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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 B) 28th October 2018

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

### Just a few thoughts.....

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Bartimaeus was desperate for healing, so he boldly called out for what he needed though he was rebuked for doing so. Bartimaeus' neighbours probably found his display of desperation embarrassing and unsettling. Sometimes in our community we allow ourselves and others to suffer in silence, but in this passage, God shows us that he is not unsettled by our cries, but will respond to them.

Usually when we are stricken with disease, disability, financial hardship or grief instead of calling out to our neighbour or God we hold everything in, choosing silence over the possibility of being rebuked for our pain. Instead of rebuking Bartimaeus, Jesus responds to his cries by asking him what he wants and healing him. This short passage can teach us a great deal about how to handle suffering in our own lives and the lives of those in our community. God never meant for us to suffer alone and Jesus' response to Bartimaeus shows this. Instead of silencing those in our community who are crying out for comfort, healing or justice, we should encourage them to respond to the call of Jesus.

What I love about Jesus' actions in this story is that though it was probably clear that Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus does not automatically decide that healing from blindness was what he needed. Instead, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" By asking Bartimaeus what he wanted Jesus is giving him the option to make a decision for himself about his healing. Too often in our society people who need assistance are not given this kind of option. Jesus goes against the grain of what was expected.

Bartimaeus shows all of us that we can exuberantly let our request be made known to God because he hears our cries and will respond to them. Let us recall the words of today's Responsorial Psalm, The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy." May we never forget it.

*Deacon Mike*

### Readings for next weekend: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 12:28-34

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults:** Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

**Training:** Part of this process is that all Volunteers must have training in the Policy and its applications. Whilst an **online training** program should be ready by the end of the year for most volunteers, those who work directly with children or vulnerable adults must attend **face to face training** sessions if they have not already done so. There is a training session in **Carina Parish** at the Dominic Centre, 100 Mayfield Rd, Carina on **Wed 31st October** 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Another at **Coorparoo Heights Parish** Hall, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill on **Wed 14th November** 10am to 12noon. Also another on **Wed 21st November** at St Bernardine's at Regents Park from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please see Jo or Julie for more information. **Registration essential.**

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## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 29th Oct</b>	No Mass 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
<b>TUE 30th Oct</b>	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with children 7.00pm RCIA 7.30pm Baptism Information meeting
<b>WED 31st Oct</b>	No Mass
<b>THU 1st Nov</b>	<b>All Saints</b> 8.00am Mass
<b>FRI 2nd Nov</b>	<b>All Souls</b> 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass 7.30pm <b>All Souls Memorial Mass</b>
<b>SAT 3rd Nov</b>	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 4th Nov</b>	<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass 4.45pm Youth RCIA 6.00pm Mass

**Fr Baiyi's absence:** Thanks to Fr John Gillen and Fr Paul Murphy for celebrating Masses with us this weekend. Fr Baiyi is set to return sometime on Wednesday. Liturgy of the Word with the children will replace the Tuesday morning Mass with the children. All are welcome to this and to.....  
**Mass at 8am on Thursday 1st November for All Saints Day.** (Note special day and time)  
Please also join us for **Adoration and Healing Mass** as usual this Friday for the **first Friday** of the month  
**All Souls Memorial Mass** will also be held on Friday 2nd November at 7.30pm, followed by supper. We invite everyone to join us for this Mass as we remember all those who have died, particularly during the past year.

**Raffle:** Thank you to all who supported the fundraising for our Youth Program by purchasing a raffle ticket. Congratulations to Agnes Fong who had the winning ticket. We raised \$49.00.

**Melbourne Cup Lunch** Tuesday 6th November 11am to 2.30pm. Tickets on sale now. \$35 per person. Dress up for a great day. Prizes for best hat, fashion on the field. Great sweeps, fun and friendship. **Money has to be in by 2nd Nov!**

**RCIA:** This Sunday at the 9am Mass we publicly welcome Kimberley Kanages into our St. Peter's community. Kimberley will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Sunday 25/11 when she will make her 1st Holy Communion and be Confirmed. Please continue to pray for her.

**Music Liturgy:** The next Music Liturgy Meeting will be held on Monday 29 October at 7:30pm. Please bring your copy of *Break Open the Word* to 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South so that we can plan effectively for Music choices. Thank you, Elizabeth Fort (3341 0852 for inquiries)

**Are you a Mass Co-ordinator, Reader or Communion Minister or would like to be?** The next Mass Co-ordinators/Communion/Readers Rosters will cover the summer holiday months running from 1st December to end February 2019. Please indicate on the slips on the table near the main doors, any dates you know that you will be unavailable or any changes for the next roster and pop them in the grey Peter's Post box on the wall. New Ministers welcome. Training provided. Please read the updates on the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy in this newsletter

**Celebrate the Year of Youth - 5.30pm -9pm 24th November.** If you're between the age of 13 and 30 come and celebrate the Year of Youth! Free event! Food trucks, live entertainment and music, and freebies. We have several people from St Peter's planning to attend so we can car-pool. Contact Jo for more info and to register.

