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## MISSION STATEMENT

"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,"



# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 23rd October 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 18: 9-14: How Do We Pray?

The parable in today's Gospel is popularly known as that of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. However, it is not so much about these persons, for even their names or any details of them are not given. So this parable is about the disposition for prayer in any person including us and others. This parable is exclusive to Luke and is addressed, not to the Pharisees but to those who 'trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt'. This could be a description of any self-righteous person. There is a great difference between being righteous and being self-righteous. The righteous person knows that he/she is dependent on God and can do nothing without God's help. The self-righteous person, on the other hand, is so filled with self importance and pride that he/she cannot see beyond one's own nose. May be, they even assume that God is dependent on them.

The Pharisee in the parable is relentless, and he pinpoints the fault in others, and never sees the need for God's grace. The Pharisees are certain that they are right and that they do not do any wrong. In our secular culture, when the church says it is wrong to do any of those thousands of things that the church condemns, we stand on our dignity and say it is not wrong. And the media today projects things and we somehow accept them as the right thing for us. The Tax Collector was not at all liked by the people of Jesus' time. They levied more than required of them and the surplus they took to their pockets. He collected taxes from the Jews and handed them what is required to the enemy invaders, the Romans. This despised man comes into the back of the temple and says, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. He can't change his life style because it is his job and he is like many today who have institutionalized their lives around wrong doings and think what they are doing is okay and part of their job. The Pharisee is self-righteous and doesn't thank God or ask for forgiveness; the Tax Collector is sorry, and has no dignity, he feels to stand on, and thus the outsider. Hold on to our Faith and we will recover because God loves us and strengthens us to repent, if not today, tomorrow. We are all sinners, dependent on divine mercy. It is indeed foolish and vain to think that we are better than others. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. If we are aware of the need for grace and forgiveness from God, will 'go home again at right with God'.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>First Reading</u>: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

<u>Second Reading</u>: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 The tax-collector returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Readings for next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

IN OUR PARISH	THIS COMING WEEK:		
MON 24th October	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting		
TUE 25th October	8.00am Mass with children		
WED 26thOctober	6.30am Mass Parish Office closed today		
THU 27th October	7.15pm Baptism Information meeting		
FRI 28th October	Sts Simon & Jude 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass		
SAT 29th October	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday		
SUN 30th October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass		

Year Of Mercy 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Where mercy, love, and pity dwell, there God is dwelling too."



- William Blake

Cuppa & Chat: Please join us for a Cuppa & Chat after the 9am Mass this Sunday. Next Cuppa & Chat will be after the 6pm Mass on Sunday 6th November.

Break Open the Word 2017: now available on the back table. Cost \$18 each. Break Open the Word is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group. Starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent!

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> will not be held this Sunday 23rd due to the Parish & School Family Mass. Children's Liturgy will continue again from next Sunday 30th October for the rest of the school term. Leaders please collect your new rosters and materials.

Music Ministry: The next Music Liturgy meeting will be held on Monday 24 October at 7:30 pm. Please bring your copy of Break Open the Word to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. See you then! For more information please phone Liz Fort 33410852.

All Souls Memorial Mass will be held on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm, followed by supper. We invite everyone to join us for that Mass as we remember all those who have died, particularly during the past year. Note that there will be no morning Mass this day. Apologies to those receiving letters that the date listed on some letters was incorrect. It is definitely Wednesday 2nd November

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St Stephen's

Cathedral: Are you interested in a pilgrimage to St Stephen's Cathedral? The Pastoral Council is hoping to have a pilgrimage on Saturday 5 November. We would be walking from the Ship Inn at South Bank at 9:30 to the Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Door, a pilgrimage in and around the Cathedral, reconciliation and mass at 11:30. For more information, please contact Kevin McMahon on 0433 925 158. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please leave your details on the sheet at the entrance of the Church.

Seminar: During his recent visit, the Archbishop mentioned Fr James Mallon and his book Divine Renovation. Fr Mallon will be presenting a seminar on his book "Divine Renovation - Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission" on Saturday 19th November from 9am to 4pm at San Sisto College, Carina. Fr James will inspire you with his stories of how his Canadian parish, St Benedict's has transformed their parish community to become a more vibrant, welcoming and outwardly focused faith community. He will share about the key strategies that have worked for them as well as their learnings from their challenges and failures. This is a rare opportunity

not to be missed to hear this world-leading pastoral practitioner talking about evangelisation, collaborative leadership and growing missionary disciples.

The Pastoral Council would like to organise a group of parishioners to attend. If you are interested, would you please contact Malcolm Carroll on 0438 949 099

Caring for Creation: Shaping the Future of our Planet Irish Columban Fr Sean McDonagh is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness on the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. Sean is the author of numerous articles and nine books. Thursday 3rd November: 6pm-8pm at the Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane. See poster on the noticeboard for more information. Enquiries Mike Humphrys: humphrysm@bne.catholic.net.au.

