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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 11th September 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 15:1-32. Forgiveness Is Living the Love and Mercy of God

Perhaps the best depiction of today's Gospel parables is reflected in the painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt. The late Henri Nouwen, a great spiritual writer in the late 20th century, in the prologue to his own short book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* (1992), wrote of his encounter with that painting at the L'Arche community this way: *'The more I spoke of the Prodigal Son, the more I came to see it as, somehow, my personal painting that contained not only the heart of the story that God wants to tell me, but also the heart of the story that I want to tell God and God's people. All of the Gospel is there. All of my life is there. All of the lives of my friends are there. The painting has become a mysterious window through which I can step into the kingdom of God.* Henri Nouwen was a professor at Princeton University and at a turn in his life he resigned his prestigious position and joined in L'Arche Community, founded by Jean Vanier. Its communities are households of people who choose to share life together inclusively with those who are mentally and/or physically handicapped.

As we are nearing the close of the great Jubilee Year of Mercy, this Sunday presents to us three great stories of forgiveness, mercy and love by Luke. It is said that Luke has the best portrayal of God's own mercy in his gospel and this gospel is seen as the Gospel of Mercy by many scholars. The popular titles of these stories that follow show how well-known and loved they are: The Lost Sheep. The Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son (I think this too should have been called *Lost Son*). The story of the Good Shepherd tells us that when we are lost or in trouble we have to handover the steering wheel, handover control, and be carried back to the personal by God. Robert Musil says it well: *The road to the soul does not begin with the mind. If we want to revive our souls, the personal, we have to be carried. It is called grace: we need God to do the work. Carry me Lord. Henri Nouwen concludes this way: As I look at my own aging hands, I know they have been given me to stretch out to all who suffer, to rest upon the shoulders of all who come, and to offer the blessing that emerges from the immensity of God's love.* What a great statement from the heart attuned to God.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

Readings for next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

Church locked: Please note that the Church will be locked and alarmed at 1.15pm Monday to Friday this week.

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IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 12th September	
TUE 13th September	St John Chrysostom 8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children
WED 14th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
THU 15th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
FRI 16th September	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian 9.00am Rosary
SAT 17th September	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday followed by Cuppa & Chat
SUN 18th September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass Child Protection Sunday — All Masses

Year Of Mercy

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Mercy is the Gospel stories of the prodigal son, the woman caught in adultery, Matthew the unscrupulous tax collector, and Peter the denier. The forgiveness they receive does not condone them in their selfishness. They are not condoned, but redeemed."

— Mike Jordan Laskey,
Young Voices NCDonline.org



Thanks to Fr John Gillen for celebrating Masses with us this weekend!

Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters & Volunteer information.

Please complete the Volunteer data Form, sign the Code of Ethical Behaviour and return both to Julie. Then please read and keep all the policy documents.

Spring Garden Raffle: Care & Concern are having a Spring Garden raffle on the weekends of 10/11 Sept and 17/18 Sept so bring along your spare change to buy a ticket. Let's get ready for spring!!!

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 if interested or for more info.

Thank You God for Spring: Wed 28th September 9am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information. Numbers are limited so get in early!

The St Peter's School Fete is on October 16th from 10am to 3pm. This year the school is celebrating 40 years and the anniversary theme of "Farm to Fabulous" continues at the fete. The day will be filled with great entertainment, huge range of food, displays from the classes, and many stalls and rides.

The P&F has opened the pre-sale of ride armbands, a order form is available at the back of the church. If you are interested in sponsorship of the fete, or can donate items, please contact the P&F via stpetersparentsandfriends@gmail.com or Michael Smythe on 0419 651 103. Stalls such as the cakes and preserve stall, and sweets stall would appreciate home cooked items that can be delivered close to the fete.

We look forward to seeing many parishioners at the fete for this great community event.

Parish Ministry Expo: 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. Leaders: remember to plan your displays for assembling on Sat 8th Oct from 10am.

