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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."

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

24th July 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 11:1-13. Prayer and transforms a Person's Life.

There is an old story of a monk who was bothered by mice playing around him when he prayed. To prevent it, he got a cat and kept it in the prayer room so the mice would be scared away. But he never explained to his disciples why he had the cat. One day the monk walked down the corridor of the monastery and noticed that each of his disciples had a cat in their prayer room. After seeing the master with a cat in the prayer room, they thought that having a cat was the secret to powerful praying. And this Sunday gospel talks to us about prayer and the need to pray. Prayer has been defined as *talking with God, listening to God, petitioning God, intimate communion and communication with God*, and so on. However a definition that I like best is *Prayer is action*. Be sure, there is no shortcut to improve the depth and quality of prayer.

Luke's version of the **Lord's Prayer** is shorter than the more familiar one in Matthew's gospel. However, all the essential elements are there. We are asked to address God as 'Father' (Abba) because that word, in normal circumstances, suggests to a child both strength and love. This leads us to the rather astounding conclusion that God's supreme power is made available to us through his love. We are then told to pray for the coming of the kingdom - the fulfillment of God's loving plan for us - which comes only at the end of time. In the meantime we will need daily spiritual nourishment so that we may be strong enough and free enough to forgive and be merciful to others as we wait in faith and love the final challenge at the moment of death. Jesus then makes all this even more explicit by offering us examples of the power of prayer, especially when it is fervent and persistent. Praying for the coming of the kingdom does not mean asking God to come and 'shape up' all those other folks who are not as upright as we are. Rather, it means that we trust God so much that we want his dream for us to be fulfilled. It is therefore the victory of God's love for which we pray ... and that may very well mean forgiveness of our own self-righteousness. We are asked to pray for the daily bread, because we are pilgrims on our journey of life. Mostly we need the nourishment/food of courage and hope, lest we succumb to cynicism and despair. Then we ask our Heavenly Father to lift from our shoulders the burden of sinfulness and guilt so that we may make this journey with wings on our feet. This petition is followed by a solemn pledge to turn our sense of confidence and joy into forgiveness for all our fellow travellers. *To be a true contemplative, said St Theresa of Avila, you must simply say the Lord's Prayer ... but you must say it very, very slowly!* In other words, this prayer is an experience of faith and hope for us and for the world. Remember that the World Youth day (WYD) is on July 25-31 in Poland, Krakow, and Pope Francis will be present from 28th onward to help millions of youth to experience the love and mercy of God and thus to transform their lives for God.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14 He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 Ask and it will be given to you.

Readings for next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 25th July	St James 8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group
TUE 26th July	Sts Joachim & Anne 8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 27th July	6.30am Mass
THU 28th July	7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
FRI 29th July	St Martha 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 30th July	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 31st July	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**Year Of Mercy
17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

"If the message we are supposed to be getting is really, "Forgive us ... as we forgive" it's time to let everything to the mercy of God, to put down unholy righteousness, to purge our selves of grudges, and to move where we're welcome, uncaring and where we're not."
Joan Chittister OSB,
God's Tender Mercy



Cuppa & Chat: Please join us this Sunday 24th July for a Cuppa & Chat after the 9am Mass. Next cuppa & chat Sunday 14th August after the 9am Mass.

Archbishop's visit: Thank you to all who helped out in any way last weekend for the Pastoral Visit by Archbishop Mark Coleridge to our parish and school.
Mass Times for the Feast of the Assumption on Monday 15th August will be 6.30am and 9.30am (which the school children will attend). The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

Volunteer Church Cleaners needed to fill some vacancies on our church cleaning teams. Please contact Julie if you can help out once every 8 weeks.

Children's Liturgy resumes for Term 3 this Sunday. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.)

Leaders please collect your rosters and materials. New volunteers welcome. Any one who is interested please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Altar Servers & Church Cleaners please collect your new rosters.

