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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."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

9th October 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 17:11-19: It Is More Than Gratitude

Winston Churchill loved to tell the story of the little boy who fell off a pier into deep ocean water. An older sailor, heedless of the great danger to himself, dove into the stormy water, struggled with the boy, and finally, exhausted, brought him to safety. Two days later the boy's mother came with him to the same pier, seeking the sailor who rescued her son. Finding him, she asked, "You dived into the ocean to bring my boy out?" "I did", said the sailor. The mother quickly demanded, "Then where is his hat?" In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of nine ungrateful lepers and a Samaritan who returned to thank him. The central theme of all the readings of his Sunday is gratitude, in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us. God who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from him, and who feels pain at our ingratitude because He wants us to be grateful.

In this parable of the ten lepers, the main focus is on gratitude, but there is more. Jesus singled out 'this foreigner'. Therefore, Jesus was pointing out more than mere gratitude or ingratitude. He demands from his listeners to look beyond. The mention of the words 'this foreigner' which in this context must be contrasted with the words 'the chosen ones', seeks to make a stronger point in the story. The Jews of Jesus' time looked on the Samaritans with contempt. They were considered as outcasts and as not belonging to the 'chosen people'. Many Jews considered blessings from God as their right. However, Jesus wants to highlight that God's mercy, compassion and grace cannot be merited, earned, or deserved. They are unmerited, and given freely. The only response that we can have to this unconditional gifting from God is acceptance with an open heart and gratitude. We think like the nine healed lepers (who belonged to the chosen people) in terms of right/merit. We forget grace. We keep thinking of privilege. We forget gratitude. Naaman was able to see his healing as a sign of God's mercy. The Samaritan leper was able to see God's mercy and returned to thank Jesus. He knew that what he had been given was an undeserved gift unlike the other nine who probably thought that they deserved more than they got.

We have this weekend **Ministry Expo**, a way to celebrate our gift of grace that we unmerited. Also, an invitation from God to share what we have received, with gratitude to God and service to God's people. I thank all the ministers who are volunteers of service to our St Peter's Community and invite new volunteers to ministries that fit into their heart.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Parish Ministry Expo: This weekend 8th & 9th October after all Masses:

Come along to the Parish Centre to see all the wonderful work being done in our Parish by you, the parishioners.

Enjoy a Cuppa & Chat after each Mass whilst you check out the displays.

Readings 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17 Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

Readings for next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13


2Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8



| IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK: | |
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| MON 10th October | 8.00am Mass |
| TUE 11th October | 8.00am Mass with children 7.30pm Liturgy Group meeting |
| WED 12th October | 6.30am Mass |
| THU 13th October | 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting |
| FRI 14th October | 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass |
| SAT 15th October | St Teresa of Jesus 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday |
| SUN 16th October | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 10.00am—3pm St Peter's School Fete 6.00pm Mass |

Year Of Mercy
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Jesus goes and heals and integrates the marginalized, the ones who are outside the city, the ones outside the encampment. In so doing, he shows us the way."
—Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy*



Children's Liturgy resumes for Term 4 this Sunday. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.) Leaders please collect your rosters.

St Peter's School Fete is on next Sunday October 16th from 10am to 3pm. Theme is "Farm to Fabulous" to celebrate the school's 40th Anniversary. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Fete next Sunday, and are appealing to home bakers and preserve experts to donate some goodies to the Cake Stall, or just come along and pick up some morning tea!! Donations can be dropped off to the school Library on Friday, the Tuckshop area on Saturday and straight to the Cake Stall on Sunday (beside the Hall in the lunch area). Please clearly label donations with ingredients. We thank you in advance and we hope you can make it!

Parking: Due to construction of a new administration block within the school, parking is now available in the paddock next to the Parish. There is access via Rochedale Road. On October 16 (Fete day), the driveway beside the church will be closed. Entry to parking spaces near the Parish Office will be for disabled only. Parking in the paddock after 9:30am will be charged at \$2 per vehicle.

Pilgrimage retreat to Santa Teresa on Sat 22nd Oct for the Year of Mercy. We will be travelling to Santa Teresa, Ormiston by coach. We will have facilities for wheelie walkers and people needing assistance. Cost \$10 which includes coach travel, morning and afternoon boxed lunch (let us know dietary requirements), quiet day of reflection in the Year of Mercy overlooking the bay and the beautiful garden areas of prayer. Open to everyone though there are ONLY 30 Seats available. (flyer at front of church) Place name on sheet at front of church. Please see Jo Cullen or Care & Concern committee on 0419733878 for more info.

Thank You God for Spring! Extra Thank You to Wally and Anne Scanlon who cooked lunch for the children and helpers on the day. We all truly appreciated your kindness and time. Jo Cullen

Social Justice News: Dear Friends, We hope you found the Social Justice Statement valuable and inspirational. Your generous donation of \$182.60 more than covered the initial purchase costs of \$ 159.09. Thank you very much. Erika

Altar Servers, please collect your Term 4 rosters.

