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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."*

## Second Sunday of Easter

### 23rd April 2017

(Acts 2:42-47    1 Peter 1:3-9    John 20:19-31)

### ***Thomas ... was not with them when Jesus came***

Human beings are herd animals by nature. Community is very important to everyone. People have the need of and yearning for community. For example, we always want to be with parents when are babies or young children. When we grow up, we long to have our own families. After beginning to work, we hope to form good teams with our colleagues. Also, many would like to take part in good social or religious communities, in which they gain and offer support and help from and for other members. Mind you, when you are in a good community, you will be much healthier spiritually as well as physically. On the contrary, if you lose or leave your community, you will feel lonely and isolated. With time passing by, this will lead to weakness, mental fatigue and bad health.

It is true for general people as well as for religious believers. Today's first reading describes the situation of the very early Church community. They met regularly, celebrating liturgies together, praying with one heart and mind, and listening to the teaching of the apostles. They had the same purpose of life and supported one another in spirit. Not only this, they also, on property level, shared whatever they had with one another. It was a big spiritual family in which all members shared the happiness with one another and faced the difficulties together. This was definitely an ideal community that everyone else wants to be in. Whoever you are, if you are in it, you will just feel happy and secure.

It would be a huge loss for a believer to not have or to have left a good faith community. In today's Gospel, Thomas was such an example. After Jesus' Resurrection, the apostles regained the strength and cohesive force. They met from time to time, having reorganized the community. Obviously, Thomas was not with them always. That is why he missed the chance to meet the Resurrected Lord for the first time. For Thomas, it was a big miss. Fortunately, he hadn't cut himself off from the community totally. When Jesus came to meet the apostles for the second time, he met the Resurrected Lord.

Therefore, please do not think that your local Church community may or may not be needed. If you are not fully involved in your local Church community or have left it, you would possibly be like Thomas, losing the chance to meet the Resurrected Lord or delaying it. On the contrary, if you are fully integrated into the local Church community, trying your best to build it up to the full, just like the Church community in today's first reading, you will feel joyful and satisfied, peaceful and happy living in it.

Dear friends, our Church community is our spiritual home, namely, a community of life to each of us. It is the responsibility of each of us to build it up and the way to do so is to do volunteer jobs as many as possible, to attend its activities as often as possible, to work on its development hard, and to care about its members. When we do this well, the other members of the community, of course, will benefit from it greatly but the most benefactive people will be ourselves.

*Fr Baiyi*

**Readings for next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35



## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 24th April</b>	8.00am Mass 7.30pm meeting to organise Fr Baiyi's Installation Mass. Parish Office meeting room 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting at Liz's house
<b>TUE 25th April</b>	<b>ANZAC Day</b> <b>Public Holiday: Parish Office closed today</b> 8.00am Mass followed by morning tea
<b>WED 26th April</b>	<b>St Mark</b> 6.30am Mass 7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>THU 27th April</b>	Sorry, No Play Group today 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
<b>FRI 28th April</b>	<b>St Peter Chanel</b> 9.00am Rosary                      9.30am Mass
<b>SAT 29th April</b>	<b>St Catherine of Sienna</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 30th April</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 9.00am Mass                      6.00pm Mass

**Children's Liturgy** will be held this Sunday 23rd April. Please note that there will be some disruption to the Children's Liturgy Program this term due to the Sacramental Program. Children's Liturgy will not be held next Sunday 30th April. Leaders please collect your rosters and materials.

**Sacramental Program:** the children will prepare this term to receive their First Holy Communion on June 3rd and 4th (Pentecost Sunday). The first step in the program is a Rite of Commitment next weekend 29th and 30th April. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

**No Parking:** Please don't park down the driveway between the Memorial Wall and the grass area.

**ANZAC Day Mass:** Please join us to celebrate Anzac Day with Mass at 8.00am Tuesday 25th April. Please bring some morning tea to share after Mass

**Installation Mass:** All parishioners are invited to the Official Installation of Fr Baiyi as our Parish Priest at Mass on Friday 12th May commencing at 6.30pm.

**The Trading Circle** will be setting up displays of their Fair Trade Goods in the Parish Centre on the weekend of 6th & 7th May. You will be able to purchase their wonderful hand made goods after Masses that weekend. Perfect Mothers Day gifts!

### **Spotlight on Ministry:**

#### **Home Communion and Visitation of the Sick**

There are many sick and elderly parishioners, living in their own homes, who are not able to get to Mass. We have a dedicated group of people who visit them at home on a weekly basis to pray with them and give them Holy Communion. Extraordinary Ministers of Communion also visit Bethany Care, the local Nursing Home, each fortnight. We are always needing volunteers to fill this Ministry. If you can spare a few hours a month to visit these people, or if you know anyone needing Home Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Enrolments for 2018 for St Peter's Catholic**

**Primary School** are being taken now. Please contact the School Office on 3341 4800 for an enrolment pack.

**Share the Dignity** provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items during April and again in August. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the end of April. Please contribute to this worthy cause.

