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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."

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

31st July 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Luke 12:13-21: "Having More" or "Being More", Which is the Best for Us?

Two contrasting images can bring out the meaning of the readings today. The first is this: An advertisement company offered as its first prize, a two-week-paid holiday on an island; the winner would be the one who had the most money on the day he/she died. The second is this: A televised interview with a man who had lost his house and all his possessions to a raging fire driven by strong winds somewhere in the world provides a striking contrast to the rich fool. Shortly before the fire, the man recalled that his brother had mused that they should be careful not to allow their possessions to possess them. Seeing everything he owned but the shirt on his back go up in smoke, he announced to the reporter, with a note of unexpected triumph: "I am a free man now!"

The gospel text of today with the first reading are emphatic on its message: We can take nothing with us. We leave everything when we say goodbye to this earthly home. The story is told that, at the funeral of the fabulously wealthy Aristotle Onassis, one of the mourners turned to another and said, "How much did he leave?" The other replied, "Everything. He left everything." Both the gospel and the first reading speak of a person so possessed of his wealth or riches that he does not possess them, but allows them to possess him. So deep is the man's self-centredness that he can only think in terms of my crops, my barns, my grain, and finally, my soul. This selfishness is what comes to haunt him at the end. His possessions have claimed him, they have controlled him, they have used him and, they have led to his death. His concern is to build a bigger barn to store, for his sole benefit, the bounty he receives. This clearly, according to the first reading, is vanity. Such a person is restless in the day and unable to sleep at night. Vanity of vanities! All is vanity! The ideal held up to us in the first Christian community, as outlined in the Acts of the Apostles, 'They sold their good and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed... None of their members was ever in want' (Acts 4:34). This is the thrust of the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are to care for our neighbour in need, that they may live and have life in abundance. This is the inner meaning of the second of the greatest commandments of Jesus: love your neighbour as yourself. It must not be so among you that one grows rich, while another is in need (Matthew 20: 25). Let us not to be guided by the values projected by the world, but walk with Jesus our Christ and be like him.

Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS

Readings 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 What do people gain by all their work?

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 To whom will all of this wealth of yours go?

Readings for next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:35-40

Mass Times at St Peter's for the Feast of the Assumption on Monday 15th August will be 6.30am and 9.30am (which the school children will attend). The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation.



IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:	
MON 1st August	St Alphonsus Ligouri 8.00am Mass 8.45am Play Group 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting 7.30pm Music Ministry meeting
TUE 2nd August	8.00am Mass with children
WED 3rd August	St Dominic 6.30am Mass
THU 4th August	St John Vianney
FRI 5th August	8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00am—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 6th August	The Transfiguration of the Lord 9.30am Social Justice meeting 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 7th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Year Of Mercy
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"In consistently refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God"."
Veronica Lawson rsm



Invitation: This Sunday 31st July, family members and friends of the late Stella Britto (mother of Basil Britto) invite parishioners to join with them for morning tea after the 9am Mass to honour Stella's life. Stella's funeral was held in Sri Lanka on Monday 25th July.

Altar Servers & Church Cleaners please collect your new rosters.

Thank you: To the ladies of our amazing Care and Concern group a heartfelt thank you for a wonderful afternoon last Saturday. The decorations, the food, the games, the service were superb. You have gifted us with so much fun and joy. Heaps of love to you all. *Erika*

Social Justice News: Dear friends, please have a look at the beautiful thank you note from the Murri Ministry on the church door. They were delighted that we observed NAIDOC week. Our financial contribution will help fill the Funeral Pantry.

Home Communion Ministers needed: New volunteers are required to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on Tuesday mornings and to the Nursing Home on alternate Thursday afternoons to chat, pray and give Holy Communion. This is a valuable Ministry for those who cannot attend Mass. If you are able to help or just want some more information, talk to Fr Jacob or Mary or one of the other Home Communion ministers.

Our parish will conduct the Catholic Mission Church Appeal on August 13-14.

The parable of the rich man trying to stow away his crops has obvious connotations for the Catholic Mission appeal campaign. It would be labouring the point to talk about wealth and how we do not find satisfaction or contentment in worldly riches. So let us consider then, the sense of urgency that is at the heart of this Gospel story: in trying to focus on the future, we lose sight of the needs that are present, here and now. Catholic Mission helps missionaries meet immediate needs – we help religious brothers, sisters and priests feed children, heal sick men and women, educate seminarians... the list goes on. As such, we invite you to consider donating, either through a one-off contribution or a monthly gift, and thereby make an immediate difference. Such generosity reflects the sentiment in the second reading, where you are showing a willingness to "look



for the things that are above". This is where the true richness in life lies.
David McGovern, Diocesan Director
Archdiocese of Brisbane

Children's Liturgy continues this Sunday. Children's Liturgy is celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am Sunday Mass in school terms & caters for primary school aged children. (Parents are welcome to attend with their child.)