Car Boot Sale: Saturday 5th November, 8am - 12pm St. Matthew's Church Carpark, 172 – 180 Bryants Road, Cornubia. To book a space for only \$15 contact the St Matthew's Parish Office on Ph:3801 1626 or email: loganholme@bne.catholic.net.au by Thursday 27th October 2016. Sausage Sizzle, hot tea, coffee & cake. Plants for sale.

Fair Trade Market "Hands of World Trade Fair" - Oct 27th to Nov 1st. Cathedral of St Stephen's Art Group invites you to attend our Fair Trade Market opening preview on Thursday the 27th of October from 5pm to 7pm. "The Hands of the World" Fair Trade market is held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. The market then continues 9:30am to 4:30pm Friday the 28/10, Saturday the 29/10, Sunday the 30/10 and Monday the 31/10. Come and discover unique hand made gifts and homewares from over 20 countries. Light refreshment and demonstrations at the preview evening - all welcome. For further details email cossagart@gmail.com or check our website: www.cossag.org

The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ) invites you to our Annual November Remembrance Mass, which will take place on Sunday 6th November at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. See noticeboard for more details.



Vinnies News: 1. St Vinnies' Christmas Hampers: Please start thinking about contributing to our annual Christmas Hampers for those less fortunate in our area. Baskets will be in the church to collect your donated items from the weekend of 19th & 20th November.

2. We wish to advise everyone that the popular "Columban Calendars" for 2017 are now available from the Vinnies piety stall - priced at \$9.00.

3. One of our parishioners has advised that they have available a Shower Chair and a Wheelie Walker. Please contact one of the Vinnies team if you have need of either of these items.

Volunteers & the need for a Volunteer Register: The Archdiocese requires us to be more diligent in our record keeping regarding volunteers. In many ways, volunteers share the duties and rights of an employee of an organisation and as such we are required to have a complete list of volunteers just as a business would have a list of employees. Much of this is coming out as a result of a variety of legal action, including the Royal Commission. All Parish Volunteers will need to complete a Volunteer Data Form and sign the Code of Ethical Behaviour and return both to Julie. Volunteers who work with children still have to hold or successfully apply for a current Queensland Government Blue Card. Volunteers who visit vulnerable adults in their homes or Nursing homes and volunteers who work in the finance area of the Parish will need to consent to a Police Check. This is organised through the Parish Office and the Archdiocese and paid for by the Parish. Any queries or concerns, please call Julie in the Parish Office.

"The Journey" Catholic Radio Program – This week The Journey Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from amazing people. Add to that some great music and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Auslan Mass for the Deaf—November 20 Mass for the Deaf. An AUSLAN-SUPPORTED Mass will be held at St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street Dorrington/Ashgrove, on Sunday 6 March at 8.30am. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this very special Mass. Morning tea will follow. This is an initiative of the Central Deanery Pastoral Council. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au.

# All Hallows School 1953—56 Reunion

A 60 year reunion for past students who did Junior in 1954 or senior in 1956 (and those who joined them along the way) is planned for Saturday 29 October beginning with Mass in the school chapel at 10am followed by morning tea. Please call Sr Anne Hetherington on 0409 075 739 for invitation and further details.

Experience the "Power of Intercession" with Anne Marie Gatenby (Author of "A Practical Guide to Intercession") at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate on Sat 29 Oct (9.30am – 4.30pm) and Sun 30 Oct (1.30pm – 4.30pm). ALL welcome. BYO lunch. Morning and afternoon teas provided. Cost by donation. Enquiries: Miriam (3202 6856)

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Bella Aguas, Mervyn Littlefield, Richard Home, Les Winkle, Leo Cahill

<u>Book of Life & Mass Requests:</u> Michael Galea, Ricardo Grimalt, Doreen Jensen, Jerome Taylor, Douglas Legge, Colleen & Michael Hales, Evelyn Daly, Eva Dempsey, Sally Feeney, Marcella Cunningham, Alfons & Friedel Meerwald, Agnes & Henry Lovett

<u>Please pray for those who are sick, especially</u> Joe Wegener, Mary Rose Gill, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, 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 29th & 30th October 2016							
Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians		
Sat 6:00pm	Patrick Sequeira Joseph Dedigamuwa Diane Land	C 1 2	Michael Claridge Lyndal Bray-Claridge Geoff Hondroudakis	Jade Monica			
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Joan D'Netto Diane McKeone	C 1 2	Maria Chamberlain Arthur Leow Lydia Chew	Volunteers please			
Sun 6:00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	Lynn White Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Chevonne			

Church Cleaning: 5 Mary Andrew, Mark Connolly, Narelle Garland, Shane D'Silva

Children's Liturgy: Joel Lenihan This week: Linen: Glenys Peters Counting: Bob's team

Cuppa: no cuppa—5th weekend of the month. Next Cuppa & Chat Sunday 6th November after 6pm Mass



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 or to one of the Parish Councillors.

# 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

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com

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