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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."

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

25th September 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 16:19-31. The Dives and Lazarus.

Both texts from the prophet Amos and the Gospel of Luke of this weekend seem to indicate that riches are bad, or that luxury is to be shunned, and try to be away from it for your spiritual life. A deeper reading, however, indicates that the core question of these texts is "Am I my brother/sister's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). Riches and luxury are a problem when they are gained at the expense of others' misery. They are a problem when they deaden the mind and the senses to responsibility. They are a problem when they become ends in themselves or when those who possess them become insensitive and unfeeling to the needs of others around them. The Gospel parable has often been titled as the parable of Dives and Lazarus. The rich man is not named. The Latin word 'dives' simply means rich. The parable has three parts: In the first, the focus is on rich man's opulence and wealth; the story begins by describing the rich man and his dress and food. In the second part, the focus is on the rich man's death and burial. The longest of the narrative forms the third part, and it is a dialogue. It is between the rich man and Abraham, and this forms the climax of the story. The 'purple and fine linen' may signify his love for luxury and his indulging in it. In his earthly life Lazarus lay outside the rich man's house; after death he is welcomed into Abraham's embrace. In life the rich man dwells in his own luxury house with all sorts of enjoyments; in death he is cast away into Hades where the wicked are punished for ever.

The rich man probably thought he was a good fellow - he meant no harm to any one, and let Lazarus stay at his gate; perhaps he might have many friends and they would have spoken well of him at his funeral. He is criticized because he was insensitive to the pain and sufferings of those so close to him. He had, as many of us would have, a blind spot - his was a sin of omission. There are many kinds of poverty, even in our homes, that we don't notice. We can live a marriage like the rich man, getting our own way, driving ahead, not noticing what I am doing to those I live with, not learning what change might be required of me. We could be arrogant to others, not being sensitive to their needs. Be a good friend, a good spouse, a sensible and loving parent, dutiful children to elderly parents and so on are the ways to be my brother/sister's keeper and that is the challenge of the Gospel for us today. The cost of being human is to notice Lazarus at the gate, and respond to him as a brother is the key theme of the parable.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7 You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Readings for next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 26th September	8.00am Mass
TUE 27th September	St Vincent de Paul 8.00am Mass
WED 28th September	6.30am Mass 9.00am "Thank You God for Spring"
THU 29th September	7.15pm Baptism Information meeting
FRI 30th September	St Jerome 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
SAT 1st October	St Therese of the Child Jesus 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 2nd October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Year Of Mercy
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Mercy takes us outside ourselves. It makes us one with the rest of the world."

Joan Chittister OSB,
God's Tender Mercy



Welcome back Fr Jacob!

We hope you had a great holiday.

Spring Garden Raffle: Care & Concern thank all who supported our raffle. Prize Winners were:

1st Rita Bishop, 2nd Helen Graczyk, 3rd Errol Phillips. 4th Lynn White.

Congratulations to these winners!

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24th and 25th September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *"A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society"*. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

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.

Every Volunteer will also be given copies of the various Archdiocesan Policies. Please read and keep all the policy documents. Volunteers who work with children still have to get a 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.

Home Communion Ministers, Communion Ministers and Readers:

Please collect your new rosters & Volunteer information. Please return the completed Volunteer forms at your earliest convenience.

Thank You God for Spring: Wed 28th September 9am till 3 pm in the Parish Centre. All primary school age children are invited to an exciting program of fun activities!!! Craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, play and games. Day will include morning tea and lunch. Cost for the day \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information. A few spaces still available.

Parish Ministry Expo: 8th & 9th October after all

Masses: Come along to the Parish Centre to see all the wonderful work being done in our Parish by you, the parishioners. Leaders: remember to plan your displays for assembling on Sat 8th Oct from 10am.

Pilgrimage retreat to Santa Teresa on Sat 22nd Oct for the Year of Mercy. We will be travelling to Santa Teresa, Ormiston by coach. We will have facilities for wheelie walkers and people needing assistance.

Cost \$10 which includes coach travel, morning and afternoon boxed lunch (let us know dietary requirements), quiet day of reflection in the Year of Mercy overlooking the bay and the beautiful garden areas of prayer. Open to everyone though there are ONLY 30 Seats available. (flyer at front of church) Place name on sheet at front of church. Please see Jo Cullen or Care & Concern committee on 0419733878 for more info.

