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## NEWSLETTER

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# Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

### REJOICING IN OUR PATRONS

I have always been very grateful to have Sts Peter and Paul as parish patron saints. They take us back to the beginnings of the Church and to Christ himself. This connection is strengthened by the authenticated relic of St Peter we have under the altar – a fragment of bone found in the tomb of St Peter under St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

When we mark the great feasts of our patrons, we have a range of powerful Scripture readings to help us to understand these saints and to lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ. Peter and Paul each offers a different perspective to enrich our spiritual life.

Peter leads us to Jesus the Good Shepherd. Peter, leader of the flock, shows us that Jesus walks with us through our life. No matter what pain or trial we suffer, Jesus is there, accompanying us. Peter brings us to the Jesus who touches the sick to heal them. Like the person who said to Jesus, 'You can heal me if you want to.' And Jesus replies, 'Of course I want to!'

Paul leads us to Jesus who announces the Good News of the coming of the Reign of God. God's kingdom will break down the barriers of prejudice and discrimination. We see Jesus associating with tax collectors and sinners and sharing meals with them. Paul shows us that our community at the Eucharist is inclusive, all embracing. It is not up to us to decide who is worthy – Paul teaches us to go out and welcome all.

It is also inspiring to see that Peter and Paul did not always agree. There were major issues to resolve in the early Church, especially whether the message of Christ was meant for Jesus' own Jewish community or for everyone. Peter and Paul gather the disciples together and work it out. This is a good model for the Church of every age. So we meet in Synods and Plenary Councils to discern God's will for today.

There is room for diversity and difference of opinion in the Church. Peter and Paul show us how to respect one another and work alongside each other for sake of God's Kingdom. Reconciliation and mutual understanding put an end to rash judgment. Here is life-long learning.

I have enjoyed my 14½ years at Bulimba very deeply. It has been a joy to live in a community so profoundly shaped by its patrons. For your acceptance of my ministry in your midst over these years, THANK YOU. For my limitations and failures, I'm sorry – I've done my best. I encourage you to keep up the good work.

Sincere best wishes in Christ.

Tom Elich

Parish Priest




### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I'll build my church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Acts 12: 1-11 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18  
Matthew 16: 13-19



**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Felino Zamora, Mary Hooper, Maree McCrarran and Coral Price **recently deceased and also for** John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Giuseppe Saffioti, Francesca Saffioti, Ross Saffioti, Jarrett family, Muriel Jones, Patrick O'Connell, Patricia O'Connell, Mary O'Connell, Keith White, deceased members of the Begley and Bourke families.



### **Please remember the sick in your prayers –**

Bill Hanley, James Bates, Rita Mawn, Carmen Turner, Jan Low, Marlyn

and John Chester, Rob Stonier, John Clarke, Anna Harkin, Yvonne Reich, Monica Marron, Jennifer Tuck.



## LITURGY 29 June – 5 July 2020

Monday 29 June – *Sts Peter and Paul, apostles*

Friday 3 July – *St Thomas, apostle*

### Sunday 5 July

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings – *Zechariah 9:9-10, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30*

Mass is on again, but still under very strict limitations. We need to know who is there. Hands must be sanitised on entry and exit and we must keep correct social distancing.

- Please do not sit in the rows marked with a red cross.
- Please use every second row.
- A maximum of 3 people in a short pew and 4 people in the longer pews.

#### How do we organise this?

Please note the parish Mass schedule for the coming week continues: Wednesday 7pm; Friday 8am (*with adoration*); Saturday 9am and 6pm; Sunday 8am and 5:30pm.

- The Masses will be simple, without singing.
- The church will be sanitised after each Mass.
- All Catholics are still dispensed from their Sunday obligation.

Places are limited. Please telephone or call into the parish office to BOOK A PLACE FOR SUNDAY MASS. The parish will make a list of names (including children) and check which Sunday Mass is available and suits your family best.

**NO PARISHIONERS ARE TO ENTER THE CHURCH OR PARISH BUILDINGS IF THEY ARE SHOWING COLD**

**OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS OR ARE SICK. PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL.**

Please continue to use the Sunday Readings and Family Prayer with your family at home. Read the texts aloud, talk about them and pray together.

#### Other suggestions:

**Watch** Mass online – [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw) (12:30pm weekdays, 8am and 10am Sundays)

**Read** the latest news in this week's "The Catholic Leader" – [www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)

**IGNITE YOUTH** - 7pm Friday nights, online. Join us for worship, speaker and connections. We'll see you there! Live on Facebook and Youtube.

**NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church**

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE

[www.bulimbacatholic.com](http://www.bulimbacatholic.com)

GET THE PARISH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

School newsletter: [www.stspp.qld.edu.au](http://www.stspp.qld.edu.au)

## S.U.P.P. Step Up Parish Project

A continued thank you for stepping up and donating to the 2020 Parish Social Justice initiative working with Ads-Up Canada. The applications for the two refugees who are in detention will begin to be processed. Let's not stop! Further contributions received will go towards supporting another refugee that Ads-Up Canada is in the process of identifying. Our total so far for a third refugee is \$11,439.00. Please see more information on the [parish](#) website and be inspired.

Please continue to add to our growing total by

### DONATING NOW

There are two ways to give:

1. DIRECT DEPOSIT (*preferred*)  
Account Name: Refugee Support  
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(please use your name as reference)
2. CASH or CHEQUE (*direct to parish office*)  
Please identify as 'REFUGEE SUPPORT' and use your name as reference.