**Donations:** An optometrist will be visiting remote villages in Vanuatu soon and is asking for donations of spectacles, Bibles, lead pencils, coloured pencils, crayons and exercise books. Place your donations in the marked box at the back of the church.

**St Peter's School Choirs** are singing at the Rochedale Village Fun Day from 12 noon on Saturday 3rd November to celebrate the centre's reopening after the fire. Come along, support our students and enjoy the day.

### Plenary Council 2020

#### Listen to what the Spirit is saying .....

We will have another Parish Gathering on **Sunday 11th November from 10.15am** in the Parish Centre. Come along and be sure to extend an invitation to friends and family to join us to have their say—"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

**You may be asking "What else can I do to prepare for the Plenary Council?"**

**Pray:** The Holy Spirit is leading us and the stillness of prayer opens our hearts to hear God's voice. You can find the Plenary Council prayer on their website.

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### YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:

"Christ is the centre of Christian life." (GE 20)

— Pope Francis -Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete Et Exultate On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*

**Planned Giving via Direct Bank Transfer:** If you would like to direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

**Bequests and Endowments:** Have you considered leaving a bequest or endowment to the parish in your will? Pick up one of our new bequest brochures.

**Safeguarding Updates** *continued from page 1: Blue Cards & Police Checks:* It has been noted that many of our ministries have an implied level of trust. As such there is an expectation that anyone ministering in one of these positions of implied trust be of a high standard of character. This includes Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion because they are seen up on the sanctuary reading the Word of God and sharing out the Body and Blood of Christ. All of the members of these ministries throughout the Archdiocese are being asked to complete a Blue Card form and Police Check regardless of how many years you have already been a minister so *please* do not be offended. Please speak to Jo or Julie or Malcolm (our Local Safeguarding Representative) for more clarification.

**STOPline** is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. These can be made anonymously. Phone 1300304550 or email AOB@stoline.com.au



**St Vinnies' News:** Thank you! We have had a wonderful response and with the help of Vinnies Furniture Store, GIVIT donations and donations from our St. Peter's family, we have been able to fill the houses of our two families. Thank you to all who helped.

SVDP are seeking Volunteers to join us. To be a member you only need to have compassion, a non-judgemental attitude and most of all a kind heart. If you are interested and would like some information on what we do please call John Blake on 0411196775

**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 Baiyi or to one of the Parish Councillors.

**Other Parish Contacts**

**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412 267 337  
Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

**Family Group Facebook:**

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Mal Jensen 0411641312

**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am  
(1st Fridays 8.30am) All Welcome!

**Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative:**

Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or  
sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

**Social Justice Group Facebook:**

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

**St Vincent de Paul Group:**

New member enquiries John Blake 0411 196 775

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** John O'Sullivan, Valerie Lee, John Watson

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Evelyn Daly, Eva Dempsey, Sally Feeney, Marcella Cunningham, Alfons & Friedel Meerwald, Agnes & Henry Lovett, Catherine Doyle, Kathleen Flanagan, Mary Santhing, Jim Wetherspoon, Mary Browne, Kathleen Carmody, Rodney West, Russell Hawkins, Mary-Liz Field, Monica Moran, Lew Spowart, Inge Kurth, Joseph Reilly, Mary Bowden, Veronica Cullen, Bridget Finn, Doris Edna Duffey, Margaret McGovern

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Michael Harkin, Zhiding Gong, David Richardson, Joachim Brandt, Vickie Routledge, Martine Pitts, Kaitlin Bakker, Warren Williams, Vivian Kennedy, Danny Costello, Benny Santanaraj, Jose Rochil Contreras, Kim Power, Lexie Harding, Violet Adamson, Max Drummond, Karen Johnston, Lori Hodder, Apolonio Aguas, Tony McDonald, John Drew, John Green, Kevin Dingwall, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Elmore Kotzur, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Hamish Stuhmeke, Bonnie Dematillar, Johnny Summers

3rd & 4th Nov	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am		Sunday 6pm
<b>Mass Co-ordinators</b>	Carl de Mello	Grace Tuazon		Malcolm Carroll
<b>AV Operators</b>	David Crowley	Volunteer please		John Donohue
<b>Readers</b>	C. Volunteer please 1. Peta Grandin 2. Jo Cullen	C. Kathy Seymour 1. Romana Langdon 2. Samara Crawford		C. Raylee Burns 1. Lynn White 2. Bob Burns
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Lyndal Bray-Claridge Joseph C Varkey Danny Vaihu	Deacon Mike Bernard Langdon Shane Seymour Gwen Martin	Del Reynolds Anne Scanlon Julie H	Ros Dawson Cesarina Gigante Dona Thomas
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Talia, Layla	Zac, Amber, Oliver		Angelina, Eza
<b>Musicians</b>	Tim	Carmel		Rita

**Church Cleaning:** 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Dona Thomas, Julie Hondroudakis

**Children's Liturgy:** Kristy Scanlon **This week:** **Sacristan:** Glenys Peters **Counting:** Carl's Team

**Cuppa:** Sun 4th Nov after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Malcolm Carroll, Helen Graczyk



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