The St Peter's School Fete is on October 16th from 10am to 3pm. Theme is "Farm to Fabulous" to celebrate the school's 40th Anniversary.

The P&F has opened the pre-sale of ride ambands, a order form is available at the back of the church. If you are interested in sponsorship of the fete, or can donate items, please contact the P&F via stpetersparentsandfriends@gmail.com or Michael Smythe on 0419 651 103. Stalls such as the cakes and preserve stall, and sweets stall would appreciate home cooked items that can be delivered close to the fete. We look forward to seeing many parishioners at the fete for this great community event.

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 on Saturday 1st October @ 10.00am. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Hanly Room. RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; 3324 3030 by Wed 28 September. The car park will be available from 9.00am, entrance from Charlotte Street.

Celebration of 40 Years of Care & Concern in the Archdiocese: Mass followed by Morning Tea at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley (10am, 6 October) All past and present members of Care & Concern groups are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to the Care & Concern Project Worker, Melissa Gannon p: 3399 5671 email: Melissa.Gannon@bne.centacare.net.au



Vinnies News: Each year at Christmas time there is an increasing demand from families in need for our Christmas Hampers. Through your generous support we have been able to meet that demand. For this 2016 year we now ask our parishioners to invite their employer to join with us and donate items (Food or toys etc.). We are aware that there are many calls on organisations and we would be grateful for whatever may be donated. If any employer is willing to join with us please leave a contact name and telephone number with Julie on 3341 4421 and a Vinnies member will make contact. We will also make contact again with our local Drakes IGA and Woolworths Underwood store. Both of these organisations donated to our 2015 Christmas Hamper appeal. We would also like to say a warm welcome to our new Vinnies members: Ros Dawson and Stephanie Lenihan.

Brisbane Open House (BOH) On the weekend of 8/9 October the Cathedral of St Stephen and St Stephen's Chapel will participate in BOH. BOH celebrates the city's architecture, giving visitors a rare insight into contemporary, historic and environmentally significant buildings in the heart of the city. View the display of Mary MacKillop artefacts in the windows of Penola Place and follow the Mary MacKillop Walk (opened and blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on 8 August, the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).

"La Messe en francais" - Mass in French:

Fr Tom Elich will celebrate the Mass in French at Bulimba Parish's Sts Peter and Paul Church on Sunday 25th Sept. These Masses are held quarterly and this is the third such gathering for 2016. The Mass starts at 3.00pm. All are welcome to attend, especially Francophiles and new-comers. The 'Messe en français' will be followed by refreshments (please BYO plate to share in the fellowship).

"Spirit in the City": A QUT Chaplaincy Christian Conference on Faith, Culture, Public Affairs aimed at young adults. This one day conference concerns the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society. Cost: \$25 Concession \$50 Adult Saturday, 8 October, 2016 @ P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane. Registrations essential. See noticeboard for more details.

Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story:

Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery
287 Wellington St, Ormiston.
Dates: Saturday 15 October
9.00am for 9.30am to 3.00pm
Cost: \$40 (\$25 concession)
BYO Lunch - Morning Tea supplied
Contact: Carolyn Doherty 0416 268 316 or carolyndoh@gmail.com

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died:

Book of Life & Mass Requests: 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 Carlon, 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, K. Wiltshire, Simon Doyle, Valentine Pollard, John Mitchell, Col Henderson

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Jean Chartres, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, Cherian Chacko (Fr Jacob's brother), 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 1st & 2nd October 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Les O'Gorman Carl de Mello	C 1 2	Neil Ballment Shelagh Ballment Jo Cullen	Volunteers please	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Ella Simpson Anne Scanlon Alan Scanlon	C 1 2	Walter Simpson Stephanie Lenihan Marilyn Mills	Volunteers please	Carmel
Sun 6:00pm	Anne Fry Kevin Fry	C 1 2	Vicki Routledge John Blake Helen Graczyk	Volunteers please	Liz

Church Cleaning: 1 Joseph & Angela Dedigamuwa, Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede

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

Cuppa: There will be a Cuppa & Chat after every Mass on the Ministry weekend 8th & 9th October



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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