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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."*

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

### 14th August 2016

#### From the Pastor's Desk

#### **Luke 12:49-53: Jesus' Gospel Demands That We Proclaim It with Our Life**

The Word for this weekend is not an easy and pleasing one to listen to. Today's first reading and the gospel have parallels in many ways. The mission of the prophet Jeremiah turns to be life threatening for him because his hearers find it hard to follow what it demands. So they want to do away with the prophet. Jeremiah found himself compelled to preach a doubly unwelcome message. He criticized both the political and religious views of the royal establishment and as a result, he was confronted by powerful enemies. The gospel text is an exceptionally anguished cry of distress from the heart of Jesus. The whole passage has a prophetic tone to it. To stand up for the truth and justice necessarily entails that one must be willing to undergo every kind of trial and tribulation. God's word/message is loudly spoken by Jeremiah and God's commands were fearlessly carried out. And the poor prophet found himself in a cistern from which there seemed no escape. Jesus life also faces a similar outcome.

Jeremiah and Jesus were willing to undergo any kind of trial not only because they were convinced of God's word of truth, not only because it was a motivation that came from within their hearts, but because they were confident that God who had ordained them to speak the word would be with them every step of the way. The Rio Olympic Games progress and we are really surprised by the motivation and dedication each athlete takes to bring out the best in the field. When it is done with the heart and passion on, that makes it not a trial but a great task. This can be told about the word and its preaching. When we do it with passion and reason, it compels us to live it and then proclaim it. We too confront injustice, life-threatening wicked deeds by some groups or individuals in the form of terrorism, discrimination of people, especially the poor who are facing all kinds of hardships for survival, and even forced to leave their own land and people. When someone takes a stand with and supports the rights of these people, may face persecution, betrayal, and other kind of suffering for their convictions. Pope Francis is fearlessly speaking against all kinds of persecutions and he too is criticized by some. Hopefully he will be defended by God. We are the mission sharers of the Word today, and we are asked to be people defending the message of truth, justice, mercy and joy. Catholic Mission Sunday reminds us of this task - witnessing Jesus and his message in today's world, and to defend the right of the poor in the world. It is the word that demands equality for all sections of society and for women and men alike. Will we as disciples of Jesus be prepared to commit ourselves to the mission of God?

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

#### **Readings 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4 Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53 I have come not to give peace, but discord.

#### **Readings for next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 15th August</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> 6.30am Mass 8.45am Play Group ( <i>outside play</i> ) 9.30am School Mass—all parishioners welcome
<b>TUE 16th August</b>	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.30pm Care & Concern meeting
<b>WED 17th August</b>	
<b>THU 18th August</b>	
<b>FRI 19th August</b>	9.00am Rosary (parking issues with Prep to Gr 2 Athletics Carnival)
<b>SAT 20th August</b>	<b>St Bernard</b> 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 21st August</b>	<b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 10.15am Planning meeting for Parish Ministry Expo 6.00pm Mass

## Year Of Mercy 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Families today need not be surprised when conflict erupts. They are to remain steadfast and rely on the strength of the Spirit to withstand the test."  
Prayer Time Cycle C:  
Faith-Sharing Reflections on the Sunday Gospels



## Altar Servers & Church Cleaners

please collect your new rosters.  
**Volunteer Church Cleaners needed** to fill several vacancies on our church cleaning teams. Please contact Julie in the Office if you can help out once every 8 weeks.

**Ministry Expo Planning Meeting:** The Ministry Expo will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October. A planning meeting for all ministry group leaders will be held on **21st August, 10.15am** (after 9am Mass) in Parish Office meeting room. The aim of this meeting is to ensure that all ministry groups are on the same page regarding the logistics of the expo.

**Communion Ministers and Readers:** Please indicate on the form any changes or dates you will be unavailable during the next roster which begins on 3rd September and will run to the end of November.

**National vocations Awareness Week:** Today we conclude National Vocations Awareness Week. This weekend we focus on vocations of Ordained Ministry and Consecrated Life. We remember those who sense a call to share in the life and mission of the church as priest, deacon or in a religious congregation or order. We pray for the young men and women whom God is calling to become diocesan priests, deacons, religious priests and religious brothers or sisters. In a special way pray for priests called to our Archdiocese that will lead us to Christ, bring together our communities through God's word and the breaking of Christ's body and blood and reconcile us to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

VOCATION BRISBANE GPO Box 282 Brisbane, QLD 4000  
1300 133 544 or [vocations@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocations@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Home Communion Ministers needed:** New volunteers are required to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on Tuesday mornings or 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.

**Share the Dignity** provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items during August. A collection box will be at the back of the church until the 28th August for sanitary item donations. If you would prefer to give a monetary



## Our parish will conduct the Catholic Mission Church Appeal this weekend August 13-14. Please make welcome our guest speaker, Roshan Sabapathy.

