revel in good art and juicy history? Do we have an opportunity for you!

Talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and/or guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. The commitment is three hours per month on roster; booked tours according to your availability Monday to Fridays and bi-monthly meetings. The rewards are beyond measure - a wonderful opportunity to delve into the rich history, art and significance of the Cathedral and Precinct and to share it with others. An information session will be held on Thursday 1st December at 10.30. A comprehensive five day training program will begin on Thursday 2 Feb 2017 and continue weekly until completion on 9 March. Contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by 25 November if you'd like to share in this mission!



**Vinnies News:** 1. Christmas is fast approaching and we are in the process of organizing Christmas hampers. For this and the next 3 Sundays there will be baskets near the Baptismal Font for your donations of non perishable goods, toiletries, age appropriate gifts, toys and festive fare. Hampers are a way of bringing a little Christmas joy to those most needy in our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please take a



leaflet after Mass for some gift ideas. SVDP would like to thank Woolworths Kuraby, and IGA Rochedale for their continued support for our Christmas hampers.

2. Christmas cards \$2.50 per pack and "Columban Calendars" for 2017 (cost \$9) are now available from the St Vinnies piety stall

3. The members of SVDP wish to thank our fellow parishioners of St. Peter's for their very kind and generous support of the poor boxes. The funds donated each month are very helpful to the families we support.

**Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry (FLPM)** is a course offered by the Institute of Faith Education (IFE) in partnership with Evangelisation Brisbane. Workshops will be hosted starting from April 29, 2017 at the Francis Rush Centre. For more information see the IFE website [ife@bne.catholic.net.au](http://ife@bne.catholic.net.au) or call (07) 3336 9167 or email: [www.ife.qld.edu.au](http://www.ife.qld.edu.au)

**Verse for Vinnies – Final Concert for 2016—Featuring Rupert McCall** We are very fortunate to have Rupert as he does few general concerts in Brisbane. Don't miss this concert as it will be two years before you get another chance. St William's Church Complex, 67 Dawson Pde, Grovely at 1.30pm on Sunday 27, November  
Cost: \$15 (Includes afternoon tea) Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society

**Centenary of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Corinda 1917—2017.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnigan 6pm Sat 28th January 2017 at St Joseph's Church, Corinda. Dinner will follow at the Sherwood Services Club, Clewley St, Corinda. Cost of dinner: \$30 per person. Please contact the Corinda Graceville Parish Office on 3379 1534 or at [corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au) to make a booking.

**"The Journey" Catholic Radio Program** – This week The Journey Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from amazing people. Add to that some great music and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Teresa Healan, Margot Harris, Kathleen Horne, Veronica Cullen, Mary Rose Gill, Anna Chacko, Lito Fabrido

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Eileen Van Rooyen, Terry Breen, Bunny Hall, Ryan Dawson, Ethel Cussans, Gertrude Young, Lloyd Hagstrom, Ruth Culbert, Clement Fernandes, Glen Sullivan, Allen Thrower, Len McGovern, John Pritchard, Roy Bowser, Darryl Fisher, Lionel Hurley, Robert Kelly, Arthur Simpson, John Hayward, Peg Ryan, Teresa Slattery, Frances St John, Blanche de Mello, George Dotta, Hilda Fox, Ray Collins, Percy Dixon, Barry Rafter, Freeda Naughton, Pearl Ruthven, Lorraine Lawrence, Marjorie Kelly, Felix Aguiar, Eileen Nemesi, Guido Rosso, Joan Chidgey, Clyde Cook, Phyllis Power, John Macartney

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** 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 26th & 27th November 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Faith Coyer John Coyer Kevin Healan	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Geoff Hondroudakis	Clive Angelina	Rita
Sun 9:00am	Lydia Chew June Wilson Joan D'Netto	C 1 2	Kathy Seymour Arthur Leow Megan Seymour	Jada	Tim & Tongan choir
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	? Lynn White Helen Graczyk	Nathaniel	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 1 Joseph & Angela Dedigamuwa, Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede

**Children's Liturgy:** Anne Flood    **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang    **Counting:** Bob's team

**Cuppa:** Saturday 27th November after 9am Mass: Care & Concern & the Tongan community





**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 Jo Cullen 0419733878
- 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

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