

Bribie Beacon

Sunday 9 August 2020

Anglican
Church
St Peter's Bribie Island

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Banya Street Bribie Island

The news is full of traumatic events, from COVID-19 restrictions, to news this week of a massive explosion in the Port of Beirut. When we consider these events, we need to ask ourselves about the best way to respond. In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear how Jesus too was grieved by the events happening in his life. His primary response was to show compassion and hospitality to those around him who were hurting, then he prioritised withdrawing for the purpose of prayer. As we identify the needs of those around us, in our own community and in the world, we too need to respond to others, with that same compassion and hospitality. While prayer and praise need to be part of those deeds of kindness, we must also take time out to stop and focus on God. As Jesus took time out to pray, so too must each of us take time out for prayer. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we are told to "pray without ceasing." Many people take this verse to mean they must pray literally unceasingly. While that is an excellent idea, it isn't quite possible to pray without ever stopping. What Paul has in mind here is prayer as a regular habit. As Jesus prioritised, so must each of us ensure that we have regular times of prayer every day, both to give thanks and to offer our intercessions for the world.

Fr Steven Schwarzrock

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday - 7.30am & 9.30am

Wednesday - 10am

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ONLINE GIVING BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD

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Ac Name - Bribie Island Parish

BSB - 704-901

Account Number - 00000040

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PRAYER POINTS

Those in Need – Des Everett, Jean Woodward, Valerie Bowser, Phyl Adams, Bretton Bartlett, Greg Collis, Ian Hillard, Elizabeth Kubler, David Lower, Krista-Liisa Pulkkinen.

To add someone to the prayer list please email office@stpetersbribie.org.au

Birthdays this week - Rae Scott (9 August), Tess Yoxall (9 August), Jeff Eustace (11 August), Kev Kenyon (11 August), Phyllis Adams (13 August), Barbara Earner (14 August).

PARISH NOTICES

Online Sunday Worship - A new online service is available each Sunday via [Vimeo](#), [FaceBook](#) or our [Webpage](#). Also, each Sunday at 9.30am you can also join us via [Zoom](#) for a live stream of our services at St Peter's.

AMUA Anglicare Chaplaincy Retiring Collection - There will be a retiring collection this Sunday 9th August after both services by Anglican Mothers Union Australia Brisbane Diocese to enable Anglicare Mission Department to provide training and professional development for the chaplaincy team and pastoral care volunteers. A collection plate will be placed in the Narthex for donations.

Cooinda - The painting of Cooinda is now complete and you are invited to inspect the new paint scheme. The Churchwardens invite you to join them for an open door inspection of Cooinda after the services this Sunday.

Defibrillator - A big thank you to the Wallum Community Group who have given to St Peter's a defibrillator, it has now been installed in the Cooinda.

Used Stamps - There is a large plastic container in the narthex marked "Stamps" for your used stamps for which ABM is very grateful.

Ring Pull Tops - Remember the excitement in the latter part of last year when we were collecting Ring Pull Tops to send to Cambodia? You collected thousands which were crocheted together by the poor Cambodian women to make beautiful jewellery. As more are needed, please don't throw away those precious tops. Bring them to church. Later in the year they will be on their way to Cambodia.

Drink Containers - Collecting 10c refundable drink containers is a way the Parish raises funds. Please continue to collect your drink containers. They can be dropped off in church hallway or left in front of the shed next to Cooinda. You can also take your containers directly to the collection centre at 21 Armitage Street and give them the Parish's scheme id, so the funds come to the Parish. St Peter's scheme id is C10177475.

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST - ORDINARY SUNDAY 19

Readings - Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22, 16; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36.

Sentence - They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' (*Matthew 14.26-27*)

Prayer of the day - Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost. Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reflection - There is a variety of rich images in the Gospel text for this Sunday that bring to life important dimensions of God's call and God's assurance to us. The image of Jesus taking time to pray, even in a very uncertain situation, is a reminder that things are never so turbulent or so urgent as to take us away from the necessity of prayer. The image of Jesus sending out the disciples on a mission just as he sends us in mission today. The image of choppy seas and the reality that when we set out on Christ's mission, though we will often be in troubled waters, Jesus does not abandon us but rather comes to us, as he came to the disciples. The image that Jesus and the reign of God that he inaugurates have power even over the forces of nature and can conquer our fears and the evil that causes them. The image of the disciples who, because of their fear, could not recognize Jesus when he came to them in ways they never expected (walking on the water). The image of Jesus calming the troubled waters for the disciples and the reality that he can calm our troubled waters as well. The image of the disciples responding to Jesus' saving grace through worship and through the confession "Truly you are the Son of God" (v. 33). All of these images have rich power for interpreting the love of God, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, our calling to be in mission, and the assurance of Christ's love and companionship when we need it most. Yet the most powerful image relates to Peter stepping out of the boat to walk on water to reach Jesus. Like the other disciples, Peter is panicked both by the turbulent waters and by this figure walking toward them on the water in the very early morning hours. Even after Jesus speaks to the disciples, they are still not sure if it is Jesus. Peter, knowing that the call to discipleship is unique to his relationship with Jesus, responds, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water" (v. 28). When Jesus issues the command, "Come," Peter steps out of the boat in faith and in faithfulness. Having embarked on his journey across the sea in faith, he then becomes frightened, but the strong arm of Jesus lifts him up and returns him to the boat. What is so clear from this passage is that we are called to step out in faith, even in the midst of troubled waters, if we are to be faithful to the call of Christ. Stepping out in faith is not a guarantee that we will not face troubled waters or be filled with fear, but it is always accompanied by the assurance that Jesus will not abandon us, that when we need it most, he will extend his arm to lift us up and get us back in the boat. Consider a time that Jesus has stopped you from sinking?

ATTENDING WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S IN PERSON

1. **Protecting Vulnerable People** - Government advice for vulnerable people is that you should stay at home and avoid contact with others. Vulnerable people are defined as people 70 years and older, people 65 years and older with a chronic medical condition and people with a comprised immune system.
2. **Capacity** - As per government guidelines on physical distancing attendance at St Peter's is limited to 50 people per service. If capacity limit was reached at a service, alternate seating will be made available outside.
3. **Registering for Worship** - Pre-registering for worship is not currently required.
4. **Physical Distancing** - People should practice physical distancing at a minimum of 1.5 metres at all times. No physical greetings or exchanges such as handshakes or hugs. Sit separately (unless from same household) and per approved seating plan.
5. **Hygiene** - Hands should be cleaned with hand sanitiser upon entering church, before receiving communion or after contact with any surfaces. People who feel unwell or have cold or flu like symptoms should not attend.
6. **Record of Attendance** - A record of each attendee's name, address and phone number will be kept by the Rector as per government requirements.
7. **Cleaning** - The church will be cleaned in line with Safe Work Australia standards.
8. **COVID Warden** - For more information on our COVID safety plan please speak to Lynn Macbeth (COVID Warden) or a Churchwarden.

Online Worship

Every Sunday morning a new service is uploaded. To watch online worship from St Peter's please follow this link vimeo.com/user110905450. The link is also available from our website and Facebook page.

Live Online Worship using ZOOM

The Wednesday (10am) and Sunday (9.30am) Eucharist will be streamed via [ZOOM](#). Join earlier if you would like to have a chat. To join us follow the Zoom instructions below. To join download and open the ZOOM app and select "Join Meeting" and enter the meeting id **3408319100** and the password is **34083191**.