Help needed urgently: A lady parishioner needs urgent help to concrete her driveway to comply with Logan City Council regulations. Concreter or someone with driveway experience for help or advice desperately needed. Perhaps we could organize a willing band of helpers?! If you can help in any way please contact Care & Concern via Jo Cullen on 0419 733 878 or call Julie in the Parish Office on 3341 4421.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Today a special collection will be taken up for the Annual Catholic Campaign which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This includes Centacare pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and the MacKillop Fund bursaries.

How exactly are you helping to make a difference? Your tax-deductible gift is evenly divided between these major areas of need:



Providing Catholic pastoral care to people in hospitals, prisons, psychiatric care & Aboriginal communities



Caring for the health and retirement needs of our Archdiocesan priests



Educating our seminarians to be missionaries of God's mercy for Queensland and beyond



Funding Catholic education bursaries to children suffering significant hardship

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Be part of God's mission of mercy... please consider starting a monthly donation in an amount that means something to you. Your gift will have a lasting impact on these vital works.

*All non tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Program which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives.



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Vinnies News: Each year at Christmas time there is an increasing demand from families in need for our Christmas Hampers. Through your generous support we have been able to meet that demand. For this 2016 year we now ask our parishioners to invite their employer to join with us and donate items (Food or toys etc.). We are aware that there are many calls on organisations and we would be grateful for whatever may be donated. If any employer is willing to join with us please leave a contact name and telephone number with Julie on 3341 4421 and a Vinnies member will make contact. We will also make contact again with our local Drakes IGA and Woolworths Underwood store. Both of these organisations donated to our 2015 Christmas Hamper appeal.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass: Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary (or more) and their family and friends are invited to Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday 1st October 2016 @ 10.00am. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Hanly Room. RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; 3324 3030 by Wednesday 28 September 2016. The car park will be available from 9.00am, entrance from Charlotte Street.

Mass for the Deaf: St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove, for the Central Deanery Pastoral Council, will host an Auslan-Supported Mass on Sunday 11th September at 8.30 am. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this Mass, with morning tea afterwards. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au. Another Auslan Mass will be held on 20th November.

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

"La Messe en francais" - Mass in French: Fr Tom Elich will celebrate the Mass in French at Bulimba Parish's Sts Peter and Paul Church on Sunday 25 Sept. These Masses are held quarterly and this is the third such gathering for 2016. The Mass starts at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend, especially Francophiles and new-comers. The 'Messe en français' will be followed by refreshments (please BYO plate to share in the fellowship).

"Spirit in the City": A QUT Chaplaincy Christian Conference on Faith, Culture, Public Affairs aimed at young adults. This one day conference concerns the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society. Cost: \$25 Concession \$50 Adult Saturday, 8 October, 2016 @ P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane. Registrations essential. See noticeboard for more details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Rosa Sponza (Jane Sponza's mother-in-law)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Michael Moses, Frederick Jackson, John Maloney, Elsie Walker, Patricia Mackenzie, Mairead Tzavellas, John Young, Ian Byrom Graham, Mercia Rance, Barry Elmes, Frank Neilsen, Terry Gallagher, Julia Jordan, John Brownlee, George Jonas, Stephen O'Brien, Rodrigo Jebamalai, Harry McKenna, Frist Jansen, Walter Donohue, Kathleen Pettiford, Ben Steffens, Kenneth Breuer, Christine Weverink

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Jean Chartres, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, Cherian Chacko (Fr Jacob's brother), 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 17th & 18th September 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Diane Land Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Anthony Della Jo Cullen Mal Jensen	Volunteers please	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones June Wilson Shane Seymour	C 1 2	Del Reynolds Bev de Paola Stephanie Lenihan	Volunteers please	Madden family
Sun 6:00pm	Helen Graczyk Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	John Blake Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Volunteers please	Rita

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

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

Cuppa: Saturday 17th September after the 6pm Mass: Ann Maree Collier, Peta Grandin



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 one of the Parish Councillors or to Julie in the Office.

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

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