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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."*

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### 24th September 2017

(Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9      Philippians 1:20-24, 27      Matthew 20: 1-16)

### Reflection

The readings this Sunday touch on two important aspects of our relationship with God and our life of faith in him. Like the prophets before him Jesus summoned people urgently to repent and to place their lives under God's rule. But he also proclaimed God's patience and generosity, his readiness to wait for people to turn to him, his eagerness to welcome them into friendship with him, no matter how long they wait before approaching him.

The appeal that Jesus made to people in his proclamation of God's Kingdom - or the Kingdom of Heaven as St. Matthew preferred to call it in his gospel - had two main aspects to it.

Like the Old Testament prophets Jesus often preached in very blunt and challenging language. He often tried to provoke people into changing the direction of their lives by criticising, fiercely, the low standards of their faith and holiness and justice.

But on the other hand he also went out of his way to emphasise God's gentleness and generosity, his patience in the face of repeated failure, his unfailing desire to draw people into closer friendship with him and the way he actively changes people through their contact with him.

In other words, in Jesus' preaching, spiritual growth and holiness involves a joint effort between God and us. "God doesn't save us without us", as St. Augustine said. And both these aspects are present I think in the readings for the Mass this Sunday.

The few lines from the prophet Isaiah in the first reading emphasise the first aspect. "Seek the Lord while he is still to be found," he cries out. Get rid of sinful motives, abandon selfish and wicked behaviour, and turn back to God, who will always welcome you.

We understand the idea of paying workers the same wage for doing the same amount of work. We understand the idea of people being paid so much money for every hour that they work: the more work, the bigger the wage. It's a matter of ordinary justice, and any departure from the standards of ordinary justice causes resentment - as it does in the parable.

But the Kingdom of God - God's way of dealing with us and the patterns of relationships that take shape when God rules in a situation - go beyond the standards of ordinary justice. In our relationship with God, Jesus is saying, those who turn to him at the eleventh hour belong as fully to the Kingdom as those who have been working the whole day, in all the heat.

Isaiah's point was that we can never turn to God too early in our lives: time is short and the sooner we place ourselves under his influence the better. Jesus' point is that it's never too late to turn to God and to start sharing his life.

*Deacon Mike*

**Readings for next weekend: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 18:25-28      Philippians 2:1-11      Matthew 21:28-32

**Thanks** to Fr John Gillen for celebrating Masses with us this weekend. Fr John will be with us again for the 6pm Masses next weekend but for 9am Mass our celebrant will be Fr Harry Chan. We thank Fr John especially for the 21 Masses he will have celebrated with us while Fr Baiyi has been away!

## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 25th Sept</b>	No Mass
<b>TUE 26th Sept</b>	No Mass 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA team meeting 7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED 27th Sept</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul</b> No Mass
<b>THU 28th Sept</b>	No Mass
<b>FRI 29th Sept</b>	<b>Sts Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b> 9.00am Rosary No Mass
<b>SAT 30th Sept</b>	<b>St Jerome</b> 7.00am Gardening Working Bee 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 1st Oct</b>	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**RCIA:** This Sunday 24th September at the 9am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance with Sione Namoa a young man who has asked to be baptised in the Catholic faith. Sione has been in the Enquiry stage and will now be received into the Catechumenate where he will learn about the Church's teachings, traditions and scripture. We ask you to welcome Sione, support him and pray for him as he journeys to Baptism at Easter. Stay a while after 9am Mass to meet Sione over a cuppa.

**Cuppa and Chat** Please join us for a cuppa and chat after the 9am Mass this Sunday 24th September and after the 6pm Mass next Sunday 1st October.

**Gardening Working Bee: Saturday 30th September anytime from 7am - 10am** Spring is here,

the garden is growing and in need of a little attention. Please come along and lend a hand. Put on sunscreen and a hat and bring along some tools such as hand pruners, cutting devices, any gardening tools, e.g. a garden fork and, or rake for moving mulch would be useful. Together we can make a difference, come along even for an hour would be a big help.



