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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 19:1-10: Letting Myself be Changed and Letting Jesus Find Us

Luke narrates the episode of Zacchaeus so his readers would better discover what they can expect of Jesus: the Lord they invoke and follow in the Christian Communities 'has come to seek out and save what was lost'. They (and we) must never forget it. At the same time, the story of what Zacchaeus does, helps to answer the question that many of us carry within: Can I still change? Isn't it by now too late to redo a life that, for the most part, has gone to waste and meaninglessness? What step can I take? Zacchaeus enters the scene, described in two ways that define his life precisely. He is one of the senior tax collectors and is wealthy. In Jericho everyone knows that he is a sinner. Someone who doesn't serve God but serves money. His life, like so many others, isn't very humane. But this man was trying to see Jesus and that surprises the reader/listener. It is not just curiosity, but he really wants to know who Jesus is, what it is about this prophet that so attracts the crowd. This was not an easy thing for a man snug within his own world. So something good is in him and this desire for Jesus will change his life fully. Impediments are many: he is short in size; and up to now his life was not motivated by very noble ideas; and the people are another impediment. But the man keeps at his quest simply and sincerely. He runs to get ahead of the crowd, and climbs a tree like a child. He only wants to find a moment and a place adequate to make contact with Jesus. He wants to see the prophet who attracts people.

Jesus sees him and the meeting will be at this sinner's house. Zacchaeus comes down and welcomes Jesus in his house full of joy. Like in this man, there are decisive moments when Jesus passes through our life because he wants to save our wasted life. He won't let us escape from it. Luke is concerned, not about the meeting, but only of Zacchaeus' transformation. He changes his ways of looking at life; he will do justice for those he has exploited and will share his goods with the poor. Jesus' mission was to seek out and save what was lost. To be found by Jesus meant that Zacchaeus had to give up and lose much of himself. We believers in Jesus need to know that a more authentic meeting with Jesus can make our life more human and, above all, more in solidarity. And, when we take a small step towards the Lord, we discover that he has already taken a giant step towards us.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Readings for next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Luke 20:27-38

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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."



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

MON 31st October	8.00am Mass
TUE 1st November	All Saints Day 8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
WED 2nd November	All Souls Day No morning Mass 7.30pm Memorial Mass
THU 3rd November	
FRI 4th November	St Charles Borromeo 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 5th November	9.30am Social Justice meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 6th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Year Of Mercy

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus, with his merciful behaviour, shows the church the path it must take to reach out to every person so that each one can be healed in body and spirit and recover his or her dignity as a child of God."

Pope Francis,

Papal Audience 31st August, 2016



Break Open the Word 2017: now available on the back table. Cost \$18 each. *Break Open the Word* is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group. Starts with the 1st Sunday of Advent!

All Souls Memorial Mass will be held this Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm, followed by supper. We invite everyone to join us for that Mass as we remember all those who have died, particularly during the past year. Note that there will be no morning Mass this day. Apologies to those receiving letters that the date listed on some letters was incorrect. It is definitely Wednesday 2nd November

Social Justice News: In August we have written a letter to Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Shorten, Mr. Scullion, Mr. Vasta, Mr. Chalmers and Prof. Jillian Triggs about the high incarceration rates of indigenous people in the justice system and about the mistreatment of children in the Northern Territory Youth Detention Centre. We have received two answers, from Prof. Triggs stating that the Human Rights Commission advocates constantly on these important issues and from Mr. Scullion, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs informing us that the government is spending \$4.9 billion over 4 years to improve outcomes for indigenous people. Also, the outcome of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the NT is expected to be completed by 31/3/2017. If you wish to read the letters they are on the church door.

This weekend we will also finalize our mail for Africa so please sign the Christmas cards to the girls in Zambia and to Dr. Hamlin after each Mass. Thank you **Santa Teresa Pilgrimage Retreat Day:** The Parish retreat was a gift of mercy to us. The beauty, peace and thoughtful prayer areas at Santa Teresa provided a moving stimulus for reflection, prayer, offering and stillness. The input from Sr Kari was thought provoking and interesting. It was wonderful to be able to mix with other parishioners in the break times and it was interesting to hear what others enjoyed the most. One of my favourites was the Cana prayer space where we could reflect on any troubles we had, make a prayer for a new start and could then wash our hands in the large jars as a symbol of starting anew. I reflected on the words of the sculpture- "Do whatever he tells you..."

Thank you Jo for organising this gift of a day. Thanks also to the Archdiocese for providing the grounds of Santa Teresa, and the refreshments, for free for the day. *Grateful Participant*

Adoration and Healing Mass: this Friday 4th November. As always we will commence with Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Reconciliation available from 9.05 to 9.20am then Healing Mass at 9.30am.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to St Stephen's

Cathedral: Are you interested in a pilgrimage to St Stephen's Cathedral? The Pastoral Council is hoping to have a pilgrimage on Saturday 5 November. We would be walking from the Ship Inn at South Bank at 9:30 to the Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Door, a pilgrimage in and around the Cathedral, reconciliation and Mass at 11:30. For more information, please contact Kevin McMahan on 0433 925 158. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please write your details on the slips of paper at the entrance of the Church and pop in the box.

