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"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."



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th July 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 10-25-37. The Good Samaritan: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart.

This parable has become part of our overall culture: even people who are not Christians or reject Christianity or for whom gospel is only a dim background noise can use the phrase 'a good Samaritan' and simply mean someone who helps out others when they are in need. So the story has become simply the message to give a hand to anyone you come across in a crisis. The story's very familiarity hides its punch. While that is true, it is only a small part of the meaning and message of the story. The main point of this parable is that the Samaritan, the outcast, the one marginalized, is good. The parable seeks to break the stereotypes that we carry in our minds and hearts about those whom we don't understand and may not accept as good. This punch of the story is very well shown to the Listener who is an Israelite or a Jew and in the discard to the wounded rendered by the priest and the Levite who walked by on the other side. The message could be that one should be a decent person and help anyone in need. Then, we think of the hypocrisy of the priest and the Levite who were the public face of religion, and it is a warning about preaching and not practising! The story is not about the Golden Rule: 'do as you would have others do unto you', which is the basis of many codes of morality and is also found in the gospels. The story is not about how to treat others in a passive sense: it is to draw out the call to inherit eternal life is the call to love others. This is a deliberate act of reaching out to others in need. And the question then becomes how far can you expect to reach out and from how far away can you accept the reach of love. If the priest and the Levite are insiders and they knew the Law and the Prophets; they knew they have a duty of service to the community of Israel. The Samaritan, by contrast, is the perfect outsider; by race for they were seen as half-breeds; they were invaders and thieves of land; and they were heretics. Thus a parable for our times and for all the times! Who exactly has found neighbour? It is the beaten up insider who has discovered a neighbour. Where? In the One who showed mercy - despite the fact that he is one of those wretched Samaritans? So the demands of loving God as a disciple of Jesus and so taking his message to heart are a lot more radical than the proverbial willingness to loan a cup of sugar. Radically find out and accept who vour neighbour is.

This is the weekend we celebrate, acknowledge and honour **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week**. The parable is very powerful against this celebration. And we are waiting for the Archbishop Mark Coleridge's pastoral visit to our parish soon. Archbishop is the real pastor and we are the Christian community guided by him. So today's Gospel talks to us directly to the heart to know the meaning of a Christian community and of a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 15th Sur

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>First Reading:</u> Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 All things were created through him and for him.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 Who is my neighbour?

Readings for next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-10 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:								
MON	11th July	8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group						
TUE	12th July	8.00am Mass 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting						
WED	13th July	6.30am Mass						
THU	14th July							
FRI	15th July	Archbishop's Pastoral Visit to St Peter's School 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass						
SAT	16th July	Archbishop's Pastoral Visit to our Parish 9.30am Morning tea with members of all Parish Ministry groups 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday followed by cuppa & chat						
SUN	17th July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Archbishop's Pastoral Visit to our Parish 9.00am Mass followed by cuppa & chat 6.00pm Mass						

Year Of Mercy 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial

act. One day the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be beaten and robbed as they make their journey through life. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it understands that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring."

Martin Luther King, Jr, Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?

Cuppa & Chat: Please join us this Sunday 10th July for a Cuppa & Chat after the 9am Mass.

<u>Archbishop's Visit:</u> Archbishop Mark Coleridge is making a Pastoral visit to our Parish and School next weekend from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th July. The Archbishop will celebrate Mass with us **Saturday 6pm** and **Sunday 9am**. After both of these Masses we will have a cuppa and chat so he can mingle and meet with parishioners. If possible, please bring a plate of food to share.

All members of our various parish ministry groups are also invited to a **morning tea** with the Archbishop on Saturday morning 16th July commencing at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. So if your name is on any parish roster or parish volunteer list please come along. RSVP to Julie

Social Justice News: Every year in July, right across Australia, people observe NAIDOC(National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) week. Indigenous people, together with all Australians, celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival and their contribution to the life of our nation. This year we are privileged to welcome to our parish a well respected Gubbi Gubbi Elder, Uncle Nurdon Serico, who has a long, strong and proud history working for the indigenous community and in the health system.

This year indigenous people have chosen the theme: "Songlines, the living narrative of our nation". Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of ancestral spirits as they created the land. animals and the law. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called "Songlines" as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who "sung" the land into life. Songlines are intricate maps of land, sea and country. They have been passed down in song for thousands of years and are central to the existence of indigenous people. All Australians are invited to learn more about Songlines and how they connect people to Country and the Country to people. In doing so we celebrate the rich history and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

Home Communion Ministers needed: New volunteers are required to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on Tuesday mornings and to the Nursing Home on alternate Thursday afternoons to chat, pray and give Holy Communion. This is a

valuable Ministry for those who cannot attend Mass. If you are able to help or just want some more information, talk to Fr Jacob or Mary or one of the other Home Communion ministers.