**Driveway repairs:** the school has arranged to repair the concrete at the entrance to the top driveway beside the presbytery. Works were delayed due to the road-works the Council have been doing and only began on Friday. We apologise for the lack of access to the car-park near the Parish Office until at least Tuesday. Please park in the main car-park or the paddock if you need to visit the church or Parish Office for the next few days.

**Social Justice News:** This weekend should be Social Justice Sunday as the Social Justice Statement "Everyone's Business", on an inclusive and sustainable economy was launched by the Australian Catholic Bishops last week. However, we at St Peter's will hold Social Justice Sunday on the weekend of **14th & 15th October** after Fr Baiyi has returned.

**Many Thanks** for all the prayers and good wishes during my health problems. Recovery going well now. Thank you again. *Val Holzberger*

## Parish Dinner Dance

Saturday 7th October from 7.15pm at the Glen Hotel Function Room, in Eight Mile Plains.



The cost is \$60 which includes: Canapés on arrival, main meal, dessert, tea and coffee. Soft Drinks and alcohol available for purchase.

If you would like help for transport, see one of the Parish Pastoral Councillors. Everyone is welcome.

⓪ Numbers are needed by **this Friday 29th Sept** so please purchase tickets **this weekend** or from the Parish Office during the week!!

We are fundraising towards security lighting for the car-park near the Parish Office.

Donations for raffle prizes welcome.

Contact Jo Cullen on 0419733878.

Thanks to those businesses who have already donated prizes:

Springwood Towers Vietnamese/Chinese Restaurant, Rochedale News, Rochedale Village Hot Bread & The Glen Hotel. Thanks also to all the parishioners who have donated!

**Church Locked:** The Church will be locked and alarmed on weekdays at 1.15pm except by prior arrangement.

**Towards the Marriage Vote:** Please take home a copy of Archbishop Mark Coleridge's article in which he offers his perspective on the Same-Sex Marriage debate.

Also pick up another leaflet **Pope Francis, Marriage and the Plebiscite** prepared by the Australian Catholic Bishops giving Pope Francis' views on the topic.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass:** Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7th October, commencing at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

## Parish Workshops

### Exploring Models of Parish Leadership

All Clergy, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Parish Pastoral Council & other leadership group members and all interested parishioners are offered 3 opportunities to attend a workshop on *Exploring Models of Parish Leadership*. This workshop will outline five existing parish leadership models and identify the circumstances in which they best contribute to the life and mission of the parish.

**Option 1:** Tuesday 10th October at the Community Centre at St Bernard's Church, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt 7pm—9pm. RSVP by Friday 6th October.

**Option 2:** Thursday 12th October at the Parish Hall, Mother of Mercy Parish, 25 Bowman Street, Hendra 7pm—9pm. RSVP by: Monday 9th October 2017

**Option 3:** Saturday 14th October at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane. 9.00am—11.00am. RSVP by: Tuesday 10th October.

For RSVP's and enquiries please contact Mary-Anne at Evangelisation Brisbane: Ph: 3324 3443 or email ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au

**The Catholic Leader proudly presents the Community Leader Awards 2017:** These Awards recognise outstanding Catholics across Australia in various walks of life. All Australian Catholics are invited to nominate themselves or someone they know for one of five categories – Young Leader of the Year, School Leader of the Year, Professional Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and the major award, Community Leader of the Year. Nominations can be made at the official website, [www.theleaders.com.au](http://www.theleaders.com.au) or grab a copy of The Catholic Leader for a full-page nomination form. Nominations close on Friday September 29.

