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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."*

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

### 21st August 2016

#### From the Pastor's Desk

#### Luke 13:22-30. Living Fully the Gift of Life

The late Anthony de Mello, a great story teller, in one of his seminars, made a very telling remark "It is the very people who do not know what to do with this life who are concerned about the next". Concerns, deep thoughts and even worries about the next life or what will happen after death are issues that so many are anxious about. In many cases, this leads to not being able to live fully the present life which has so much to offer. Few years ago I was asked to visit with a young woman in a hospital who was diagnosed with advanced cancer. She had been married to a very successful young man and they had three beautiful young children – two boys and a girl. The man was totally upset when he was told that his wife has got only few more months to live as per medical evaluation. When I was with the patient, I never knew how I could console her. No words could avail, I thought. But the woman really surprised me. She told me that God had given her a great life; a very caring man she got as her husband; and they were gifted with three great kids. She said, "Yesterday I had a talk with my husband. I told him that after my death, shall you marry again, for you alone cannot take care and bring up our children. Never ever give a chance for our children to feel that they are not loved. Also, share with them that I always wanted to be with them, but life takes turns and they too have to realize it slowly ... I am going to my God and I will be a mediator and He will take care of you very well". A woman of great faith who could trust in God in spite of what happens, I said to myself while I was leaving from the hospital.

The present is the gift of God, and the way we respond in love and faith will determine our future. The here and now are the gift of life and the given-ness of life is to be appreciated to its full. Now is the time for making the best of the given-ness of life with all its beauty and of course its challenges and responsibilities. And now is the time to hope for what is yet to come and be dreaming of its possibilities and many ways to live its best for ourselves and for others. And this attempt to realize its greatness is the striving to enter by the narrow door. Not simply spending it lavishly and luxuriously with the extravaganzas, but to will it and to make it meaningful. Go beyond the obligations of a Christian, but rather celebrate it as a gift, the greatest gift you could get, and God could give you as well. Jesus' way of living his life is a model for us in the way he listened to God, giving his life fully for ransom for many. He told us, "I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10). *Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

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

#### Readings 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66:18-21 They will gather all of your people from all nations.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 The Lord disciplines those he loves.

**Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30 From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

#### Readings for next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 22nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
TUE 23rd August	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 24th August	St Bartholomew
THU 25th August	7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
FRI 26th August	9.00am Rosary
SAT 27th August	St Monica 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 28th August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Migrant & Refugee Sunday 9.00am Mass (followed by Cuppa & Chat) 6.00pm Mass

**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 **Sunday 21st August, 10.15am** (after 9am Mass) in the 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 collect your new rosters & Volunteer information.

**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 28th August. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation instead, please contact Julie for details.

**Social Justice News:** Next weekend, 27/28 August we will be celebrating Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Please come dressed in the traditional clothes of your country of origin.

We wish to thank Mrs. Carmel Northey-Cherrett, her helpers and all parents and students for raising over \$1050 during the Yamaha Keyboard Festival for the needs of the City of Joy in Zambia, Africa. The Salesian nuns will be delighted to receive some unexpected funds.

A heartfelt thank you also to the entire St Peter's school community for raising over \$500 for the "Donate a Ride" project organized by the Multicultural Development Organization in Brisbane. The project provides go cards for refugees and asylum seekers. A special thank you to the school staff for creating a social justice week and making students aware of the importance of doing mercy, loving, caring and supporting those who most need it.

**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.

## Year Of Mercy 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"It is not the magnitude of our actions that matter, but the amount of love that is put into them."*  
- Mother Teresa



Reach out. Give life.

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Mission Appeal last weekend

One of the key messages of the Christian faith is that lives can be transformed. The way things are at one point can be turned into something different at another point. Not just through the immediacy of a miracle but over the long-term: a mustard seed becomes a tree, an exodus through the desert becomes a dynasty, three decades of ministry, by Jesus, leads to the Church. The power of the Gospel has far-reaching consequences and demands a shift in our perspective. That's why Catholic Mission exists: to support those who seek to spread the Gospel, in places where the qualities it espouses - faith, hope, love and mercy - are so desperately needed. It is the work of missionaries like Sr Eulie that will, ultimately, help "the last to become first" - through education, feeding programs, medical clinics and all the other ways the Church serves those in need. On behalf of those who find their lives transformed and their status uplifted, thank you and may God Bless you for your generosity.

David McGovern, Diocesan Director  
Archdiocese of Brisbane

Note: Donations still accepted this weekend.

**Date Claimer:** Care & Concern Pilgrimage Retreat Saturday 22nd October to Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Travelling by bus. Cost \$10. Contact Jo Cullen for more details 0419 733 878

## Did you know?

Thanks to your generosity in the past you have helped to care for our retired priests...

"It's difficult to put into words the many ways that you have supported us – there's the healthcare, the travel assistance, which includes help navigating public transport, the accommodation, and much more. We're deeply grateful for this care. I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our benefactors and assure you that we remember you in our Masses and our prayers," says Fr Ian Wren, retired priest of Brisbane.



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**Volunteer Church Cleaners needed** to fill several vacancies on our church cleaning teams. Please contact Julie in the Parish Office if you can help out once every 8 weeks early on Saturday mornings

**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.

**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 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.

**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

**Living Biblically Session for Wednesday 24th August has been cancelled.**

The next and final session for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 19th October at St Stephen's Cathedral from 7pm to 8.30pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. Free parking will be available in the Cathedral car park which is open from 6pm (entrance via Charlotte St)

**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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Don Marion (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:** Laura May Gow, Horace Rance, Mercia Rance, Joan Routledge, Maureen Morrissey, David Kirk, Jan Seeto, Laurie Barriere, Wanda Michell, Margaret Quail, Kim Chock Ho, Ray McGregor, Dell Leary, Rose Ahern, Kim Tian Cho, Susan Maree Foley, Daniel Michael Sullivan, Catharina van Hoof, Gloria Simpson, Lena Quinn, Lynlie Warbrooke, Fay O'Brien, James Bonwick, Shirley Colhoun, Celestine Ellison, Betty Tanner, Eva Powis, Jean Bonwick, Shirley Nesbitt, Annie Heckelman

**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 27th & 28th August 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Diane Land Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Joyce Lyster Geoff Hondroudakis	Saidat Samson Nafisa	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Lydia Chew Diane McKeone	C 1 2	Arthur Leow Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahon	Zac	Carmel
Sun 6:00pm	Cesarina Gigante Kate Guy	C 1 2	Alan Camp John Blake Jo Cullen	Volunteers please	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 4 Jo Lavington, Murray Wickman, Efren & Grace Tuazon

**Children's Liturgy:** Kristy Scanlon      **This week: Linen:** Elizabeth Wang      **Counting:** Carl'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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