When Jesus talks in the opening of this weekend's Gospel, about bringing "fire to the earth", we can easily mistake His promise as a threat. But consider all the ways fire brings life. Flames remove dross, crack open seeds and lead to regrowth in vegetation. In our relationships, we speak of the fire in our heart, our loins, our thoughts...so perhaps it's not so much as a threat, as a yearning to see people ablaze with a passion for their relationship with God. It is this passion that drives missionaries in countries where God is little known or where life circumstances need to be reshaped by the blaze of the Gospel. Your contributions, through the Catholic Mission appeal campaign, will help light fires in more than 160 countries around the world, including Cambodia. In anticipation of your generosity, we thank you!

David McGovern, Diocesan Director  
Archdiocese of Brisbane

donation instead, please contact Julie for details.

**Social Justice News:** The World Council of Churches invites all Christians to pray for the people of the Korean Peninsula. For many decades the Koreans have known war, division, tension and conflict. We are asked to pray for healing and reconciliation for the divided Peninsula, for an end to antagonism between South and North and for a peaceful reunification. The WCC has dedicated the 14th of August as the day of prayer for Korea.

**Lift needed to Mass:** A lady living in the new Rochedale estates off Gardner Rd would like a lift to Sunday 9am Mass on a regular basis. If you would be able to assist please contact Julie in the Parish Office.

**St Peter's Rochedale P&F Trivia Night: "Let's Get Quizzical!"** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August in the Simon Peter Centre. Doors open 6.00pm for 6.30pm Start. Tickets \$5. A fabulous evening of trivia, games, prizes & a great time for all. **Pick up a flyer from the back table.** If you know of any businesses or individuals that might be interested in donating something, no matter how big or small, please ask them to contact the Quizzical Team – Melissa or Christian Whittaker 0408 713 381. All donations are greatly appreciated.



**Vinnies News:** In the last 2 months, our St Peter's Conference members have carried out 35 calls to homes in our area and have assisted 112 people (adults and children) with warm clothing, blankets, bedding, mattresses, furniture and essential food items. Thanks to all our parishioners who have supported us during these winter months with blankets, doonas, throw-overs, scarves and 'poor box' donations. God bless you all.  
*St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Parish Rochedale*



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**Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Canonisation:**

In the lead up to this very special event, there will be Novena, Adoration & Rosary at St Mary's Church, 20 Merivale St, South Brisbane. A Mass to celebrate Mother's canonisation will be held at St Mary's at 5pm on Sun 4th Sept. Mother's Feast day Mass will be at 6pm on Mon 5th Sept also at St Mary's church. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrating a Mass in Mother's honour at St Stephen's Cathedral, Elizabeth St on Saturday 10th Sept at 11.30am. All are welcome. Please see the 'Blue Notice' on the church door for times and further details.

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

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

**Bridge to Brisbane 2016:** We invite you to walk or run in solidarity with the innocent people of the Middle East who have been forced to flee for their safety, who have lost loved ones, and who will suffer the effects of conflict long after it is over. The event will be held on Sunday 28th August. Contact Joe Foley on 3324 3134 or email at [josephf@caritas.org.au](mailto:josephf@caritas.org.au) for more information.



Note: appropriate for all fitness levels (walkers welcome)

**Women's Night of Spirituality—Toowong Parish.** The

guest speakers at this annual event are Andree Rice, Sue Buckingham and Adele Rice. Once again the MC will be parishioner Robyn Emerson.  
 Where: Stuartholme School Chapel, Birdwood Terrace, Toowong  
 When: Tuesday 23 August at 7.30pm

***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

**Those who have died:** Don Marlon (Kathy Jensen's brother-in-law), Stella Britto (Basil Britto's mother), Shirley Hutton, Gwen Barrett (Alan Foote's sister)

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Margaret Fagan, Giovanni Gottardo, Joseph Tsang, Stanley Burgess, Daniel O'Brien, Moya Carter, Maria Peter, Margaret Smith, Maria Wlodarczyk, Ambrose Sullivan, Margaret Elliot, Alonzo Lynch, Gregory Chin, Catherine O'Brien, Luke Barber, Leslie Vincent Doyle, Laura May Gow, Lil Atkinson, Jim McKenna, John Kennedy, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Maureen Morrissey,

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Jean Chartres, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, Cherian Chacko (Fr Jacob's brother), Ingeborg McIntosh, Kevin Dingwall, 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 20th & 21st August 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Patrick Sequeira	C 1 2	Anthony Della Brooke Della Mal Jensen	Clive Angelina	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour Kieran Lenihan	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Marilyn Mills	Jada	Anne
Sun 6:00pm	Malcolm Carroll Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Anne Fry Cora Gatabonton Vicki Routledge	Nathaniel	Rita

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

**Children's Liturgy:** Anne Flood      **This week: Linen:** Jo Lavington      **Counting:** Bob's team

**Cuppa:** Sunday 28th August after the 9am Mass: Family Group





**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.

**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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