Attention care and concern volunteers: Firstly I would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who have supported Care and Concern over the years. I have decided to resign as co-ordinator but I am extremely excited and we are all blessed to have Lynn White who will be taking on the role next year, 2017. After 13 years I am also looking for someone who would be interested in doing the funeral organising. Please contact me any time if interested. Thank you again, Jo Cullen 0419733878

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St Stephen's Cathedral: Are you interested in a pilgrimage to St Stephen's Cathedral? The Pastoral Council is hoping to have a pilgrimage on Saturday 5 November. We would be walking from the Ship Inn at South Bank at 9:30 to the Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Door, a pilgrimage in and around the Cathedral, reconciliation and mass at 11:30. For more information, please contact Kevin McMahon on 0433 925 158. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please leave your details on the sheet at the entrance of the Church.

Seminar: During his recent visit, the Archbishop mentioned Fr James Mallon and his book Divine Restoration. Fr Mallon will be presenting a seminar on his book "**Divine Restoration - Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission**" on Saturday 19th November from 9am to 4pm at San Sisto College, Carina. This is a great opportunity to learn and be a more welcoming and outwardly focused faith community. The Pastoral Council would like to organise a group of parishioners to attend. If you are interested, would you please contact Malcolm Carroll on 0438 949 099

Caring for Creation: Shaping the Future of our Planet Irish Columban Fr Sean McDonagh is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness on the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. Sean is the author of numerous articles and nine books. Thursday 3 November: 6pm-8pm at the Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane. See poster on the noticeboard for more information. Enquiries Mike Humphrys: humphrysm@bne.catholic.net.au.



Vinnies News: 1. We wish to advise everyone that the popular "Columban Calendars" for 2017 are now available from the Vinnies piety stall - priced at \$9.00.
2. One of our parishioners has advised that they have available a Shower Chair and a Wheelie Walker. Please contact one of the Vinnies team if you have need of either of these items.

Volunteers & the need for a Volunteer Register: The Archdiocese requires us to be more diligent in our record keeping regarding volunteers. In many ways, volunteers share the duties and rights of an employee of an organisation and as such we are required to have a complete list of volunteers just as a business would have a list of employees. Much of this is coming out as a result of a variety of legal action, including the Royal Commission. All Parish Volunteers will need to complete a Volunteer Data Form and sign the Code of Ethical Behaviour and return both to Julie. Volunteers who work with children still have to hold or successfully apply for a current Queensland Government Blue Card. Volunteers who visit vulnerable adults in their homes or Nursing homes and volunteers who work in the finance area of the Parish will need to consent to a Police Check. This is organised through the Parish Office and the Archdiocese and paid for by the Parish. Any queries or concerns, please call Julie in the Parish Office.

Brisbane Open House (BOH) On the weekend of 8/9 October the Cathedral of St Stephen and St Stephen's Chapel will participate in BOH. BOH celebrates the city's architecture, giving visitors a rare insight into contemporary, historic and environmentally significant buildings in the heart of the city. View the display of Mary MacKillop artefacts in the windows of Penola Place and follow the Mary MacKillop Walk (opened and blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on 8 August, the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).

CPPC Mass for Mental Health Week: Friday Oct 14th
Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care invites you to a Mass to celebrate Queensland Mental Health Week. The 2016 theme is "Value Mental Health".
Where: St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley (Cnr MacLachlan and Morgan Streets)
When: Friday 14th October at 1.00pm
Light refreshments will follow Mass.
Parking is available in the church grounds.



Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story:
Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery
287 Wellington St, Ormiston.
Dates: Saturday 15 October
9.00am for 9.30am to 3.00pm
Cost: \$40 (\$25 concession)
BYO Lunch - Morning Tea supplied
Contact: Carolyn Doherty 0416 268 316 or carolyndoh@gmail.com

All Hallows School 1953—56 Reunion
A 60 year reunion for past students who did Junior in 1954 or senior in 1956 (and those who joined them along the way) is planned for Saturday 29 October beginning with Mass in the school chapel at 10am followed by morning tea. Please call Sr Anne Hetherington on 0409 075 739 for invitation and further details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Leo Cahill

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Jason Murray, Michael Glynn, Lewis Clarke, Zena Bray, Ellen Glancy, Colin Murphy, Sr Patricia Mary Butler, Doug Elliot, Ena Gallagher, Eileen Gray, Joyce Thompson, James Denton, Joan Rauchle, Paul Snow

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Rose Gill, Jean Chartres, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, 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 15th & 16th October 2016

| Communion | | Readers | | Altar Servers | Musicians |
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| Sat 6:00pm | Faith Coyer John Coyer Carl de Mello | C 1 2 | Neil Ballment Mary Naughton Shelagh Ballment | Clive Angelina | Carmel |
| Sun 9:00am | June Wilson Kieran Lenihan Stephanie Lenihan | C 1 2 | Kevin McMahan Maria Chamberlain Arthur Leow | Volunteers please | Anne |
| Sun 6:00pm | Deacon Mike Jones Malcolm Carroll | C 1 2 | Rosemary Moore Fiorenzo Matarazzo Aurelie Regnard | Nathaniel | Liz |

Church Cleaning: 3 Brian & Janice Mason, Jeffrey Aranha, Diane McKeone

Children's Liturgy: Joel Lenihan **This week: Linen:** Jo Lavington **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: no cuppa 15th & 16th Oct. Next Cuppa & Chat will be after 9am Mass on 23rd October



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

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

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