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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."*

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## 17th July 2016

### From the Pastor's Desk

**Luke 10:38-42. Listen to His Word and Be a Servant to Our Neighbour.**

This Sunday we hear the other side of the coin of the story of the Good Samaritan from Luke last Sunday. John Lennon, one of the four Beatles, said, "Life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans." This is akin to the loving admonition Jesus gives Martha in the Gospel today when he says to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things." It is true that we are very much worried in many ways and many directions. Once I read in a book in which the writer says, "We are worried and hurried until we are buried". How true and sensible this statement is! Martha is, in a sense, a Christian do-er, who wants to work and work and work - a kind of workaholic in the modern sense. It is good to turn to last Sunday's Good Samaritan story of Jesus, in which Luke grouped together two stories that in a sense comment on one another. In the first, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan and tells the Lawyer, to whom he is telling the story, to go out and do the same to his neighbour and reminds him the task to find out who really is his neighbour. In the second, it reminds that Jesus' followers are, in his own words, people who do, who take a stand, who act upon the choice and see that our neighbours are treated with human dignity, mercy and love. If the parable of the Good Samaritan stressed the horizontal dimension of relationships, today's story of Martha and Mary gives emphasis to the vertical dimension - action is important and even imperative, but it has to be selfless.

Let us return to the first reading of today from Genesis for a while. We see Abraham rewarded for allowing the servants of God to stop and rest and to have meal with in his house where he became a perfect host. Abraham wanted them, and even compelled them to refresh themselves. His hospitality rewarded him with the promise of a son in his old age. We are touched by Abraham, the Father of a great nation, by his service and readiness to be a servant to these men who were totally strangers to him. Without even knowing who his visitors are, he lays out a feast for them and he waits on them! He does what Martha does to Jesus, but without any animosity, bitterness, or resentment. So Abraham is like Mary, and is given the better part, the gift of life. Mary was so busy that she hadn't the time to hear Martha's complaint or Jesus' words. So, Jesus tells us through this story that what is preferred to is to listen the voice of God and allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit and then be a do-er. A true disciple of Jesus has to take the time to read, to listen to others and signs of the times, hear the Word of God, reflect on it - a praxis that leads to action needed. In short, hear the Word of God to be a servant to our neighbour. **We welcome His Grace Mark Coleridge our Archbishop who brings hospitality, love and service. Let us be like Abraham who waited on God's men.**

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

### Readings

#### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10** Lord. Do not bypass your servant.

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28** The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42** Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

#### Readings for next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13





**Vinnies News:** 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.  
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**See the Noticeboard for more information on the following:**

<p><b>Living Biblically – Mercy in the Scriptures</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Theology in the City Lecture Series - Session 4: Mixed Messages: the Church's public debates in the media</b>, presented by Mr Scott Stephens – Editor of the ABC's Religion and Ethics Online website. Tues July 26. 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. All lectures in this series have been approved by BCE as 1.5 hour PD Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School. PD Certificates will be available at the end of each lecture. Cost: \$5/person</p>
<p><b>Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story:</b>  <b>Venue:</b> Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery            287 Wellington St, Ormiston.  <b>Dates:</b> Saturdays 13 August; 10 September; 15 October            9.00am for 9.30am to 3.00pm  <b>Cost:</b> \$40 per day/\$100 for three days            \$25 per day/\$65 concession for three days            BYO Lunch - Morning Tea supplied  <b>Contact:</b> Carolyn Doherty            0416 268 316 or carolyndoh@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Women of the Way Annual Retreat:</b> 26th-28th Aug  <b>The Women of the Way Annual Retreat will this year celebrate our milestone of 20 years operation.</b>  <b>Venue:</b> Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin  <b>Theme:</b> Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God (1 Pet 5:6) <b>Presenter:</b> Faylene Sparkes.  <b>Resident Priest:</b> Fr Chima Ofor.            Contact: ph 0426 420 119 or email wowqld@gmail.com            RSVP: 5th August</p>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** John Carroll (husband of Paula Carroll nee Sorohan), Mavis Kanowski  
 John "Chappie" McHugh (Anne Moran's uncle)

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Fred Wiseman, Damian Bartlett, Susan Hargreaves, Bridget Cummins, John Gallagher, Eric Moran, Ethel Moran, Kevin O'Brien, Marie Leadbetter, David O'Gorman, Maggie Bahn, Mary Kate Wiltshire, Bill Weeks Snr, Jack Winter, Albert de Wit, William Wotherspoon, Jacqueline Tagg, Florence O'Gorman, Derval O'Sullivan, Glennis Troy, May Winter, Jack Bates, Frank Denaro, John Manuel, Jim Murrinan

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Cherian Chacko, Ingeborg McIntosh, Shirley Hutton, Margot Harris, 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 23rd & 24th July 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Shelagh Ballment Faith Coyer John Coyer	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Michael Claridge Lyndal Bray-Claridge	Jade Monica	Carmel
Sun 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour Kieran Lenihan	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Theresa Cruz	Jada	Anne
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	Rosemary Moore Fiorenzo Matarazzo Alan Camp	Chevonne	Liz

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

**Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent      **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang      **Counting:** Anthony's team

**Cuppa:** Sunday 24th July after the 9am Mass: Kate Glynn, Jim Nathan, Jo Cullen, Malcolm Carroll



**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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