Music Ministry meeting The next Music planning meeting will be held this Monday 1st August at 7:30pm, at 22 Lancelot St Rochedale South. All are welcome, please bring your copy of *Break Open the Word*. Contact Liz Fort (33410852) for more details.

Volunteer Church Cleaners needed to fill some vacancies on our church cleaning teams. Please contact Julie if you can help out once every 8 weeks.

Share the Dignity: The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to support this charity by donating sanitary items in August. No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating and buying sanitary items. A collection box will be placed at the back of the church during August for donations.

Vocations Novena (V9) Prayer Campaign 2016

Nine Weeks of Prayer for Vocations in the Archdiocese of Brisbane
12th June to 7th August 2016.

At the sight of the crowds Jesus heart was moved for they were like sheep without a Shepherd.

VOCATION BRISBANE—Archdiocese of Brisbane
Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street
(GPO Box 282) Brisbane, QLD 4000
1300 133 544 or vocations@bne.catholic.net.au

Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop:


Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Monday, 8th August at 10am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. This year marks 150 years since the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart were founded by Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. In honour of the sesquicentenary, celebrations will include the blessing and opening of the new **MacKillop Walk** in the Cathedral precinct. All the faithful are invited to celebrate the feast of Australia's first saint and guests are encouraged to join us for morning tea in the Cathedral grounds after Mass. **RSVP by 1 August** by email to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3324 3200.



Vinnies News: In the last 2 months, our St Peter's Conference members have carried out 35 calls to homes in our area and have assisted 112 people (adults and children) with warm clothing, blankets, bedding, mattresses, furniture and essential food items. Thanks to all our parishioners who have supported us during these winter months with blankets, doonas, throw-overs, scarves and 'poor box' donations. God bless you all.
St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Peter's Parish Rochedale

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See the Noticeboard for more information on the following:

<p>TOOWONG PARISH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS Centenary Weekend July 30—31 (FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA). Each of the Parish Masses that weekend will be honoured with an after-Mass celebration; the major event after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday July 31 — a Parish picnic in the grounds of Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower.</p>	<p>Bridge to Brisbane 2016: We invite you to walk or run in solidarity with the innocent people of the Middle East who have been forced to flee for their safety, who have lost loved ones, and who will suffer the effects of conflict long after it is over. The event will be held on Sunday 28th August. Contact Joe Foley on 3324 3134 or email at josephf@caritas.org.au for more information.  Note: appropriate for all fitness levels (walkers welcome)</p>
<p>Retreat: Finding Your Story within God's Love Story: Venue: Avila Cottage, Carmelite Monastery 287 Wellington St, Ormiston. Dates: Saturdays 13 August; 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</p>	<p>Women of the Way Annual Retreat: 26th-28th Aug The Women of the Way Annual Retreat will this year celebrate our milestone of 20 years operation. Venue: Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin Theme: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God (1 Pet 5:6) Presenter: Faylene Sparkes. Resident Priest: Fr Chima Ofor. Contact: ph 0426 420 119 or email wowqld@gmail.com RSVP: 5th August</p>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Stella Britto (Basil Britto's mother), Shirley Hutton, Gwen Barrett (Alan Foote's sister), John Carroll (husband of Paula Carroll nee Sorohan)

Book of Life & Mass Requests: Bill Bray, Yvonne Mesalic, Jean Lilburne, Helena Scott, Lesley Winter, Irena Wlodarczyk, Tom Lyng, Fr Bill Taylor, Micheal Allen, Margaret Lewis, Michael Kerslake, Thomas Flanagan, George Kirehner, Tom Curtin, Agatha Thien, Elizabeth Field, Blanche Naughton, Jane Doyle, Arthur McKenna, Mary White, Patrick Naughton, Julia Smith, Vivienne Broomell, Alfred Duffey, Ella Dixon, Perry Tzavellas, James Murray, Forde Ewart, John Scott, Kathleen Smyth, Hilda Thompson, Raymond Littlefield, Narelle Cogliati

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 6th & 7th August 2016					
Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Joseph Dedigamuwa Kevin Healan Diane Land	C 1 2	Jo Cullen Peta Grandin Joyce Lyster	Saidat Samson Nafisa	
Sun 9:00am	Deacon Mike Jones Lydia Chew Diane McKeone	C 1 2	Arthur Leow Maria Chamberlain Kevin McMahan	Jada	
Sun 6:00pm	Kate Guy Matthew Jarvis	C 1 2	John Blake Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Volunteers Please	
Church Cleaning: 1 Joseph & Angela Dedigamuwa, Micheal Denton, Roy Steinwede					
Children's Liturgy: Christine Allison This week: Linen: Celine Phillips Counting: Anthony's team					
Cuppa: Sunday 14th August after the 9am Mass: Stephanie Lenihan, Julie Hondroudakis, Marilyn Mills					



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.

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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