**Entertainment Books 2017/18** still available \$65 from the Parish Office or [www.entbook.com.au/2224e97](http://www.entbook.com.au/2224e97). Fantastic for the school holidays. The NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book, or the new Entertainment Digital Membership for your smartphone is packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and more! For a limited time, when you purchase an Entertainment Membership from our payment page, you'll receive a BONUS \$20 iTunes Gift Card plus FREE DELIVERY. What a win! But you need to be quick, offer ends on 29 September 2017 or until stocks run out.

***Invitations from around the Archdiocese:***

**Spirit in the City Conference** - QUT's Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane – Saturday, 7 October 2017 – Starting at 8.30am. A Website can be found at [www.spiritinthecity.com.au](http://www.spiritinthecity.com.au) and registrations are now open with Early Bird tickets closing Friday, 15 September 2017. For more info - Deacon Russ Nelson –Mb 0427 743 534

**Dutton Park Catholic Parish Centenary** - All members of the community are invited to celebrate the Centenary Anniversary of St Ita's Parish at Dutton Park (now part of Dutton Park—West End parish) on Sunday October 15. The 10am Celebration Mass at St Ita's Church, Pope Street, Dutton Park will be followed by a light lunch, refreshments and entertainment. . Enquiries: 3844 2744

**Parish Nursing Course—Information Session:** A course equipping participants to serve within their Parish or Church organisation. Suited to Nurses, Mid-wives, Allied health professionals and Pastoral staff.

When: Wed, October 4 10:00am– 12pm. Where: ACU, Leadership centre Level 3, Cathedral House 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. For further details please phone Leonie Rastas 0408 217 375

**Celebrating 100 Years of Fatima:** October 13th this year marks the centenary of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to our Cathedral for a CANDLELIT ROSARY PROCESSION on the evening of Saturday, October 14th. The procession will commence with Mass at 6pm and will then move around the City, using the same route as the Corpus Christi Procession. The volunteer organising committee relies on donations to meet the expenses of the procession. For more information contact 0412 802 122.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

***Those who have died:*** Les Dwyer, Audrey Hussey, Joan Coyer, John Potts, Rhonda Noble, Aline de Baritault

***Book of Life & Mass Requests:*** Ann Ryan, Gus Mitchell, Walter Blattman, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara, Barbara Gleeson, Joan Jebamalai, Bernard Bevan, Tony Bekavac, Mary Cecilia Taurino, William Howard, Cecilia Carlton, Louisa Swan, Melville Donohue, Mary-Josephine Lynch, George Grundy, Mostyn Morgan, Dorothy Wright, Robert Smith, Ian Derbyshire, Margaret Homas, Don Dewar, Colin Pettiford, Joan Stevens, Tom Stevens, Yat-Fung Choi, Shum Kong, Andrija Slivka, Ronald Paten, Sarah Denton, Sergio Viola

***Please pray for those who are sick, especially*** Neil Ballment, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Seseinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Ipari Morison, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, 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 September & 1st October 2017**

Co-ordinator		Readers		Communion	Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Diane Land	C 1 2	Les O'Gorman Mary Naughton Geoff Hondroudakis	Mal Jensen Carl de Mello Diane Land	Volunteers needed	Tim
Sun 9:00am	Grace Tuazon	C 1 2	Stephanie Lenihan Lydia Chew Monica O'Leary	Deacon Mike Jones Bev de Paola Joan D'Netto	Jada Luna	Carmel
Sun 6.00pm	Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Vickie Routledge Daniel Twidale Aurelie Regnard	Malcolm Carroll Cesarina Gigante Helen Graczyk	Monika Talia Rena	Rita

**Church Cleaning:** 5 Mark & Gabrielle Connolly, Narelle & Frank Garland, Shane D'Silva

**Children's Liturgy:** none      **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters      **Counting:** Bob's team

**Cuppa:** after the 6pm Mass on Sun 1st Oct: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk, Malcolm Carroll

**Other Parish Contacts**

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337  
 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103  
 Family Group Facebook:  
 St Peters Rochedale Family Groups  
 Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am)  
 Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:  
 Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com  
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