Volunteer Church Cleaners needed to fill some vacancies on our church cleaning teams. Please contact Julie if you can help out once every 8 weeks. Children's Liturgy will take a break for the school holidays. Leaders please advise Jodie any dates you are unavailable during Term 3 for the new roster.

The members of Care & Concern invite all Food Travellers to our



"Around the World in 80 Bites
Tea Party" on Saturday 23rd July
1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Entertainment, International Afternoon tea,
Cent Auction. Entry \$10. Tickets available
this weekend and next. For more

information contact Rita Bishop on 0408154751

Workshop on Catholic Worship Book II for all parish/school musicians & liturgists on Sunday 24th July 1pm to 4pm in the Parish Centre. Presenters: Jenny O'Brien is a Liturgy Educator with the Office for Worship in Adelaide and is a member of the National Liturgical Music Board

Sr Ilsa Neicenieks, is also a liturgist with the Office for Worship, Adelaide. Sr Ilsa is a Josephite sister with many years' experience working in liturgy, liturgical music and the RCIA. More info or RSVP to Liz or Julie



<u>Vinnies News:</u> Thanks to everyone who donated blankets and doonas. We have now delivered these items to needy families in our area. The families were most happy to receive these donations during the present cold weather.

God Bless

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Parish Rochedale

Entertainment Books are available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. 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 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

See the Noticeboard for more information on the following:

MEN ALIVE MAX16—A National Catholic Event for Men – July 15 - 17

menALIVE Max16 is the 12th Annual National Catholic Men's Weekend, being hosted at St Leo's College, University of Queensland from July 15-17. The theme of the weekend is "What If?" and asks participants to Imagine the possibilities.

To register please visit: http://www.menalive.org.au/events/menalive-to-the-max/

Vocations Novena (V9) Prayer Campaign 2016

Nine Weeks of Prayer for Vocations in the Archdiocese of Brisbane 12th June to 7th August 2016.

At the sight of the crowds Jesus heart was moved for they were like sheep without a Shepherd. VOCATION BRISBANE—Archdiocese of Brisbane Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street (GPO Box 282) Brisbane, QLD 4000

1300 133 544 or vocations@bne.catholic.net.au

Living Biblically – Mercy in the Scriptures presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The next session is being held at the Francis Rush Centre's Hanly Room from 7pm—8.30pm on Wednesday 20 July.

Archbishop Mark will reflect on the recurring theme of Mercy within scripture, and as one of God's great gifts, its power to transform our lives. Entry by gold coin donation. Free parking will be available in the Cathedral car park from 6pm (entrance via Charlotte St). All welcome

Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story:

Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery 287 Wellington St, Ormiston.

Dates: Saturdays 13 August; 10 September; 15 October

9.00am for 9.30am to 3.00pm **Cost:** \$40 per day/\$100 for three days

\$25 per day/\$65 concession for three days

BYO Lunch - Morning Tea supplied

Contact: Carolyn Doherty

0416 268 316 or carolyndoh@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: John "Chappie" McHugh (Anne Moran's uncle), Mavis Kanowski

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Mark Goodwin, Perc Feeney, Mary Warnaminde, Theo Bakker, Winifred Harris, Maria Gardner, Cathy Breed, John Neilsen, Rhondda Poulton, Olive Dwyer, Les Larsen, Joseph Van Den Boom, Pam O'Brien, Arthur Louis, Mary Hogan, James Airens, Kathleen Stitt, Ross Bray, Herbert Hussey, Damian Bartlett, Susan Hargreaves, Bridget Cummins, John Gallagher, Eric Moran, Ethel Moran, Kevin O'Brien

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Ingeborg McIntosh, Shirley Hutton, Margot Harris, Kevin Dingwall, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, Bonnie Dematillar, Ronald Mack, Rufino Tuazon Jr, Nassib Jabbour, Josefina Ilagan, Leticia Sevilla, NicolasTendrio, Nora Estanislao, Anne Cosico, Bella Aguas, Terri Mills, Johnny Summers

Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectem. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 16th & 17th July 2016							
Communion			Readers	Altar Servers	Musicians		
Sat 6:00pm	Archbishop Coleridge Jo Cullen Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Joyce Lyster Mal Jensen	Volunteers Please	Liz		
Sun 9:00am	Archbishop Coleridge Deacon Mike Jones Lydia Chew	C 1 2	Arthur Leow Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahon	Volunteers Please	Rita		
Sun 6:00pm	Cesarina Gigante ?	C 1 2	Bob Burns Raylee Burns Lynn White	Volunteers Please	Liz		

Church Cleaning: 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Michael Porter, Dona Thomas

Children's Liturgy: none This week: Linen: Jo Lavington Counting: Carl's team

Cuppa: Sat 16th July after the 6pm Mass & Sunday 17th July after the 9am Mass: all help needed



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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.

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

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 mcaroll580@gmail.com

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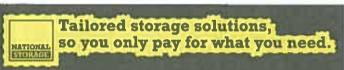
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