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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."

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

28th August 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

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

Luke 14:1, 7-14. Living from Within, Living from Our Hearts

In Luke's Gospel, more than any other, Jesus agrees to be a dinner guest. This Gospel has many kingdom stories and most of the parables of the kingdom are on a festal context. At a feast all are happy and all are satisfied. There is no discontentment or complaints. Thus the nature of God's kingdom is the central theme of all these parables. In God's kingdom all are welcome, all have a place, all are satisfied and there is no need of any rush or packing in. God and the loving presence satiates all human needs including hunger and thirst. Humility is a funny thing. Once you think you've got it, you've lost it. It seems humility is a major theme of the readings today. If the first reading from Sirach begins with the advice to perform one's tasks with humility, in the Gospel text of today, Jesus advises choosing the lowest place as a practical way of performing one's tasks. At the cursory level, one might assume that Jesus is giving a lesson on table manners, or providing a strategy by which one can gain honour. This is true, but is only a small part of the story. A deeper reading reveals that there is much more. Jesus noticed that guests at the house were rushing in to get the so called noble seats and thus to impress the audience. And the Pharisees were rushing in to show others that they more dignified than other guests.

Jesus shocks the guests especially the ones who tried to be first in the order of seating. We live in a world that judges mainly by externals. That is why almost all cosmetic companies are thriving because most people lay too much stress on the externals. How one dresses, what brand name one chooses in dress and perfumes, what shoes one wears, etc. have become great signs of one's greatness! Sometimes we live artificial, false, empty lives in the hope that we will be given the importance and acceptance we seek. Against this background we have to read today's Word. The call and the challenge are to a different way of life. The Word today invite us to live from within, to live from our hearts. They call us to rest assured in the fact that each of us, no matter how we look externally, is a unique, special and precious one before God. Be simply ourselves, and accept ourselves fully. God wants us to be giving glory to Him in our way of being fully human. We are invited to be the best of we could be, for we are created in the form and likeness of God. Jesus our Lord has walked ahead of us showing the glorious way of living our humanity at its best. 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted' (Luke 14:11).

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

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

Readings 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14 All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Readings for next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

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 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist
TUE 30th August	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 10.00am Funeral Mass of Rosa Sponza
WED 31st August	
THU 1st September	
FRI 2nd September	9.00am Rosary
SAT 3rd September	St Gregory the Great 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 4th September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass followed by Cuppa & Chat

Year Of Mercy 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I entreat you, my dearly loved ones to forgive from your hearts."
- St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop, 1890



No Healing Mass: Unfortunately there will be no Adoration or Healing Mass in September. Next Adoration and Healing Mass will be Friday 7th October which is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Communion Ministers and Readers: Please collect your new rosters & Volunteer information.

Social Justice News: This year we are observing the 102nd World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is an occasion to celebrate the fact that Australia is graced by the life, work and gifts of generations of migrants; but also an occasion to grow in the awareness of the global phenomenon of people on the move. **Pope Francis has chosen as theme: "Migrants and refugees challenge us. The response of the Gospel of Mercy."** The Pope reflects on the tragic stories of men, women and children who are victims of violence, persecution and poverty. If they survive the abuses and hardships of their journey, they face suspicion and fear at their new destination as well as a lack of respect for their human rights and dignity and no proper integration programs. According to Pope Francis: "Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck. Whether large or small in scale, these are always tragedies even as a single life is lost. Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all. Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones?" (Papal Message p.4/5 from "Migrant and Refugee Kit 2016, Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office")

Share the Dignity: last weekend for donations of sanitary items for homeless and at-risk women. Thank you all very much for your donations so far. We have quite a large bundle of sanitary items to give to the Share the Dignity charity this week. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation please contact Julie in the Parish office for details.

Date Clamer: Spring Garden Raffle—Care & Concern are having a spring garden raffle on the weekends of 10/11 Sept and 17/18 Sept so bring along your spare change to buy a ticket. Let's get ready for spring!!!

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 if interested or for more info.

Thank You God for Spring: 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. Contact Jo Cullen 0419733878 or the Parish Office for more information.

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.

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The seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary are truly humbled by the support that you give during the Annual Catholic Campaign.

The gifts you put toward the Campaign each September directly benefit Holy Spirit Seminary, training the priests of the future to be missionaries of mercy.



29 ORDINATIONS IN THE LAST 8 YEARS

Pope Francis says that, "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community." Thanks to your prayers and your financial support our Seminary in Banyo is preparing 15 more young men for the priesthood.

With your ongoing support Holy Spirit Seminary is able to help each seminarian in the Archdiocese of Brisbane respond to the call of their vocation, providing spiritual formation and theological training.



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Vinnies News: St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded, by Frederic Ozanam, in 1833 in Paris, just after the French Revolution. His aim was for a Society that would provide help to the needy, poor and disadvantaged in the name of Christ. Our Parish Conference continues this work through home visitation to the needy people in our area.

We have some items available to anyone or a family who needs them: 1 Commode, 1 over the bath chair, 1 over the toilet chair and 1 corrugated mattress. Please contact any SVDP member or Stephanie tel: 0413268860

SYMPOSIUM— What is catholic (universal) about Catholic identity? —2nd September, 4:30pm – 6:30pm at St Thomas More College, Sunnybank. In this age of increasing secularisation, what does the Catholic tradition offer? How does this offer points of contact as we welcome those from other traditions, or those from a secular background, into our communities? Keynote speaker Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan from Catholic Theological College Melbourne and a panel of local speakers. Enjoy opportunities for questions and informal discussion over drinks and canapés. Cost \$15. For further information and bookings please phone 07 3336 9167 or register online at www.ife40.com (Institute of Faith Education 40th anniversary)

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

Mass for the Deaf: St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove, for the Central Deanery Pastoral Council, will host an Auslan-Supported Mass on Sunday 11th September at 8.30 am. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this Mass, with morning tea afterwards.
Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au.
Another Auslan Mass will be held on 20th November.

Multicultural Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral Sunday August 28, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm.
Come and join in the annual Multicultural Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by food and cultural presentations on the Cathedral grounds. The liturgy, with participation by some of the many cultures that make up the Archdiocese, is one of the most vibrant to be witnessed throughout the year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Rosa Sponza (Jane Sponza's mother-in-law), Don Marion (Kathy Jensen's brother-in-law)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Celestine Ellison, Betty Tanner, Eva Powis, Jean Bonwick, Shirley Nesbitt, Annie Heckelman, Desmond Talbot, Josephine Reilly, Ruby McCormick, George Wiltshire, William Cummings, Norma Spearritt, Molly Belfield, Vera Hobson, Bertha Ann Kelly, Dan Cummins, Maude Loth, Alan Simmins, Jack Macartney, Thomas O'Brien, Anna Viola, Lillian Rose Funk, Leslie McLachlan, Alice Harvison, Mariah Egan, Jennifer Johnstone,

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 3rd & 4th September 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Faith Coyer John Coyer Lyndal Bray-Claridge	C 1 2	Michael Claridge Jo Cullen Mal Jensen	Jade Perina Monica Svarc	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour Kieran Lenihan	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Monica O'Leary	Jada Nathan	Rita
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Malcolm Carroll	C 1 2	Fiorenzo Matarazzo Rosemary Moore Helen Graczyk	Chevonne Mone	Anne

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

Children's Liturgy: Jodie Baigent **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Bob's team

Cuppa: Sunday 4th September after the 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk



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 one of the Parish Councillors or to Julie in the Office.

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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