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Monday, 8th August 2016 at 10am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. This year marks 150 years since the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart were founded by Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. In honour of the sesquicentenary, celebrations will include the blessing and opening of the new **MacKillop Walk** in the Cathedral precinct.

All the faithful are invited to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint and guests are encouraged to join us for morning tea in the Cathedral grounds after Mass. **RSVP by 1 August** by email to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3324 3200.

Catholic Mission Appeal 13th & 14th August

Music Ministry meeting Monday 1st August 7.30pm
Social Justice Group Facebook page: Interested in viewing items related to justice issues? Check out our Social Justice Group's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersRochedaleSocialJustice>

You don't need to be on Facebook to check out the links. For those on Facebook, don't forget to Like and Share the items that you find interesting or challenging.

Share the Dignity: The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items in August. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. A collection box will be placed at the back of the church during August for donations.

Vocations Novena (V9) Prayer Campaign 2016

Nine Weeks of Prayer for Vocations in the Archdiocese of Brisbane
12th June to 7th August 2016.

O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in your harvest and shepherds for your people.

VOCATION BRISBANE—Archdiocese of Brisbane
Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street
(GPO Box 282) Brisbane, QLD 4000
1300 133 544 or vocations@bne.catholic.net.au



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 for more information. Note: appropriate for all fitness levels (walkers welcome)



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.



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.
 God Bless St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Parish Rochedale

Entertainment Books are available for purchase. Full of discount vouchers to restaurants, hotels, and leisure activities to 1st June 2017. Still only \$65. Now as well as the traditional book you can choose a Digital Membership that will always be available on your smartphone. You can purchase online at www.entbook.com.au/2224e97 or buy today or during the week from Julie in the Parish Office.

See the Noticeboard for more information on the following:

<p>Theology in the City Lecture Series - Session 4: Mixed Messages: the Church's public debates in the media, 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>TOOWONG PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS Centenary Weekend July 30—31 (FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA). Each of the Parish Masses that weekend will be honoured with an after-Mass celebration; the major event after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday July 31 — a Parish picnic in the grounds of Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower.</p>
<p>Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story: Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery 287 Wellington St, Ormiston. Dates: Saturdays 13 August; 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</p>	<p>Women of the Way Annual Retreat: 26th-28th Aug The Women of the Way Annual Retreat will this year celebrate our milestone of 20 years operation. Venue: Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin Theme: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God (1 Pet 5:6) Presenter: Faylene Sparkes. Resident Priest: 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: Rev Fr John Mary Chin, Gregory Chin, Agatha Thien, Fatima Chin, Paul Mah, May Winter, Jack Bates, Frank Denaro, John Manuel, Jim Marrinan, Ted Carter, Ken Thomas, Helen Kostecka, Mina Sartori, Norm Richards, Faber Armstrong, Bonnie Armstrong, Catherine Sullivan, Bridget Weeks, Philomena Joyce, Anne Bates, Bill Graham, Lester de Mello, Graham Bourke, Bill Bray, Yvonne Mesalic, Jean Lilburne, Helena Scott, Lesley Winter, Irena Wlodarczyk, Tom Lyng, Fr Bill Taylor, Micheal Allen, Margaret Lewis

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Cherian Chacko (Fr Jacob's brother), 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 30th & 31st July 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Mal Jensen	C 1 2	Geoff Hondroudakis Anthony Della Brooke Della	Clive Angelina	Liz
Sun 9:00am	June Wilson Joan D'Netto Del Reynolds	C 1 2	Romana Langdon Marilyn Mills Walter Simpson	Volunteers please	Carmel
Sun 6:00pm	Malcolm Carroll Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Anne Fry Cora Gatabonton Vicki Routledge	Nathaniel	Rita

Church Cleaning: 8 Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy & Paul Heenan

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

Cuppa: Sunday 14th August after the 9am Mass: Stephanie Lenihan, Julie Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills



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

Our Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative is Malcolm Carroll. If you have any questions or concerns contact Malcolm on 0438 949 099 or mcaroll580@gmail.com

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