**Entertainment Books** are now available for purchase from our parish. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2018. Still only \$65. Remember that now, as well as

the traditional book you can choose a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. 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.

#### **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.

#### **Thank You from all at Caritas Australia!**



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal. [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) 1800 024 413

**Social Justice News:** Thank you so much to the wonderful family and their friends for weaving 200 beautiful stars. It was such an amazing surprise to receive a bag full of shining, bright stars. So far we have 1,000 stars and hoping for more. Thanks again, *Erika*

#### **A St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland Cyclone Recovery Appeal**

has been launched in response to the devastation caused Cyclone Debbie. To date, the Queensland Government has estimated that in Bowen, Mackay, Airlie Beach, Proserpine, Beaudesert, Logan and Rockhampton, thousands of families have been severely impacted.

Communities have lost material goods, homes, livelihoods and, tragically, some have lost loved ones. For those worst hit, a hand up as they rebuild their lives will be crucial and could make all the difference. To make a donation, please:

\* Go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

\* Phone 13 18 12

\* Visit an Australia Post retail outlet

\* Send a cheque or money order to St Vincent de Paul Society PO Box 3351, South Brisbane QLD 4101

Every dollar donated goes directly to individuals affected by the disaster.



**Vinnies News:** Our parish SVDP Conference would like to thank all the parishioners who bought tickets in our Easter Raffle which was drawn after Mass on Palm Sunday. Thanks for your support!

**Date Claimer:** SVDP Winter Appeal Launch will be held on Sunday 11th June after the 9am Mass on the grassed area beside the church. and everyone is invited to come along to lend your support and to enjoy the occasion. We will be having a Sausage Sizzle, Tea and Coffee, Music, a cake stall and lucky dips, and even a raffle. Donations of items that could be used as raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see Carmel Northey-Cherrett or Julie in the Parish Office.

**Donations of craft and sewing materials etc.** for SVDP sewing classes at Woodridge, would be graciously accepted, and can be left at the back of the church or at the Parish Office.

***Invitations from around the Logan Deanery: See the noticeboard for more information***

**From St Patrick's, Beenleigh** to all St Peter's parishioners to attend the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday on 23rd April commencing at 2.30pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Mass. 24 Tobruk St, Beenleigh.

**From St Matthew's at Loganholme:** The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane is holding a seminar on Baptism at St Matthew's Parish Hall on Saturday 29 April, 9am – 6pm and Sunday 30 April 2017, 11am – 1.30pm

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

**Verse for Vinnies Concert-** Sunday April 30th 1.30pm at Mary MacKillop Centre in the St William's Church Complex, Grovely Parish, 67 Dawson Parade, Keperra. Amongst the poets for April 30 are Australian, State and Festival champions so not only will you receive professional performances but a great variety of both modern and traditional Australian poetry. Please set this Sunday aside for Vinnies. Cost: \$15 (includes afternoon tea)

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies:** The 2017 One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies is scheduled for 5, 6 and 7 May. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

**Centenary of Mary Immaculate School at Annerley** 29th & 30th April. See the noticeboard for more information

**2017 St. Joseph's College Gregory Terrace Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea:** All past Terrace mothers are cordially invited to attend this year's Past Mothers' Mass and Morning Tea on Sunday 28 May at 10.00 am, in the Chapel of the Holy Family, Gregory Terrace, followed by morning tea in the Founders' Room.

Cost \$20 plus booking fee. Book via the [www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events](http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au/events)

Contact Marianne Eadie – [Marianneeadie16@gmail.com](mailto:Marianneeadie16@gmail.com) or 0410 720 067 for more information.

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

***Those who have died:*** Margaret Brewer, Desiree Whitton, Cruz Mujica Rocafuerte (*mother of Fr Rodrigo from Loganholme*), Grace Bruderer, Peter Howard

***Book of Life & Mass Requests:*** Mary Ann Morris, Roma Murray, Jill Bayliss, Betty Cloherty, Anne Smith, Eileen O'Mara, Robert Finn, Benito Vicenzino, Alice Gillen, Arthur Young, Betty Armstrong, Elizabeth McCall, Hilda Laing, Kathleen Sharplin, Fatima Chin, Roger Dixon, Keith Barrow, Raye & Bob Leishman, Lo Sau Ming

***Please pray for those who are sick, especially*** Andrew Briskey, Lucy Macini, Maddie Smith, Pat Mildren, Ann Mendoza, 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 29th & 30th April 2017**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Faith Coyer John Coyer	C 1 2	Joyce Lyster Mal Jensen Michael Claridge	Clive Angelina	
Sun 9:00am	Del Reynolds Alan Scanlon June Wilson	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahon	Zac	
Sun 6.00pm	Cesarina Gigante Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Fiorenzo Matarazzo Cora Gatbonton Neil Ballment	Chevonne	

**Church Cleaning:** 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Julie Hondroudakis, Kathy Winter

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters      **Counting:** Bob's team

**Cuppa:** no cuppa next weekend as it is the 5th Sunday of the month

## 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:**

Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

**Social Justice Group Facebook:**

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