Seminar: During his recent visit, the Archbishop mentioned Fr James Mallon and his book *Divine Renovation*. Fr Mallon will be presenting a seminar on his book "**Divine Renovation - Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission**" on Saturday 19th November from 9am to 4pm at San Sisto College, Carina. Fr James will inspire you with his stories of how his Canadian parish, St Benedict's has transformed their parish community to become a more vibrant, welcoming and outwardly focused faith community. He will share about the key strategies that have worked for them as well as their learnings from their challenges and failures. This is a rare opportunity not to be missed to hear this world-leading pastoral practitioner talking about evangelisation, collaborative leadership and growing missionary disciples. The Pastoral Council would like to organise a group of parishioners to attend. If you are interested, would you please contact Malcolm Carroll on 0438 949 099



Vinnies News: 1. St Vinnies' Christmas Hampers: Please start thinking about contributing to our annual Christmas Hampers for those less fortunate in our area. Baskets will be in the church to collect your donated items from the weekend of 19th & 20th November.

2. "Columban Calendars" for 2017 are now available from the Vinnies piety stall - priced at \$9.00.

3. One of our parishioners has advised that they have available a Shower Chair and a Wheelie Walker. Please contact one of the Vinnies team if you have need of either of these items.

Caring for Creation: Shaping the Future of our Planet Irish Columban Fr Sean McDonagh is known around the world as an eco-theologian who works to raise awareness on the connections between justice and peace issues, environmental sustainability and faith. Sean is the author of numerous articles and nine books. Thursday 3rd Nov: 6pm-8pm at the Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane. Enquiries Mike Humphrys: humphrysm@bne.catholic.net.au.

Fair Trade Market "Hands of World Trade Fair" - Oct 27th to Nov 1st. Cathedral of St Stephen's Art Group invites you to attend our Fair Trade Market opening preview on Thursday the 27th of October from 5pm to 7pm. "The Hands of the World" Fair Trade market is held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. The market then continues 9:30am to 4:30pm Friday 28/10 through to Monday 31/10. Come and discover unique hand made gifts and homewares from over 20 countries. Light refreshment and demonstrations at the preview evening - all welcome. For further details email cossagart@gmail.com or check our website: www.cossag.org

Car Boot Sale: Saturday 5th November, 8am - 12pm St. Matthew's Church Carpark, 172 - 180 Bryants Road, Cornubia. Sausage Sizzle, hot tea, coffee & cake. Plants for sale. For more information contact the St Matthew's Parish Office on Ph:3801 1626 or email: loganholme@bne.catholic.net.au

The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ) invites you to our **Annual November Remembrance Mass**, which will take place on Sunday 6th November at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. See noticeboard for more details.

Auslan Mass for the Deaf—November 20 Mass for the Deaf. An AUSLAN-SUPPORTED Mass will be held at St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street Dorrington/Ashgrove, on Sunday 6 March at 8.30am. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this very special Mass. Morning tea will follow. This is an initiative of the Central Deanery Pastoral Council. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au.

"The Journey" Catholic Radio Program – This week The Journey Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from amazing people. Add to that some great music and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Lito Fabrido, Bella Aguas, Mervyn Littlefield, Richard Home, Les Winkle

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Elena & Candido Cabrido, Robert & Valerie Perriman, Agatha Thien, Mary Josephine Lee, Peter & Thomas Mah, Nicholas, Gregory & Dominic Chin, James Leong, Monica Lin, Dora Saldana, 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, Bridget Finn, Doris Edna Duffey, Margaret McGovern, Margaret Walton, Kevin Turner

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Anna Chacko, Joe Wegener, Mary Rose Gill, Roger Byrne, Margot Harris, 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 5th & 6th November 2016

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Shelagh Ballment Faith Coyer John Coyer	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Mary Naughton Neil Ballment	Clive Angelina	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Stephanie Lenihan Shane Seymour Kieran Lenihan	C 1 2	Kath Seymour Megan Seymour Marilyn Mills	Zac	Anne
Sun 6:00pm	Deacon Mike Jones Cora Gatabnton	C 1 2	Helen Graczyk Aurelie Regnard Fiorenzo Matarazzo	Nathaniel	Tim

Church Cleaning: 6 Neil Mone, Greg Rosso, Michael Porter, Dona Thomas

Children's Liturgy: Elizabeth Mura **This week: Linen:** Celine Phillips **Counting:** Carl's team

Cuppa: Sunday 6th November after 6pm Mass: Celine Phillips, Jodie Baigent, Lynn White



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

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