**PARISH SURVEY:** The change that has been happening in parishes across Australia and the world as a result of COVID-19 has forced us to reflect about what is important in our lives and also in our Church. Our Parish Council of Sts Peter and Paul seeks your input towards the future hopes and directions for our parish. A simple survey can be found at - <https://bit.ly/2B80aBQ> There are only four questions and it should take no longer than five minutes to complete. This is your last chance to have an input. **Responses will be collated after 30 June 2020.** THANK YOU

**YOUR PARISH** is here to support you. The office will remain open five mornings per week. If it is unattended when you call, please leave a message for us and we will make contact as soon as possible.

**A NEW WAY TO CONTRIBUTE** The collection basket is unlikely to return to the church this year. There is a new way to support the parish: use the New Diocesan App. It's an easy way to contribute and helps to sustain the parish.



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

You can still contribute in other ways:

- Drop off your donation - *parish office or via our locked letterbox at the end of the driveway.*
- Give via direct debit - *please call the parish office and we can email a form or you can find it on the parish website under Quick Links*
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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE PARISH**

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: 'If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me.' Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation, please contact the Vocation Centre by telephoning 3324 3351.



This weekend we farewell Fr Tom. He has been the parish priest of Saints Peter and Paul for 14 ½ years, following in the footsteps of the 35 priests before him who have presided over the parish from its earliest days in 1896. Through his complete commitment over the years, he has been able to juggle two highly-demanding 'jobs' at the same time – one as the director of Liturgy Brisbane and the other, of course, here at Bulimba.

What Fr Tom has been able to achieve is a tribute to his generosity of spirit. He has inspired us all through the quality of his preaching and his engagement with us all. Many would agree also that Fr Tom's vision and ability to bring to fruition the beautiful and liturgically rich church renovations have been his crowning achievements. For this and for sharing his many other gifts, we are grateful.

In addition, and in spite of the demands of his 'day job', Fr Tom has been able to maintain a deep involvement in the life of the parish, the school and the many ministries that characterise our local church. He has been our pastor in every sense of the word and will be missed by us all.

*Thank you Fr Tom.*

**THANK YOU.** Fr Tom is moved and grateful for the many cards and kind messages he has received. It is very humbling. Sometimes these have even been accompanied by gifts – generous gifts from the school and the P+F, and so many individuals. Very much appreciated but not necessary, because he has already been so blessed to belong to the parish community of Sts Peter and Paul.

**The parish also bids farewell to Sr Ann-Maree Nicholls who has done a fabulous job leading the school community over the last 13 years. THANK YOU**

(Below is her goodbye message taken from the school newsletter)

*Sadly, the time has come to conclude my time as Principal of Sts Peter & Paul's School. I have been truly blessed to lead this wonderful school. It has been an absolute joy to come to school each day and work with such a supportive, enthusiastic, professional, committed, and dedicated staff. We also have an extraordinary community of wonderful families who are supportive and work hard to support their children. As I have said before, the families of Sts Peter & Paul's understand the importance of partnership, working in harmony with teachers as together we provide a high standard of learning and teaching. I would also like to pay a special tribute to the boys and girls who come to school every day ready to learn and prepared to embrace and achieve our Learning Dispositions. Their behaviour and attitude to their learning is a credit to each one of them and to their families. Thank you for all that you do to support learning and teaching at Sts Peter & Paul's School. I leave this school with many exceptional memories, friendships, and experiences that I will treasure and take with me on the journey ahead. I know that I will particularly miss the interaction and joy that the children bring to me each day. A very big THANK YOU is sincerely extended to everyone. The community of Sts Peter & Paul's will always hold a very special place in my heart!*

### ***A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us***

Paddy was in New York, patiently waiting, and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The policeman stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted "Pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

On 20 June, the *Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*, Pope Francis added several new titles for Mary to be included in the Litany of Loreto: "Mother of Mercy", "Mother of Hope" and "Comfort of Migrants".

The Litany of Loreto, the only officially approved Marian litany, takes its name from the famous shrine of Loreto in Italy, where it is believed to have been used as far back as 1531. It was officially approved in 1587 by Pope Sixtus V.

Saint Pope John Paul II added "Mother of the Church" in 1980, and "Queen of families" in 1995. Pope Francis has now added three more. For those of us who recite the Litany of Loreto (*often said after the Rosary*), "Mother of Mercy" is inserted immediately after "Mother of the Church", "Mother of Hope" after "Mother of Divine Grace" and "Comfort of Migrants" following "Refuge of Sinners".

The Congregation of Divine Worship and the Sacraments has stated that throughout history "Christians have been using innumerable invocations and titles to call upon the Virgin Mary as the privileged and sure way to an encounter with Christ." It said that "referring to the present times, marked by feelings of uncertainty and trepidation, the People of God devoutly recourse to her, full of affection and trust."

### **VILLANOVA COLLEGE - Applications for Year 5, 2022**



Applications for Year 5, 2022 (boys currently in Year 3) are now open. Visit our website to learn more and apply online. Applications close Friday 17 July. College Principal, Mark Stower, conducts regular small group campus tours on Friday mornings during term time. Visit our website for dates and to register.

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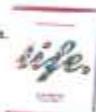
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